JOHN HANCOCK PREFERRED INCOME FUND III

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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM N-PX

ANNUAL REPORT OF PROXY VOTING RECORD OF REGISTERED MANAGEMENT INVESTMENT COMPANY

INVESTMENT COMPANY ACT FILE NUMBER: 811-21287

NAME OF REGISTRANT: John Hancock Preferred Income

Fund III

ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES: 601 Congress Street

Boston, MA 02210

NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT FOR SERVICE: Charles Rizzo

601 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210

REGISTRANT'S TELEPHONE NUMBER: 617-663-3000

DATE OF FISCAL YEAR END: 05/31

DATE OF REPORTING PERIOD: 07/01/2010 - 06/30/2011

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BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION Age

Security: 060505559
Meeting Type: Annual
Meeting Date: 11-May-2011
Ticker: BMLPRQ

ISIN: US0605055591

Prop.#	‡ Proposal	Proposal Type	Proposal Vote
1A	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: MUKESH D. AMBANI	Mgmt	For
1B	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: SUSAN S. BIES	Mgmt	For
1C	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: FRANK P. BRAMBLE, SR.	Mgmt	For
1D	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: VIRGIS W. COLBERT	Mgmt	For
1E	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: CHARLES K. GIFFORD	Mgmt	For

1F	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: CHARLES O. HOLLIDAY, JR.	Mgmt	For
1G	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: D. PAUL JONES, JR.	Mgmt	For
1H	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: MONICA C. LOZANO	Mgmt	For
11	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: THOMAS J. MAY	Mgmt	For
1J	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: BRIAN T. MOYNIHAN	Mgmt	For
1K	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: DONALD E. POWELL	Mgmt	For
1L	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: CHARLES O. ROSSOTTI	Mgmt	For
1M	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: ROBERT W. SCULLY	Mgmt	For
02	AN ADVISORY (NON-BINDING) "SAY ON PAY" VOTE TO APPROVE EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION.	Mgmt	For
03	AN ADVISORY (NON-BINDING) VOTE ON THE FREQUENCY OF FUTURE ADVISORY "SAY ON PAY" VOTES.	Mgmt	1 Year
04	RATIFICATION OF THE REGISTERED INDEPENDENT PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2011.	Mgmt	For
05	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - DISCLOSURE OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT.	Shr	Against
06	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - STOCKHOLDER ACTION BY WRITTEN CONSENT.	Shr	For
07	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - MORTGAGE SERVICING OPERATIONS.	Shr	For
08	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - GRASSROOTS LOBBYING.	Shr	For
09	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - OTC DERIVATIVES TRADING.	Shr	For
10	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - CUMULATIVE VOTING IN CONTESTED ELECTIONS.	Shr	For
11	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - RECOUPMENT OF INCENTIVE COMPENSATION.	Shr	For
12	STOCKHOLDER PROPOSAL - PROHIBITION OF CERTAIN RELOCATION BENEFITS.	Shr	For

VERIZON COMMUNICATIONS INC.

Security: 92343V104
Meeting Type: Annual
Meeting Date: 05-May-2011

Ticker: VZ

ISIN: US92343V1044

Prop.# Proposal Proposal Vote
Type

1A	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: RICHARD L. CARRION	Mgmt	For
1B	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: M. FRANCES KEETH	Mgmt	For
1C	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: ROBERT W. LANE	Mgmt	For
1D	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: LOWELL C. MCADAM	Mgmt	For
1E	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: SANDRA O. MOOSE	Mgmt	For
1F	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JOSEPH NEUBAUER	Mgmt	For
1G	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: DONALD T. NICOLAISEN	Mgmt	For
1H	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: CLARENCE OTIS, JR.	Mgmt	For
1I	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: HUGH B. PRICE	Mgmt	For
1J	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: IVAN G. SEIDENBERG	Mgmt	For
1K	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: RODNEY E. SLATER	Mgmt	For
1L	ELECTION OF DIRECTOR: JOHN W. SNOW	Mgmt	For
02	RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM	Mgmt	For
03	ADVISORY VOTE RELATED TO EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	Mgmt	For
04	ADVISORY VOTE RELATED TO FUTURE VOTES ON EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION	Mgmt	1 Year
05	DISCLOSE PRIOR GOVERNMENT SERVICE	Shr	Against
06	PERFORMANCE STOCK UNIT PERFORMANCE THRESHOLDS	Shr	For
07	CUMULATIVE VOTING	Shr	For
08	SHAREHOLDER RIGHT TO CALL A SPECIAL MEETING	Shr	For

WACHOVIA PREFERRED FUNDING CORP. Agen

Security: 92977V206
Meeting Type: Annual
Meeting Date: 10-May-2011

Ticker: WNAPR

ISIN: US92977V2060

Prop.# Proposal Proposal Vote
Type

01 DIRECTOR
JAMES E. ALWARD
HOWARD T. HOOVER
CHARLES F. JONES
MARK C. OMAN

Proposal Proposal Vote
Type

Mgmt
For
Mgmt
For
Mgmt
For

* Management position unknown

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Investment Company Act of 1940, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

(Registrant) John Hancock Preferred Income Fund III
By (Signature) /s/ Keith F. Hartstein
Name Keith F. Hartstein
Title President
Date 08/25/2011