

# KOLKATA PRESBYTERY

OF

## THE INDIA REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

### MINUTES

Minutes of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Presbytery Meeting of the **Kolkata Presbytery** of the India Reformed Presbyterian Church held on **24<sup>th</sup> September 2016** at **Grace Community Church of B-36 Nandan Kanan, Santoshpur, Kolkata 700 075.**

#### **KP : III : 1 MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sl.	NAME	DESIG-NATION	CHURCH
1	Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy	Pastor	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
2	Rev. Monjoy Narzary	Pastor	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
3	Elder Sushil Baroi	Elder	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
4	Elder Supriyo Roy	Elder	Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
5	Rev. Sujoy Roy	Pastor	Grace Community Church
8	Elder Soumitra Mondal	Elder	Grace Community Church
9	Rev. Suvash Sardar	Pastor	Grace Presbyterian Church
10	Rev. Bapi Ghorai	Pastor	Haldia Presbyterian Church
11	Elder Atikram Biswas	Elder	Haldia Presbyterian Church
12	Rev. Sourendranath Bag	Pastor	Pahalampur Immanuel Presbyterian Church
13	Elder Sahadev Malik	Elder	Pahalampur Immanuel Presbyterian Church
14	Rev. Mongol Tudu	Pastor	Andul Presbyterian Church
15	Rev. Ranjit Halder	Pastor	Birajnagar Presbyterian Church
16	Elder Ajay Sinha	Elder	Birajnagar Presbyterian Church

#### **VISITORS PRESENT**

1. Evan. Bishwajit Mondal, Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church
2. Evan. Rabindro Nayaban, Purva Surendranagar Presbyterian Church
3. Rithidet Klakratam, Thai Lampung Church

#### **KP : III : 2 APOLOGY**

Apology for absence was received from Rev. Ranjan Robidas of Siliguri Philadelphia Presbyterian Church for his physical illness for which he has asked for prayer.

#### **KP : III : 3 DEVOTION**

Rev. Dr. Sukrit Roy, the president of the Kolkata Presbytery led the Devotion and shared the Word of God from **1 Peters 5:1~4** with a title "**Rights & Responsibilities of Elders.**"

#### **KP : III : 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 Presbytery. The meeting was started with his prayer.

#### **KP : III : 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 12<sup>th</sup> December 2015 at the Grace Community Church. The minutes was accepted unanimously after Elder Supriyo Roy proposed for acceptance and Rev. Bapi Ghorui seconded his proposal.

#### **KP : III : 6 MATTERS ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES**

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

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### KP : III : 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) **Burial Ground for Birajnagar Pr. Church:** Rev. Ranjit Halder of Birajnagar Presbyterian Church informed that the application for a piece of land for the purpose of Burial Ground has been submitted to The District Magistrate of South 24 Parganas, Minority Commission, B.D.O., S.D.O. and Panchayet Pradhan but has not received any reply from the authorities. He also informed that Elder Ajay Sinha of his Church was willing to donate a piece of 5 Cuttah land for the Church Burial ground.
- (2) **Burial Ground for Haldia Pr. Church:** Rev. Bapi Ghorui of Haldia Presbyterian Church informed that the conversation with the Government Authorities was in the process and they made a number visits. He also informed that they had promised that the land for the purpose would be handed over after the Puja vacation. He was asked by the members to submit a Report on the matter in the next Presbytery.

### KP : III : 8    FINANCIAL REPORT

Rev. Subhas Sardar, the Treasurer of the Kolkata Presbytery presented the Financial Reports for the period from October 1, 2015 to September 24, 2016 before the members of the Presbytery. All the items of the Financial Report were discussed and accepted after Rev. Sourendranath Bag proposed for acceptance and Sushil Barui seconded his proposal.

The summary of the the Report is as follows:

Income		Expenditure	
Opening Balance	1,898.00	Expenses	0.00
Members' Subs (Pahalompur)	500.00		
Members' Subs (Grace Pr. Ch)	500.00		
Members' Subs (Love Pr. Ch)	8,400.00		
		Cash in Hand	11,298.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,298.00</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>11,298.00</b>

### KP : III : 10    RESOLUTION: OPENING OF BANK ACCOUNT

The opening of a Current Bank Account in the name of the **Kolkata Presbytery** was discussed in length and made the following resolution after Rev. Subhas Sardar proposed and Elder Supriyo Roy seconded his proposal:

“Resolved:

- i) that a Current Bank Account in the name of the **Kolkata Presbytery** be opened with the State Bank of India, Kalikapur Branch and that the following persons, who are the Office Bearers of the Kolkata Presbytery, for the time being any two of the three are authorised to sign and accept all cheques and other orders:
  - a. Mr. Sukrit Roy (President)
  - b. Mr. Sujoy Roy (Secretary)
  - c. Mr. Subhas Sardar (Treasurer)
- ii) that the aforesaid Bank be instructed to honour all cheques and orders drawn by any two of the three of the above mentioned Office Bearers.”

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### KP : III : 11 FUTURE PLANS

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

- (3) **Pastoral Ordination:** In absence of Rev. Rabindranath Roy, who was a member of the Pastoral Ordination Committee along with **Rev. Sukrit Roy** and **Rev. Sujoy Roy**, it was decided that Rev. Rabindranath Roy would be replaced by **Rev. Subhas Sardar** after Elder Sushil Barui proposed and Rev. Sourendranath Bag seconded his proposal. The Pastoral Ordination Committee was asked to decide the Topics for Term Papers, Scriptural Texts for Expository Sermons and Questions for Pastoral Licence Test to be held tentatively on 24th February 2017.

It was also decided that the Pastoral Ordination of the candidates, graduates from the India Reformed Presbyterian Theological Seminary and Grace Bible Academy will be held at the next Presbytery Meeting. It was decided that the likely candidates would submit the following with their application for Ordination: (1) Letter of **Application**, (2) Personal **Bio-data**, (3) Photocopy of **Baptism Certificate**, (4) **Recommendation** from present Church, (5) Photocopies of Secular **Educational Certificates**, (6) Photocopies **Theological Certificates**, (7) Photocopies of Personal **I/D Cards** (Voter Card/PAN Card/Aadhar Card), (8) Photocopy of **Marriage Certificate**.

- (4) **Annual Subscription:** To run and conduct different activities of the Presbytery, it was confirmed 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/-). Churches that collected Rs. 60/- from their members in the last year were advised to collect Rs. 120/- from the running year.
- (5) **Presbytery Programs:** For the unity and growth in the Biblical understanding, it was suggested that the Presbytery will conduct a Special Seminar on the Understanding of Presbyterian Church Government to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at Grace Community Church, and Rev. Sujoy Roy would deliver the Special Lecture on the subject.
- (6) **Installation of Elders:** It was proposed and decided that new elders of different Churches under Kolkata Presbytery be installed with the conditions: if (1) the number of communicant members of the church is more than fifteen, and (2) the candidates pass the relevant Biblical and Doctrinal Examination conducted by the Presbytery.

### KP : III : 12 NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

The next Presbytery Meeting was proposed to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017.

### KP : III : 13 VOTE OF THANKS

Elder Supriyo Roy of Calcutta Love Presbyterian Church thanked the President, Secretary, Treasurer and all the members of the Kolkata Presbytery, who were present in the meeting for their concern and prayer.

### KP : III : 14 CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

The Closing Prayer and benediction were offered by Rev. Sukrit Roy.

Confirmed

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President

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Secretary