

# Highlights

of the 138<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
of the Presbytery of Southern New England  
September 16, 2009

St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Groton, CT

There were 57 ministers, 35 elder commissioners, and 6 elder Council members present and voting. Nineteen of the Presbytery's 34 sessions were represented. There were 11 observers at the meeting. The total attendance was 112.

## Council Report

Elder Bill Schimpf nominated and Presbytery VOTED to elect the following to serve as members of the Nominations Committee:

- Elder Lois Maxwell, Hartford: First, class 2012
- Elder Shirley Dudley, Hartford: First, class 2011

Rev. Paul Terry presented the proposed budget for 2010. After discussion, Presbytery VOTED to adopt the proposed budget as presented.

Council recommended and Presbytery VOTED to approve the appointment of Bill Showalter, Austin Harbinson, and Herb Smith as the Presbytery's representatives in the negotiations for the sale of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center property.

## Elections

The Nominations Committee nominated and Presbytery VOTED to elect:

### Church Development Committee

- Elder Steve Pierson, Brookfield: Valley, class of 2012

### Social Justice Committee

- Rev. Adele Crawford, class of 2012
- Elder Dick Hasbany, New Haven: First, class of 2012

### Synod Commissioners

- Rev. Ned Castner, class of 2012
- Elder Ann Thomas, Brookfield: Valley, class of 2012

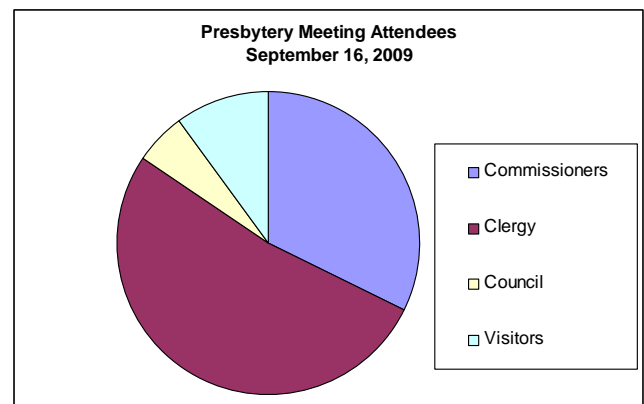
## Were You There ...?

- Were you there ... when Presbytery was led in worship by Rev. Maria LaSala and Dr. Bruce Gordon who spoke about John Calvin?
- Were you there ... when Communion was celebrated by Rev. Barbara Porizky and Rev. Lori Hedlund?
- Were you there ... when Rev. Steve Thayer, Rev. Mary Marple Thies, and Inquirer Kathryn Cooper talked about Discipleship within their churches?
- Were you there ... when the Presbytery met in small groups talk about Discipleship within their congregations?
- If you weren't there ... you missed a lot!

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry

- Presbytery VOTED to enroll Kathryn Cooper, Providence, as a Candidate.

## Meeting Attendees



## Presbyterian Women

Elder Stephanie Brackett reported that Presbyterian Women is active in creating new opportunities for Women. Five PSNE women attended the Church-wide gathering.

There is a PW gathering on October 24<sup>th</sup> in Springfield. Rev. Eileen Epperson will be the retreat leader. The January retreat will be January 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> at the Immaculate Reception Renewal Center in Putnam, CT. It will be led by Revs. Marilyn McNaughton and Lori Hedlund.

## Church Development Committee

Rev. David Watermulder reported on the progress of new churches forming within the Presbytery. The new church building in Granby, MA will be dedicated soon. The Tumaini Fellowship has purchased a building for both church and community use.

## Stewardship and Mission Committee

Rev. Tracy Johnson reported that there are funds available for new mission projects. Churches may apply for start-up initial grants to congregations. There will be a Rural Mission Celebration and the Stewardship and Mission committee has scholarships available.

Elder Dan Cunningham reported that Dr. Barbara Nagy will be at the Valley: Brookfield Church on September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>. This is an opportunity to hear from a pediatrician and missionary at the Nkhoma Hospital in Malawi.

## Treasurer's Report

Rev. Bill Showalter reported on the state of investments of the Presbytery. He noted that almost all of per capita and mission pledges have been paid. Presbytery VOTED to receive the report from the Treasurer.

## The next Stated Meeting of Presbytery

will be held on Saturday, Nov. 14, 2009  
at Greenwood Community Church,  
Presbyterian, Warwick, RI

## Committee on Ministry

- Christine Delmar was examined by Presbytery for Ordination and membership. Presbytery VOTED to approve Chris for ordination and to validate her call to a chaplain residency at Yale New Haven Hospital.
- Richard Vought was examined by Presbytery for Ordination and membership. Presbytery VOTED to approve Rick for ordination and to validate his call from the Cape Cod Council of Churches to serve as the Protestant chaplain at the Cape Cod Hospital.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Brandi Wolf Drake into membership as Associate Pastor at Noroton Presbyterian Church in Darien, CT, if the way be clear, upon her dismissal from Newark Presbytery.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Jeffrey Winter as specialized clergy, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Philadelphia Presbytery. He has relocated within the geographical bounds of PSNE as the Interim Pastor at Faith Community Church of Martha's Vineyard, MA.
- Presbytery VOTED to receive Rev. Russell Feroe as interim minister at Hartford: First church, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Hudson River Presbytery. His appointment as Interim Pastor was effective August 1, 2009.
- Presbytery VOTED to validate the ministry of Rev. Georgia Ann Snell at Our Island Home, Nantucket, MA through March 31, 2010.
- Rev. Steven Clark highlighted the list of 28 pastors who have not completed Sexual Misconduct training.