

Highlights

of the 129th Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Southern New England
May 5, 2007
Calvary Presbyterian Church, Cumberland, RI

There were 37 ministers, 51 elder commissioners, and 6 Council members present and voting. Twenty-three of the Presbytery's 35 sessions were represented. There were 3 corresponding members and 28 observers at the meeting.

Committee on Ministry

- Presbytery **VOTED** to receive **Arthur Shippee** into membership upon his ordination.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Jim Todd as an Honorably Retired Clergy Member, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Presbytery of Boston.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Randall Ruppert as an Honorably Retired Clergy Member, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Presbytery of Hudson River.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive into membership as Specialized Clergy the Rev. Karen Sloan, if the way be clear, upon her dismissal by the Presbytery of San Francisco.
- Presbytery VOTED to approve the request of Honorable Retirement of Rev. William Lover, effective December 31, 2006.
- The Committee on Ministry recognized the retirement of the following clergy members: Blair Moffett, John Ferguson, Julia Fuller, and William Lover.
- The Committee on Ministry also recognized the 50th ordination anniversaries of Norman DeWolfe, John Fuhrmeister and Ross Ludeman.
- Presbytery VOTED to approve that the minimum cash salary for parish clergy be \$34,500 effective January 1, 2008.
- COM presented for the first reading a policy requiring congregations to have temporary ministers during the time when churches are without the services of an installed minister.

Were You There ...?

re you there ... Elder John Harter preached on "No Solitary Checker" and Rev. Dana Lindsley and Rev. Jud Wiley celebrated the sacrament of Holy Communion.

Were you there ... when the Rev. Marilyn McNaughton was installed as Moderator and the Rev. Steven Thayer was installed as Vice-Moderator.

Were you there ... when the Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the "Discerning the Way" document.

Were you there ... when the Presbytery met in small groups to address this question about the document: "In what way does adopting 'Scruples 101' clarify for you the guidelines and policy of PSNE?"

Were you there ... when the Presbytery **VOTED** to instruct COM and CPM to give the document "Scruples 101" to all inquirers, candidates, and incoming Pastors.

Were you there ... when Presbytery elected **Elder Stephanie Brackett**, class of 2008 as Nominating Committee Chair, and **Elder Pat Wales**, class of 2009 and **Rev. Jud Wiley**, Class of 2010 as committee members; and **Elder Herb Smith**, class of 2010 (Fairfield: First) was nominated from the floor.

If you weren't there ... you missed a lot!

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Presbytery **VOTED** to receive Inquirer **Daniel Thayer** (Enfield: Calvary) as Candidate.
- Presbytery **VOTED** to receive Inquirer **Ian Doescher** (New Haven: First) as Candidate.

Trustees

- The board reported that several churches either have not replied to our inquiry or have refused to add sexual misconduct and/or directors and officers' liability insurance coverage to their church policies. The board reminds all churches that this coverage is not optional.

Elections

Presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following:

To serve on Presbytery Council and to act as chairs of their respective committees:

- **Rev. Christine Caton**, chair, Committee on Social Justice, class of 2008
- **Elder Shirley Dudley**, chair, Stewardship & Mission Committee, class of 2008
- **Rev. David Teague**, co-chair, Committee on Ministry, class of 2008
- **Rev. Ron Minor**, co-chair, Church Development, class of 2008
- **Rev. Gerson Annunciacao**, co-chair, Church Development, class of 2008
- **Rev. Ned Castner**, member-at-large, class of 2010
- **Elder Annabelle Sherwood** (Westerly: Dunn's Corners), member-at-large, class of 2010

To serve as the liaison to the council:

- **Elder Doug Ray** (Warwick: Woodbury Union) for the Stewardship & Mission Committee, class of 2008
- **Rev. Barbara Hager** for the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee, class of 2008

To serve on the Committee on Ministry

- **Rev. Steven Clark**, class of 2010
- **Elder Judy Babcock** (Providence: Providence), class of 2010
- **Elder Hal Hall** (Enfield: Calvary), class of 2010
- **Elder Tom Taylor** (Darien: Noroton), class of 2008
- **Rev. Jamie Martinez**, class of 2010

Elections (continued)

To serve on the:

Committee on Stewardship & Mission

- **Rev. Sam Schreiner**, class of 2010
- **Elder Doug Ray** (Warwick: Woodbury Union), class of 2010
- **Elder Ron Highwart** (New Haven: First), class of 2010
- **Elder Cheryl Molina** (Waterford: Crossroads), class of 2009

Committee on Church Development

- **Rev. Gerson Annunciacao**, class of 2010
- **Elder Dan Cunningham** (Brookfield: Valley), class of 2008
- **Elder Hannah Miller**, class of 2010

Committee on Ecclesiastical Relations

- **Rev. Georgia Snell**, class of 2010
- **Rev. Eileen Epperson**, class of 2010
- **Rev. Doug Forsberg**, class of 2010

Committee on Social Justice

- **Rev. John Hwang**, class of 2010
- **Rev. Ned Edwards**, class of 2010
- **Rev. Chris Caton**, class of 2010

Personnel Committee

- **Elder Joe Nicholson** (Springfield: MLK), class of 2010

Board of Trustees

- **Elder Rusty Spears** (Hartford: First), class of 2009
- **Elder Susan Frew** (New Haven: First), class of 2010

Youth Ministries Committee

- **Ms. Sandy Newlan** (Milford: United), class of 2010
- **Rev. Anne Marie Meyerhoffer**, class 2010

Permanent Judicial Commission

- **Rev. Barbara Hager**, class of 2013
- **Elder Gerson Roca** (Fall River: Christ is Life), class of 2013

The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery

will be held on September 15, 2007 at
First Presbyterian Church,
Fairfield, CT