

Presbytery Highlights

March 10, 2015

Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township

Newton Presbytery's mission is to serve our congregations in our calling to further God's kingdom as disciples of Christ.

Theme: The Practices of Missional Innovation

Workshops:

- ✿ *Engaging in Missional Innovation in Your Congregation* led by Rev. Sue Trigger
- ✿ *Announcing the Kingdom: Is Your Church's Good News Really Good News?* led by Rev. David Harvey
- ✿ *Spiritual Discernment – Planning or Pondering* led by Rev. Scott Blythe
- ✿ *Missional Action: Listening, Naming, and Responding to God's Presence in Our Midst* led by Rev. Carie Morgan

Highlights:

- ✿ Teaching Elder Stephen Choi (Stewartsville) was elected Moderator and Ruling Elder Lisa Gray (Old Greenwich) was elected Vice-Moderator for 2015/2016. Both will be installed at the May Presbytery meeting
- ✿ With thankfulness for 195 years of ministry, the Presbytery voted to dissolve the Mt. Freedom Presbyterian Church at their request. An administrative commission is being appointed by Moderator Rev. Barbara Aspinall to complete the dissolution process
- ✿ Camp Johnsonburg – learned about the current ministry of the camp and upcoming events
- ✿ Worship was a Lenten Dwelling in the Word
- ✿ The financial report and Annual Reports for 2014 from each committee and team were received

Additional Actions and Information:

- ✿ Elected Rev. Jeanne Radak as Synod Mission and Ministry Commissioner Alternate for 2015 and Rev. David Harvey as a Trustee of Blair Academy
- ✿ Approved bylaws and standing rules from the Synod of the Northeast
- ✿ Heard the Decision and Order of the Permanent Judicial Commission in Remedial Case PN 2014-01 (copies of the document are available upon request from the Presbytery Office)

Committee on Ministry (COM) Notes:

- ✿ Rev. Rich Gelson is the now Pastor at Pilgrim Presbyterian Church in Phillipsburg
- ✿ Rev. Carie Morgan is the now Designated Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of Succasunna
- ✿ Rev. Sarah Green is the new Associate Pastor at the Presbyterian Church in Morristown
- ✿ The Revs. Sue and Mitch Trigger are the Co-Temporary Supply Pastors at Hildale Park Presbyterian Church in Cedar Knolls

- ✿ Created a volunteer position of Board of Pensions (BOP) Advocate who is available to assist members with the retirement process, provide information about the Assistance program, CREDO, Call to Health and BOP Workshops, and to orient new pastors to the BOP. Rev. David Harvey will serve in this position

Thank you to our brothers and sisters in Christ at The Presbyterian Church of Chatham Township for hosting the meeting and for making everyone feel welcome!

Upcoming Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at Community Presbyterian Church, Chester
Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at United Presbyterian Church of Alpha
Saturday, November 14, 2015 at Blair Academy, Blairstown