

MINUTES

Minutes of the 2nd Presbytery Meeting of the *Kolkata Presbytery* of the India Reformed Presbyterian Church held on 12th December 2015 at Grace Community Church of B-36 Nandan Kanan, Santoshpur, Kolkata 700 075.

KP : II : 1 MEMBERS PRESENT

Sl.	NAME	DESIG-NATION	CHURCH
1	Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy	Pastor	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
2	Elder Sushil Baroi	Elder	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
3	Elder Supriyo Roy	Elder	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
4	Rev. Sujoy Roy	Pastor	Grace Community Church
5	Rev. Suvash Sardar	Pastor	Grace Presbyterian Church
6	Elder Pranab Hembram	Elder	Grace Presbyterian Church
7	Rev. Samuel Mondal	Pastor	North 24 Parganas Presbyterian Church
8	Rev. Bapi Ghorai	Pastor	Haldia Presbyterian Church
9	Elder Atikram Biswas	Elder	Haldia Presbyterian Church
10	Rev. Sourendranath Bag	Pastor	Pahalampur Immanuel Presbyterian Church
11	Elder Sahadev Malik	Elder	Pahalampur Immanuel Presbyterian Church
12	Rev. Mongol Tudu	Pastor	Andul Presbyterian Church
13	Rev. Sunil Adak	Pastor	Harma Presbyterian Church
14	Rev. Rabindra Nath Roy	Pastor	Covenant Presbyterian Church
15	Rev. Pabitra Rai	Pastor	Assam
16	Rev. Haripada Bera	Pastor	Orissa

VISITORS PRESENT

1. Rev. Henk Reitsema, The Netherland Reformed Church
2. Rev. Karel Smouter, The Netherland Reformed Church
3. **Monoj Sharma, Islampur Presbyterian Church**
4. **Teibor, Ekanga Sharif Church, Bihar Sharif Church**
5. **Taja, Mollangar Presbyterian Church**

KP : II : 2 APOLOGY

Apology for absence was received from Elder Soumitra Mondal of Grace Community Church as he was suffering from Dengue.

KP : II : 3 DEVOTION

Rev. Sujoy Roy led the Devotion, when Rev. Karel Smouter shared the Word of God from Luke 1:5~25 with a title "Light in the Darkness" and Rev. Rev. Henk Reitsema pronounced the benediction.

KP : II : 4 WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy, the president of the Kolkata Presbytery welcomed all the members of the Kolkata Presbytery and the Visitors present at the meeting and thanked them for their concern, prayer and love for the Kolkata Presbytery. On his prayer the meeting was started.

KP : II : 5 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Rev. Sujoy Roy, the Secretary of the Kolkata Presbytery read out the minutes of the last Presbytery Meeting held on 8th April 2015 at the Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church. The minutes was accepted unanimously after Elder Supriyo Roy proposed for acceptance and Rev. Sourendranath Bag seconded his proposal.

KP : II : 6 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES

Minutes was accepted unanimously and no matter out of the minutes did arise.

KP : II : 7 REPORTS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Reports were presented before the members of the Presbytery by different Pastors and the following Prayer points were added:

- (1) Church Building & Boundary Wall Construction/Renovation: Pahalampur Pr. Church, Haldia Pr. Church, North 24 Parganas Pr. Church, Orissa Pr. Church
- (2) Purchase of Land for Church Building: Birati Pr. Church, Assam Pr. Church,
- (3) Finding Worship Place: Grace Presbyterian Church, Hanidhara Preaching point, Jikun Khali Preaching point.
- (4) Provision of Burial Ground: Pahalampur Pr. Church, Orissa Pr. Church.

KP : II : 8 FINANCIAL REPORT

Rev. Subhas Sardar, the Treasurer of the Kolkata Presbytery presented the Financial Reports for the period from April 1, 2015 to September 30, 2015 before the members of the Presbytery. All the items of the Financial Report were discussed and accepted after Rev. Haripada Bera proposed for acceptance and Supriyo Roy seconded his proposal.

The gist of the the Report is as follows:

Income		Expenditure	
Offering & Donation received at the Inauguration Ceremony of the Kolkata Presbytery	12,398.00	Videography Expenses Decorators Charges	8,000.00 2,500.00
		Cash in Hand	1,898.00
Total	12,398.00	Total	12,398.00

KP : II : 9 FUTURE PLANS

Following are the matters discussed in length as future plans and actions taken:

- (1) **Burial Ground:** Provision of Burial Ground was considered as of urgent need. As the other Church denominations (CNI, AG, and Baptist) are having their own Burial grounds, we also need to have our own. It was informed by the President of the Presbytery that the West Bengal Government has special provisions for Burial grounds for the minorities. It was decided that approaches to be made to proper authorities in every district and a few were given the responsibility to take necessary actions and place the report in the next Presbytery meeting.
- (2) **Pastoral Ordination:** Kolkata Presbytery has the power to ordain the candidates for Pastoral Ordination, who have passed the B. Th. and M. Div. courses from India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Grace Bible Academy. Hence, it was

discussed that a committee to be formed with Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy, Rev. Sujoy Roy and Rev. Rabindranath Roy to make necessary preparations for Diploma courses/ Intensive Training (for those not having M. Div. certificates), Pastoral License Test, and Ordination Service.

- (3) **Annual Subscription:** To run and conduct different activities of the Presbytery, it was decided that every communicant member (adult baptized member) of the Churches under Kolkata Presbytery would give an annual subscription of Rupees One Hundred and Twenty (Rs. 120/-). It was also suggested that Benevolence Fund and Evangelism Fund are to be created with special donations from the members of the Presbytery.
- (4) **Presbytery Programs:** For the unity and growth in the Biblical understanding, it was suggested that the Presbytery needs to conduct Revival meetings for all its Churches once a year. The definite dates are to be decided in the next meeting.

KP : I : 6 VOTE OF THANKS

Elder Suship Barui of Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church thanked all the members of the Kolkata Presbytery and the visitors present in the meeting for their concern and prayer.

KP : I : 7 CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

The Closing Prayer and benediction were offered by Rev. Henk Reitsema of the Netherland Reformed Church.

Confirmed

President

Secretary