

DOCKET

STATED MEETING

8 NOVEMBER 2016

PRESBYTERY OF NEW BRUNSWICK
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF DUTCH NECK
PRINCETON JUNCTION, NEW JERSEY

The stated meeting of the Presbytery of New Brunswick will be held on November 8, 2016 at the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck, 154 South Mill Road, Princeton Junction, NJ.

++Reservations for dinner may be made by calling 609-882-9521

WE GATHER IN FELLOWSHIP

5:30 Dinner

6:30 Presbytery Called to Order Rev. Wendi L. Werner, moderator
Introductions and seating of corresponding members
Approval of Docket
Consent Agenda

WE GATHER IN WORSHIP, PRAYING FOR OURSELVES & OUR CHURCHES

6:40 Worship, led by the First Presbyterian Church of Dutch Neck & Musician Noel Werner

WE GATHER TO EQUIP OURSELVES AND ONE ANOTHER IN MUTUAL MINISTRY,

PRAYING FOR OUR PRESBYTERY

7:15 Scripture Reading III: Ezra 3:8a-d, 10-13 Transition Task Force

Presentation of the New Plan of Presbytery

Motion: The Transition Task Force moves the Suspension of the Plan of Presbytery be continued from January 2017 to March 11, 2017

Prayer for our Presbytery

Hymn 656 *We've Come This Far by Faith*

*WE GATHER TO CARRY OUT THE WORK OF THE CHURCH,
PRAYING FOR OUR NATION & OUR WORLD*

Scripture Reading IV: Hebrews 6:13-19a

A Litany: Our Country (from the 1946 Book of Common Worship)

O God the Father, who governest the nations upon earth:

Be merciful unto us.

Remember not, O Lord, the offenses of Thy people, our manifold transgressions and our national sins; deal not with us after our sins, neither reward us according to our wickedness:

Spare us, Father of mercies.

From blindness of heart, from love of ease, from contentment with the second best, from failure to do the good that was in the heart of our fathers and for which they prepared the way:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From presumptuous sins, from pride of possession, from vainglorious boastings, from national hypocrisies:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From the covetousness which is idolatry, from hard bargaining and ruthless competition, and from all the service of mammon and the worship of wealth:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From class warfare and class hatred, from racial antagonisms, from the spirit of party, from the seeking of sectional advantage and forgetfulness of the general good:

Save Thy people, Lord.

From failure to take account of the needs of other nations, from living unto ourselves alone, and from putting our trust in our own strength when our trust should be in Thee:

Save Thy people, Lord.

That we may hallow Thy name, that we may seek first Thy kingdom and Thy righteousness; and that, as Thou givest us to know Thy will, so we may do it:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may be mindful of the poor and the oppressed among us; that we may bring up the children of the nation in Thy faith and fear; that we may welcome those who in good faith have come from others lands to seek our fellowship, and receive them in Thy name:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we make choice of just legislators and faithful counselors, who with a godly spirit may enact always things just, and things wise, and things merciful:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

That we may co-operate earnestly and effectively with other nations, and with them labor for the defense and maintenance of public right, for the abolition of war and the establishment of international law, and for whatever else may pertain to the general good:

We beseech Thee to hear us, good Lord.

Almighty God, who turnest the heart of the fathers to their children, and the heart of the children to their fathers: Receive, we pray Thee, our unfeigned thanks for the good land which Thou hast given us. Forgive our transgressions; cleanse us from things that defile our national life, and grant that this people, which Thou hast abundantly blessed, may keep Thy commandments, walk in Thy ways, and fear Thee. Be gracious to our times, that by Thy bounty both national quietness and Christian devotion may be duly maintained. Let Thy work appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children; and let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish Thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands, establish Thou it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. *Amen.*

7:50 Administrative Commission

Motion: The Administrative Commission moves that the Financial Policy be approved
2017 Budget Presentation Treasurer Linda Gilmore

8:05 Nominating Committee

Rev. Dawn Adamy, Rev. Molly Dykstra

8:10 Committee on Ministry

Rev. Dr. Beth Tanner

Presbytery of New Brunswick Minimum Compensation and Call Neutrality Policy, first read

8:20 Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Motion: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that Dan Darrow (Nassau) an enrolled inquirer, be advanced to the candidacy phase of ordination.

Motion: The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moves that Katherine Scot (Nassau) an enrolled inquirer, be advanced to the candidacy phase of ordination.

8:45 Urban Working Group

Rev. Roberta Kearny

Hymn 307 *God of Grace*

9:00 Adjourment with Prayer
Let us pray for the breaking in of God's kingdom in our world today.
Lord God,
because Jesus has taught us to trust you in all things,
we hold to his word and share his plea:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where nations plan war,
while Christ says, 'Put up your sword';
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where countries waste food and covet fashion,
while Christ says, 'I was hungry...I was thirsty...'
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where powerful governments
claim their policies are heaven blessed,
while scripture states
that God helps the powerless:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where Christians seek the kingdom
in the shape of their own church,
as if Christ had come to build
and not to break barriers;
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where women who speak up for their dignity
are treated with scorn or contempt;
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where men try hard to be tough,
because they're afraid to be tender;
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where we, obsessed with being adult,
forget to become like children;
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where our prayers falter,
our faith weakens,
our light grows dim;
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Where Jesus Christ calls us:
Your kingdom come, your will be done.
Lord God,
you have declared that your kingdom is among us.
Open our ears to hear it,
our hands to serve it,
our hearts to hold it.
This we pray in Jesus' name.
Amen.