

Highlights

of the 141st Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Southern New England
May 1, 2010
First Presbyterian Church, Stanford, CT

There were 59 ministers, 53 elder commissioners, and 4 elder Council members present and voting. Twenty-five of the Presbytery's 34 sessions were represented. There were 13 observers at the meeting. The total attendance was 130.

Committee on Ministry

- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the revised draft policy for **Members at Large**. This policy was originally presented at the November 14, 2009 meeting.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the policy for **Validated Ministries**. The draft policy was originally presented at the February 5, 2010 meeting.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve **Timothy Luddy** for ordination and to receive him into membership and then dismiss him to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley upon his ordination.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to receive **Nancy McLaren** into membership of Specialized Ministers as Director of Children & Family Ministries at the First Presbyterian Church, New Haven upon her ordination.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the terms of call for **Rev. Joan Withers Priest** as Interim Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian, Greenwich.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to receive **Rev. Alonso Dacunha** into membership as pastor of the Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira de Hyannis (Hyannis Brazilian Fellowship).
- Presbytery **VOTED** to dissolve the Associate Pastor relationship between the **Rev. Kathryn Kibbie Laird** and the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, CT effective April 11, 2010.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to dissolve the pastoral relationship between the **Rev. Robert J. (Jud) Wiley** and the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Cumberland, RI effective April 4, 2010.
- Presbytery **VOTED**, being member in good standing and at his request, to remove **Jud Wiley** from the exercise of ordained office per G-6.0600.

Were You There ...?

- ... when **Rick Ufford-Chase**, former Moderator of the GA, preached a sermon on Evangelism. He highlighted the work several churches have done to change themselves to reflect the evolving communities in which they were involved. Evangelism means being able to minister to those around you.
- ... when **Elder Tom Taylor** and **Rev. Martha Highsmith** were installed as Moderator and Vice-Moderator?
- ... when Rev. Joan Priest presented **Pam Garner** a token of appreciation for her 15 years of service to the Presbytery?
- ... when Presbytery celebrated the 50 year anniversary of ordination for **Rev. John Webster**, **Rev. Donald Lundgren**, and **Rev. David Hare**?
- ... when Presbytery elected **Elder Bill Thomas** to a second five-year term as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery?
- **If you weren't there ... well, you missed a lot!**

Trustees

- Rev. Paul Terry presented the Trustee's Report.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the \$15,000 interest free loan to the Tumaini Kenyan Fellowship. The loan is to be repaid over 5 years at \$250 per month.
 - Presbytery **VOTED** not to approve the proposed change in policy in payment of per capita to the General Assembly and Synod of the Northeast, but instead leave in place the current policy of paying per capita even when not received from our congregations.

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery

**will be held on Wednesday,
September 15, 2010
Location to be announced later**

Committee on Ministry (cont'd)

- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the request of the **Rev. Cory B. Loder** to be Honorably Retired effective June 1, 2010.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the request of the **Rev. Georgia Ann Snell** to be Honorably Retired August 1, 2010, if the way be clear.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to validate the ministry of **Rev. John Merz**.

Protest

As result of the vote approving the validation of Rev. John Merz's ministry, 16 members and commissioners signed a protest (G-9.0304) citing an irregularity on the grounds that the Committee on Ministry and Presbytery erred when they determined that the criteria had been met without exception to G-11.0403 and the PSNE Validated Ministry policy. Under our polity, a protest does not initiate a judicial action. When the Presbytery prepares an answer to the protest, it shall be entered in the minutes. An answer terminates the protest.

Election of Committee Chairpersons (One Year Terms)

- **Council** – Rev. Marilyn McNaughton
- **Church Development Co-Chair** – Rev. David Watermulder and Elder David Miller, Co-Chairs
- **Ecclesiastical Relations** – Rev. Arthur Shippee
- **COM** – Revs. John Webster and Steve Clark, Co-Chairs
- **Personnel** – Rev. Joan Priest
- **CPM** – Rev. David Van Dyke
- **Nominations** – Elder Pat Wales
- **Presbyterian Women** - Elder Stephanie Brackett
- **Stewardship & Mission** – Rev. Tracy Johnson
- **Trustees** – Elder William Schimpf
- **Social Justice** – Rev. James Mahan
- **Youth** – Rev. Chris Tate

New Business

Rev. David Van Dyke moved and Presbytery elected **Elder Ralph Jones** as the Overture Advocate for the 219th General Assembly.

Election of Committee Members

- **Church Development - Class of 2013**
 - Rev. Gerson Annunciacao
 - Rev. David Watermulder
 - Rev. Royal Garren
- **Ecclesiastical Relations – Class of 2013**
 - Elder Stephanie Brackett, United: Milford
 - Elder Ray Parker, Groton: St. Andrew
 - Rev. Georgia Ann Snell
- **Committee on Ministry**
 - Rev. Susan Arner, Class of 2012
 - Rev. Stephen Clark, Class of 2013
 - Rev. Susan Pfeil, Class of 2013
 - Elder Charlene Roberson, Greenwich: First, Class of 2013
 - Elder Ralph Jones, New Haven: First, Class of 2013
 - Rev. Barbara Sterling Willson, Class of 2013
 - Rev. David Graybill, Class of 2013
- **Nominations - Class of 2013**
 - Rev. Paul Terry
- **Personnel - Class of 2013**
 - Elder Austin Harbinson, Fairfield: First
- **Preparation for Ministry**
 - Rev. Joe Miller, Class of 2012
 - Elder John Harter, Stamford: First, Class of 2013
 - Rev. Dae Joon Roh, Class of 2013
 - Rev. Maria LaSala, Class of 2013
- **Social Justice - Class of 2013**
 - Rev. James Mahan
- **Stewardship & Mission - Class of 2013**
 - Elder Doug Ray, Warwick: Woodbury
 - Rev. Joseph Kimatu
- **Trustees**
 - Elder Susan Frew, New Haven: First, Class of 2011
 - Rev. David Rockness, Class of 2012
 - Elder Ernest Jung, Brookfield: Valley, Class of 2013
 - Elder William Schimpf, Fairfield: First, Class of 2013
 - Elder Ralph Reynolds, Darien: Noroton, Class of 2013
- **Youth**
 - Rev. Kathryn Laird, Class of 2012
 - Nancy McLaren, Greenwich: First, Class of 2013
 - Rev. gretchen Sausville, Class of 2013
 - Rev. Rick Vought, Class of 2013