

MINUTES
THE NEW JERSEY MINISTRY NETWORK OF THE ASSEMBLIES OF GOD PRESBYTERY
Tuesday, February 7, 2023 – Regular February Meeting (Summary)

Presbyters Present: Superintendent Don James, Nestor Arellano (Ethnic/Language – Filipino), Josh Bechtel (ECN – substituting for John Bechtel), Spencer Click (ECS), Carl Colletti (Honorary Presbyter), Mario Gonzalez (NE), Russ Hodgins (WCN), Wes Kenyon (N), Kurt Kinney (Assistant Superintendent), Andy Lynn (DYD/NextGen), Walter Nistorenko (S), Mike Pignaloso (NW), Pablo Pizarro (Ethnic/Language – Hispanic), Frank Reitzel (Executive Secretary)

Also present: Fabian Kalapuch (Church Planting and Missions Director)

Auditors Present: Jermel Mayo, Nancy Tonnessen

Absent: John Bechtel (ECN), Paul Jackson (WCS), Brooke Altschul (auditor)

The superintendent convened the meeting at 8:10 am.

DEVOTIONAL

Andy Lynn shared a devotional from Isaiah 36 on the next generation. (Every generation has a next generation. The fact we need revival means we have failed the next generation [Ed Stetzer]). Hezekiah is in his 15th year. The Assyrian army is threatening. In verses 4-8 and 11, the king's chief of staff is believing what the Assyrian enemy is saying. He and others did not trust the people's ability to hear (and reject) the threats of the enemy. Are we raising our children/next generation to just survive or to conquer the culture? In Isaiah 37:9f., Hezekiah beseeches God. A miracle happens. Empower people to disciple their families and others to live powerfully in their generation. Requests and prayer followed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Separate motions prevailed to receive the following minutes and report:

✓ Network Presbytery Meeting Minutes: *January 31st, 2023 Zoom Meeting*

✓ WMTF Meeting Minutes: December 15, 2022 – Fabian also gave a report on our missionaries, Chi Alpha and Teen Challenge.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The superintendent updated the presbytery that Rockaway Assembly of God is going to have Adriana Mogee candidate for lead pastor. Eternal Life Christian Center in Somerset is vetting candidates. The superintendent is heading to AGUSM meetings. A motion prevailed to accept the superintendent's report.

FINANCIAL REPORT

The superintendent (the treasurer and CPA were absent) reviewed the financial documents including the following:

✓ Consolidated Financial Report: *December 31, 2022*

✓ Thrive Fund Report: *December 31, 2022*

It was suggested that at Sectional Councils, each presbyter share on generosity, the sacred tithe (it's not a tax), and the Thrive Fund. A motion prevailed to accept and archive the Financial Report.

The following were given to the presbytery: ✓ Tithing Policy, ✓ Bylaws, ✓ Tithe Letter Samples; ✓ Senior Retired List

CELL FUNDS REPORT

The superintendent noted that an individual wants to buy part of a patent.

CRC REPORT

The superintendent informed the presbytery that the CRC just met and also has an upcoming meeting in April.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- The superintendent let the presbytery know that a committee is being formed to discuss the General Council ✓ Inclusivity Resolution.
- A motion prevailed to approve the ✓ Confidentiality Agreement. It was signed by the presbytery. It was agreed that the sections do the same with a revised document.

CREDENTIAL DISCIPLINARY MATTERS

The superintendent reported on two credential holders.

CHURCH MATTERS

The following churches were discussed:

- A motion prevailed to approve ✓ Delran (Assembleia de Deus Emanuel) as a General Council Affiliated Assembly.
- Nestor gave a report on Wharton (El Shaddai AG, Pastor Eleazar Cortezano) and ✓ Jersey City (Jesus Our Savior AG, Pastor Alex Caabay), a PAC of El Shaddai AG.
- One church pastored by a pastor with no AG credentials was reviewed.

NEW BUSINESS

A motion prevailed to approve sending the superintendent's ✓ tithing letter from the office. It was noted to also send a letter to those who faithfully give.

PROSPECTIVE CREDENTIALS

The following applications for ministerial credentials were presented. Separate motions prevailed to approve the following applicants at the respective level of credentials and recommend to the General Council Credentials Committee that their applications be approved:

Licensed:

- ✓ John Christian Pra
- ✓ Ernesto Rivera

Ordination (Ordination candidates were interviewed at 1:30 and 3:00 pm.)

- ✓ Rolando Alcoriza
- ✓ Alexandra Bishop
- ✓ Christian Bowers
- ✓ Thomas Buck
- ✓ Kenneth Corson
- ✓ Rita Diaz
- ✓ Nicole Holder
- ✓ Carl Nalbandian
- ✓ George Probasco

CREDENTIAL TRANSFERS

The following credential transfers into the New Jersey Ministry Network were noted:

- ✓ Thomas Correa transferred in from the Southern New England Network, Nov. 9, 2022.
- ✓ Jeff Spuler transferred in from the New York Network, Dec. 20, 2022.
- ✓ Daniel Dabrowski transferred in from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, Jan. 10, 2023.
- ✓ Emily Cantrell transferred in from the PennDel Network, Feb. 2, 2023.

The following credential transfer out of the New Jersey Ministry Network was noted:

- ✓ Annie Arakelian transferred out to the Pen Florida Network, Jan. 18th, 2023.

INFORMATION ONLY

The following were reviewed and given to the presbytery:

- ✓ Sectional Council Elections
- ✓ Ordination Brochures
- ✓ Why the ACMR is important
- ✓ Credential Holder List – *Alphabetical*; ✓ Credential Holder List – *by Section*; ✓ Credential Holder List – *Widows/Widowers*
- ✓ Church List – *by Section*; ✓ Church List – *Alphabetized by Name*

The superintendent announced that on June 8 at 1 pm., all presbyters in the northeast United States will be invited to come and meet together. June 9 will be a day of prayer for the northeast.

The meeting adjourned at 4:36 pm.

Frank E. Reitzel, Jr.

Executive Secretary

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