

140th Stated Meeting  
The Presbytery of Southern New England  
Westminster Presbyterian Church  
West Hartford, CT  
February 6, 2010

The 140th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England was called to order at 9:36 am in the Sanctuary of the Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford, CT, by the Moderator Elder Judy Babcock, who offered an opening prayer. The theme of the meeting is "Growing Christ's Church Wider and Deeper: Servanthood."

FORMING OF THE ROLL:

Stated Clerk Bill Thomas reported that the roll was being formed through the registration for the meeting and that a quorum was present.

MINISTERS PRESENT: 65

Arner, Susan	Gestal, William	Pfeil, Susan
Asher, Susan	Gibson, Robert	Porizky, Barbara
Beams, Ann	Glenn, James R.	Porizky, Mark
Braddock, Matthew	Goettler, William	Ramsey, Glenn
Brooks, Edwin	Goudreau, Diane	Robertson, Frank
Brooks, Virginia	Graybill, David	Robertson, Jill
Castner, Edward	Hager, Barbara G.	Robinson, Graham
Canton, Christine	Hwang, John H.	Roh, Dae Joon
Charles, J. Anthony	Johnson, Tracy A.	Sandel, John S.
Clark, Stephen	Jung, Johanna Johns	Sausville, gretchen
Davis, Kathleen	Kimatu, Joseph	Shippee, Arthur
Davis, Terrence	Lindsley, Dana F	Showalter, William
Delmar, Christine	Line, M. Allen	Smanik, Virginia
Epperson, Eileen	Little-Andrade, Heather	Soares, Denise
Evans, Robert A.	Lockhart, James	Thayer, Steven
Faithful, Gail	Mahan, James K.	Van Deusen, Richard L.
Feroe, Russell H.	Maxwell, William J.	Van Dyke, David
Fisher, Thomas	Mehr-Muska, Tracy	Webster, Charles
Foster, Christine	Merz, John	Webster, John
Fuhrmeister, Anne	Meyerhoffer, Anne Marie	Wiley, Robert J. (Jud)
Fuller, Julia	Miller, Joseph	Willson, Barbara Sterling
Garren, Royal B.	Olson, Susan	

ELDER COMMISSIONERS FROM CHURCHES: 53

Ashaway: Babcock  
Not represented

Barrington  
Hannah Miller  
Walker Rumble

Brookfield  
Ann Thomas  
Dan Cunningham

Cranston: Faith  
Not represented

Cumberland  
Not represented

Darien: Noroton  
Diane Gilliam  
John Clark

Enfield: Calvary  
Hal Hall  
Richard Sterling  
Deborah Lenn

Fairfield: First  
Herbert Smith

Lois D. James  
Eugene Kwapong

Fall River: Calvary  
Not represented

Fall River: Christ  
Not represented

Fall River: United  
Not represented

Granby: Pioneer Valley  
Not represented

Greenwich: First  
Not represented

Groton: St. Andrew  
Not represented

Hamden: NH Korean  
Sung Chil Hong

Hartford: First  
Jane N. Murray  
Alice Evans

Manchester: Hartford  
Korean  
Not represented

Milford: United  
June Batman  
Janice Fletcher-Yarson

New Canaan: First  
Cathy Newman

New Haven: CT Korean  
Not represented

New Haven: First  
Jim Whitney  
Nancy Rupp  
Teddy Hagle

Newport: First  
Dick Price  
Jerry Spencer  
David Tenney

Old Greenwich: PCOG  
Walter Baker  
Bill Prey  
Shirley Prey

Providence  
Lori Girard  
Julie C. Baldwin

Springfield: Christ  
Lillie Hickerson  
William T. Kaeding

Springfield: MLK  
Lisa Baker

Stamford: First  
Cris Harter  
John Harter  
Ann C. Cox  
Lawrence A. Cox  
Christina McIntyre

Stamford: TOR  
Not represented

Warwick: Greenwood  
Stephen Nazareth  
Betty Stacey

Warwick: Woodbury  
Not represented

Waterford: Crossroads  
Penny Webster  
Hazel Fuhrmeister

W. Hartford: Westminster  
Glenn P. Olson  
Anne Carney  
Janet Wade-Utay  
Nicole Aronson

Westerly: Dunn's Corners  
Gretchen Young  
Sandy Haney

Wilton:  
Stephen Connor  
Cathy Thomas

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: 2

Rev. Paul Gilmore, Twin Cities Presbytery

Rev. Katherine Stanford, Hudson River Presbytery,

MEMBERS OF THE PRESBYTERY COUNCIL: 6

Elder Judy Babcock

Elder Tom Taylor

Elder Diane Gilliam

Elder Bill Thomas

Elder Bill Schimpf

Elder Pat Wales

CERTIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF: 1

Pam Garner

TOTAL PRESENT TO VOTE: 124

VISITORS: 16

TOTAL REGISTERED ATTENDANCE: 143

MINSTERS EXCUSED: 19

Conboy, Thomas

Highsmith, Martha

Snell, Georgia Ann

Crawford, Adele

Lantz, Bob

Speers, Jr., Tom

Dannenfelser, Richard

LaSala, Maria

Tate, Chris

Davis, Stephen

Loder, Cory

Terry, Paul

Duffy, Edward

McNaughton, Marilyn

Unsell, Frances

Evertsberg, William

Notley, Patrick

Ferguson, John

Schreiner, III, Samuel

## MINISTERS ABSENT: 99

Ahn, Shin	Jordan-Haas, Connie	Priest, Joan Withers
Alter, Robert	Jun, Matthew	Ramos, Jovelino
Annunciacao, Gerson	Keller, James	Robbins, Cynthia
Appel, Beth	Kelsey, David	Rockness, David
Baez, Samuel	Kim, Keun Soo	Rodkey, John
Blackadar, Murray S.	Kim, Sun Gil	Ruppert, Randall
Bollier, John	Laird, Kathryn	Sloan, Karen
Carvalhaes, Claudio	Lewicki, David	Smith, Stuart
Chang, Wilson	Lindner, John	Soares, Edward
Chase, David (R.K.)	Lover, William	Speers, Jr., T. Guthrie
Couch, Ed	Ludeman, Ross	Sugg, Robert A.
Danks, Ed	Lundgren, Donald	Sullivan, Thomas P.
Deifell, Jey J.	Marion, Patricia	Sundquist, Ralph R.
DeWolfe, Norman	Marshall, Peter	Sweet, John D.
Dietrich, Wendell S.	Mellon, David	Teague, David
Doll, Greg	Mena, Dan	Thies, Mary
Drake, Brandi	Minor, Ron	Troeger, Thomas
Field, Jane	Newberry, Charles (Terry)	Trucksess, Susan Power
Fletcher, Stuart	North, Carol	Udell, Harold
Forman, Charles	Opsahl, Laura	Unsworth, Richard
Fuhrmeister, John	Orr, Mark	VanDerbeck, Holmes
Greer, Bob	Peel, Craig L.	Veon, Robert
Hare, David L.	Perry, Robert M.	Vought, Rick
Martinez, Jamie Harris	Phillips, Jim	Watermulder, David
Heath, Emily C.	Pietsch, William V.	West, Frank
Hedlund, Lori	Pomeroy, George	Wilburn, Gary
Herndon, Neal	Poole, Frank	Wills, David
Holleck, Tiffany Nicely	Porter, Frederick	Winter, Jeffrey
Holt, Carl	Prasse, Barbara	Witter, Thomas
Johnson, Gordon	Prasse, Edgar	Wright, Heather P.

## WORSHIP

Rev. Graham Robinson, Rev. gretchen Sausville, Rev. Christine Foster, and Elder Lillie Hickerson with the Chancel Choir and Liz and Duane Grabber led the Presbytery in a service of Worship. The Rev. Dr. John Sandel's sermon reminded each of us that "whenever folks feel heard and feel known as unique individuals – God's grace beaks in – and it is truly amazing."

Presbytery continued with business following worship at 10:28.

Vice-Moderator Tom Taylor assumed the chair of the meeting.

### ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

Presbytery VOTED to adopt the docket as printed (Appendix I).

### COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Rev. Graham Robinson welcomed the Presbytery to the Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford, CT on behalf of the congregation and his Associate Pastor Gretchen Sausville. He talked about some of the previous pastors and people of this congregation. He used the metaphor of "bricks and boots" to describe the nature of the Westminster church. The bricks of the former sanctuary were used to make the welcome sign to West Hartford. The boots are for the children who used to have to wear boots to Sunday school because of the wet basement.

### ENROLLMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS

Corresponding members were introduced and enrolled. Guest ministers and first time commissioners were introduced and welcomed.

### CONSENT MOTION

The Stated Clerk presented the Consent Motion. Item nine of the Consent Motion was removed, and moved to the appropriate Committee report. The Stated Clerk MOVED:

- 1) That the Presbytery grant excuses from attendance at the 140<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting to those needing the same, but that the Presbytery suspend the reading of their names.
- 2) That the Presbytery grant excuses for early departures from the 140<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting for those requesting the same by signing their names on a list maintained at the Clerks' desk, but that the Presbytery suspend the reading of their names.
- 3) That the Presbytery seat as corresponding members those ministers for whom a request is made at the beginning of the meeting.
- 4) That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the sessions as noted. (See Appendix II)
- 5) That the Presbytery receive the resignation, with regret, of:
  - a) Elder Judy Babcock, member of the Committee on Ministry
  - b) Rev. Rick Porter, member of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee
- 6) That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the 139<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting held on November 14, 2009, as printed in the "Minutes" section of the PSNE website.
- 7) That the Presbytery receive the Committee on Representation report to the Synod as noted (Appendix III).

- 8) That the Presbytery dissolve the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Ruth Chartier and the congregation of the United Parish of Fall River effective February 1, 2010, if the way be clear. Rev Chartier has accepted a call to a Church in Pennsylvania.
- ~~9) That the Presbytery approve the draft policy for Members at Large. (Removed)~~
- 10) That the Presbytery, at the request of Rev. Arner, dissolve the Designated Associate Pastoral relationship between the Rev. Susan Arner and the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich CT effective February 21, 2010, if the way be clear, pending the congregational meeting scheduled for February 28, 2010.
- 11) That the Presbytery postpone to the May 1, 2010 Stated Meeting any action to redress the imbalance between ministers and elders.

The Presbytery VOTED to approve the Consent Motion.

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE PRESBYTER

Rev. Dana Lindsley addressed the Presbytery.

- He welcomed new commissioners and clergy to the Presbytery.
- Dana introduced some of the issues raised by the proposed overture from the Sessions of four churches. He discussed that the time for debate is intentionally short.
- He also discussed the opportunity for individuals and churches to double contributions for Haiti disaster relief made possible by matching funds from Presbytery.
- He also discussed the future of the Immigration Task Force.
- The Executive pointed out that there are two policy statements offered for approval by the Committee on Ministry, on Members-at-large and Validated Ministries.
- Dana discussed the current state of affairs regarding the meetings of Presbytery. The Presbytery is requested to consider other formats and experimentations for future meetings. He requested that the commissioners consider assisting with feedback about future meetings. He asked for commissioners to fill out the meeting evaluation form. He suggested that Presbytery trust Committees by accepting committee decisions.
- He asked us to 'believe', to believe that God is a 'good painter' and that God will create something beautiful and good for our future.

Moderator Babcock resumed the Chair of the meeting.

## REPORT OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. Barbara Hager presented the Report of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee. An overture has been submitted by the sessions of four churches for vote by the Presbytery:

“Together, the following sessions of the Presbytery of Southern New England

First Presbyterian Church, New Haven, CT;

First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, CT;

Crossroads Presbyterian Church, Waterford, CT; and

Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford, CT

Request the Presbytery of Southern New England to send the following overture to the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly:

The Presbytery of Southern New England respectfully overtures the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2010) to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall the present paragraph G-6.0106b

~~Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.~~

be replaced in its entirety with:

Jesus, the Head of the Church, has established standards for church officers. (G-6.0101) These standards are contained in the Scriptures rightly understood in the light of the Confessions, and expressed in The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, USA. The constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003) shall guide those responsible for examination as they discern with an individual that person's calling, gifts and preparation and their willingness to adhere to church standards. Those seeking office shall demonstrate their understanding of and affirm their willingness to adhere to church standards.”

The Committee offered a process whereby the Presbytery would consider and vote on the Overture.

- a. Ecclesiastical Relations Committee Introduces Overture, procedure to be followed, and review of rules of discussion and vote;
- b. Member(s) of sponsoring church(es) present(s) Overture to Presbytery and briefly speak to presbytery in favor of the Overture;
- c. Presbytery responds with i) follow-up and ii) discussion;
- d. Prayer; instructions on voting; and
- e. Voting by written ballot, counting ballots and announcement of results; concluding prayer.

Rev. Eileen Epperson presented the persons speaking to the Overture. Elder Cathy Thomas, Wilton and Rev. Graham Robinson spoke for the proposed Overture. Rev. William Maxwell and Rev. William Gestal spoke against the proposed Overture.

Rev. Eileen Epperson led the Presbytery in prayer.

Following this process, the Presbytery VOTED by ballot to APPROVE the Overture with 79 yes, 38 no, and 2 abstentions.

Rev. Eileen Epperson offered a prayer.

Those who expressed dissent to the vote registered their dissent with the Stated Clerk as follows:

Elder Walter Baker , Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich  
Elder William Prey, Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich  
Elder Shirley Prey, Presbyterian Church of Old Greenwich  
Elder Richard Sterling, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enfield, CT  
Elder Deborah Lenn, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enfield, CT  
Elder Hal Hall, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enfield, CT  
Elder David Tenney, First Presbyterian Church, Newport, RI  
Rev. Robert J. Wiley  
Rev. Steven Thayer  
Rev. William Maxwell  
Rev. William Gestal  
Rev. Tracy Johnson

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (part 1)

1. Rev. John Webster introduced the Rev. Paul Gilmore and Presbytery VOTED to receive the Rev. Paul Gilmore into membership as Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, CT, if the way be clear, upon his dismissal by the Presbytery of the Twin Cities. Rev. Gilmore's terms of call are as follows, effective March 8, 2010:

COMPENSATION INCLUDED IN EFFECTIVE SALARY

1) Annual Cash Salary (\$36,000 is PSNE's 2010 minimum).....	\$ 76,400
2) Housing allowance .....	-0-
3) Deferred compensation (IRA, TDA, etc.) .....	2,400
4) Other allowances (E.G. SECA allowance in excess of 50% of estimated obligation, optional insurance such as dental, life, etc.).....	300
5) Manse amount (fair rental value, i.e. not less than 30% of Line 9)..	35,000
6) Utility and furnishing allowances.....	-0-
7) Bonuses, un-vouchered allowances, gifts from employer.....	-0-
8) Medical deductible against receipts (add lines 1-7, then multiply by 2%) .....	2,282
9) Total Effective Salary (Sum of lines 1-8).....	116,412
10) Benefits Plan Dues (Total of 31.5% of Line 9*) .....	34,327
(*Medical is capped at \$104,400 X 19.5%; Pension and Death & Disability is 12% of \$117,096 since the cap is set at \$245,000)	

COMPENSATION NOT INCLUDED IN EFFECTIVE SALARY

11) Accountable Reimbursements (vouchered business expenses):	
a. Continuing Education reimbursements (\$1000 minimum).....	5,000
b. Automobile .....	3,000
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> per vouchered mile or	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> church owned car with full expenses	
c. Professional expenses .....	4,000
12) SECA Tax allowance (only up to 50% of estimated obligation – 7.65% of line 9*) .....	8,305
(FICA is capped at \$106,800 X 6.2%; Medicare at 1.45% has no cap)	

TOTAL COMPENSATION ..... 170,976

OTHER:

# of Paid Holidays	11	Weeks of Annual Vacation	5
Weeks of Annual Study Leave	2	Working Time Units/Week	13

Rev. Susan Pfeil offered a celebratory prayer for Rev. Paul Gilmore and for the New Canaan Church.

2. Presbytery VOTED to receive the Rev. Katherine Stanford into membership as Interim Associate Pastor at the First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan, CT, if the way be clear, effective Feb. 6, 2010, upon her dismissal by the Presbytery of the Hudson River. Rev. Stamford's terms of call are as follows:

COMPENSATION INCLUDED IN EFFECTIVE SALARY

1) Annual Cash Salary (\$36,000 is PSNE's 2010 minimum).....	\$ 34,000
2) Housing allowance .....	34,000
3) Deferred compensation (IRA, TDA, etc.) .....	TBD
4) Total Effective Salary (Sum of lines 1-3).....	68,000
5) Other Allowances, including Social Security offset (\$5,202) and Dental Insurance (\$650) .....	5,852
6) Benefits Plan Dues (Total of 31.5% of Line 4; see Standards for exception).....	21,420

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COMPENSATION NOT INCLUDED IN EFFECTIVE SALARY

7) Accountable Reimbursements (vouchered business expenses):	
a. Continuing Education reimbursements (\$1000 minimum)	\$2,000
b. Automobile and Professional expenses .....	1,000
c. Medical deductible against receipts (2% of line 4) .....	2,296
8) Other vouchered allowances (Professional expenses & books) .....	600
TOTAL COMPENSATION .....	\$78,812

OTHER:

# of Paid Holidays	11	Weeks of Annual Vacation	4
Weeks of Annual Study Leave	2	Working Time Units/Week	13

The Rev. Christine Delmar offered a celebratory prayer for Rev. Katherine Stanford and for the New Canaan Church.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Elder William Schimpf presented the report of the Council. The Council has been busy with a number of issues. Minutes of the 12-8-09 meeting and 12-17-09 teleconference are attached as Appendices III and IV.

Several churches challenged the procedures of the election of the members of the Nominating Committee. The By-laws, 6.05-I, were not followed. A sub-committee of

the Council nominates members of the Nominating Committee to the Council, who present the nominees to the Presbytery. In order to follow this procedure:

The Council respectfully requests that the Moderator declare the election of the following members of the Nominations Committee as null and void, because of failure to be in compliance with the Presbytery By-laws.

Rev. James Glenn	Class of 2010
Elder Herb Smith	Class of 2010
Rev. Robert J. (Jud) Wiley	Class of 2010
Rev. John Merz	Class of 2011
Elder Shirley Dudley	Class of 2011
Elder Tom Taylor	Class of 2011
Rev. Mary Marple Thies	Class of 2011
Elder Lois Maxwell	Class of 2012
Elder Pat Wales	Class of 2012

The Moderator declared the elections null and void.

The Council, after submission of the ad hoc committee to generate names for Council approval and the vote of Council, MOVED the election of the following individuals to the Presbytery Committee on Nominations

Rev. James Glenn	Class of 2010
Elder Herb Smith	Class of 2010
Rev. Robert J. (Jud) Wiley	Class of 2010
Elder Shirley Dudley	Class of 2011
Elder Tom Taylor	Class of 2011
Elder Lois Maxwell	Class of 2012
Elder Patricia Wales	Class of 2012
Rev. Anne Marie Meyerhoffer	Class of 2012

Rev. Mary Marple Thies and Rev. John Merz did not desire re-election.

There were no nominees from the floor.

It was VOTED that the nominations be closed, and the Presbytery proceed to the vote.

Presbytery VOTED to elect the Nominees.

The Nominating Committee MOVED to elect the following persons as Commissioners and Alternates for the General Assembly in Minneapolis, Minnesota from July 3-10, 2010, who have agreed to serve if elected.

Clergy Commissioners to GA:

The Reverend Thomas Speers, Member-at-Large

The Rev. Frank Robertson, Honorably Retired

Alternate Clergy Commissioner:

The Reverend Stephen Clark, Greenwood Community Church, Warwick, RI

Elder Commissioners to GA:

Elder Ernest G. Jung, Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield, CT

Elder Tom Taylor, Darien, Noroton, CT

Alternate Elder Commissioner:

Elder Mark Doescher, Sr., Dunn's Corners Community Church, Presbyterian, Westerly, RI

Youth Advisory Delegate:

Emily Oshinskie, Westminster Presbyterian Church, West Hartford, CT

There were no nominations from the floor. Presbytery VOTED to close the Nominations and proceed to the vote.

Presbytery VOTED to elect the Commissioners, Alternates, and Youth Advisory delegate to General Assembly.

Elder Schimpf MOVED that the Immigration Task force be dismissed with thanks and moved to the Social Justice Committee. Presbytery VOTED to dismiss the Task Force with thanks and moved it to the Social Justice Committee.

Elder William Schimpf directed the attention of the Commissioners to the Comprehensive Plan of the Council.

Elder Schimpf concluded the report of Council.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Rev. Bill Showalter presented the report of the Treasurer. The Treasurer directed the attention of the Presbytery to the printed report, (Appendices VI, VII, VIII, IX) especially the Statement of Activities with General Mission and Per Capita at 98%. He also pointed out the status of investments and highlighted items from the Statement of Financial Condition.

Presbytery VOTED to receive the report from the Treasurer.

A question was raised in regard to the source of the funds available for matching gifts to Haiti disaster relief. He pointed out the savings account that will be used to provide these matching funds. Rev. Bill Showalter concluded his report.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Rev. Bill Showalter presented the Trustee's Report. He discussed the difference between the dollar amount of per capita received from congregations and the full amount forwarded to General Assembly and Synod as it related to the policy proposed by the Trustees.

The Presbytery VOTED to postpone the discussion on the policy proposed by the Trustees:

that the policy of the Presbytery shall be to contribute per capita funds to General Assembly (GA) and the Synod of the Northeast (SNE) to the extent that they are received from the congregations of the Presbytery.

The reason to postpone discussion is to provide Sessions with time to discuss this policy.

The Trustees recommend that mileage reimbursement for volunteers be reduced from \$ 0.55 to \$ 0.50 to be in compliance with the IRS allowed amount. Presbytery VOTED to approve this change. Rev. Bill Showalter concluded the report of the Trustees.

The Presbytery recessed for lunch at 12:16 pm to reconvene at 1:15 pm. A prayer for grace was offered by Vice-Moderator Elder Tom Taylor.

Interactive Reports were available for review in the lunch area.

Presbytery was reconvened with prayer at 1:15 pm by Moderator Elder Judy Babcock, who assumed the Chair of the meeting.

Rev. Jim Glenn of the Nominating Committee introduced Emily Oshinskie, of the Westminster Church, West Hartford, who was elected as our YAD to the next General Assembly.

#### GROWING CHRIST'S CHURCH WIDER AND DEEPER: Servanthood

Rev. gretchen Sausville spoke of the Mission Trip taken by youth members of the Westminster Church who served at the Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia. They offered the presentation given to members of the Congregation: "Word on the Street". Two of the members of the mission team shared some of their experience at the Broad Street Ministry in Philadelphia.

#### REPORT OF THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Rev. Jim Mahan presented the report of the Social Justice Committee. He requested that Commissioners respond to the Social Justice Committee survey on the work of the Committee.

The Vice-Moderator, Tom Taylor, assumed the chair of the meeting.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY FOR ACTION

- Rev. David Van Dyke presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The Committee presented Inquirer Jennifer Davis: First, New Haven, to be enrolled as a Candidate. Ms. Davis shared her faith and life

journey. The Committee MOVED, and Presbytery VOTED to enroll Jennifer Davis as a Candidate for Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

Vice Moderator Tom Taylor asked the Constitutional questions required of Candidates and Jennifer Davis answered in the affirmative. Rev. Bill Goettler gave a charge to the Candidate. Rev. David Van Dyke led the Presbytery in prayer for the Candidate.

The Vice-Moderator welcomed the Candidate to a new relationship with the Presbytery.

- The Committee on Preparation for Ministry MOVED the transfer the covenant Relationship with Candidate Kelly Pitman to the Presbytery of Detroit. Kelley is preparing to receive a call, and after discussion with the Candidate, it was recognized that this Presbytery could not easily continue in their care of this candidate from a distance. Presbytery VOTED to transfer the care of Candidate Kelly Pittman to the Presbytery of Detroit.

#### FOR INFORMATION:

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, the committee met with:

- Christopher Samsen for his annual consultation. Chris is a member of Darien: Noroton and first year student at Princeton Theological Seminary. The committee voted to continue Chris as an Inquirer.
- Inquirer Brent Swanson (Hamden: New Haven Korean) asked to be removed from the preparation process. The committee voted to concur with his request.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (part 2)

Rev. John Webster presented the Committee on Ministry report.

- Presbytery VOTED to approve the request of the Rev. Susan M. Pfeil to be Honorably Retired effective February 1, 2010. Rev. Pfeil spoke to the Presbytery. Rev. John Webster offered a celebratory prayer for Rev. Susan Pfeil and her ministry.
- Rev. John Webster discussed the proposed Policy on Members-at-Large. There is some question of voting on this Policy, because these descriptions are dependent on the proposed Policy on Validated Ministries.

It was VOTED that the Member at Large policy be referred back to the Committee to be considered at the May meeting following the reception of comments.

- Rev. John Webster highlighted some items of information. He discussed the proposed revision of the Policy on Validated Ministries, given for initial reading. These Policies will be discussed and voted upon at the May meeting of Presbytery. The Committee on Ministry welcomes comments and suggestions regarding the proposed Policy statement.

The proposed changes are more contextual to our Presbytery, as well as following the Book of Order provisions.

- He highlighted other items of information from the Committee report, especially the resignation of Elder Judy Babcock from the Committee.
- The Committee on Ministry continues to discuss the impact of the legal recognition of same-sex marriages in the state of Connecticut.
- The minutes of the Administrative Commission to ordain Christine Delmar are attached as Appendix X.
- The minutes of the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Brandi W. Drake are attached as Appendix XI.
- The minutes of the Administrative Commission to ordain Richard Vought are attached as Appendix XII.

Moderator Judy Babcock resumed the Chair of the Meeting.

#### REPORT OF THE CHURCH DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

There was no report from the Church Development Committee. Moderator Babcock asked the Presbytery for prayers on behalf of Rev. David Watermulder and his wife, Lisa. They are expecting a baby and Lisa is having difficulty with her pregnancy.

#### STEWARDSHIP AND MISSION REPORT

Rev. Tracy Johnson brought the report of the Stewardship and Mission Committee.

For Information:

When the devastating earthquake struck Haiti on January 12th the PCUSA was there. Sharyn Babe (Presbyterian World Mission) was injured and received medical attention. Her husband Rodney was unharmed. Mark Hare (Presbyterian Hunger Program) and his wife Jenny are safe. In addition, Mission groups from First Presbyterian Church of Atlanta, GA, Lawrenceville, NJ and Warrenton Presbyterian Church in Warrenton, VA were all accounted for and were safe.

Within 48 hours a \$100,000 was made available for emergency aid. How was this much money available immediately in these difficult times? It was possible because of congregations' support of the One Great Hour of Sharing during the Lenten season in 2009. This offering supports ministries of Disaster Relief (22%), Self Development (32%) and Hunger issues (36%). More than just the initial

emergency gifts, from many sources, is needed. In disaster situations the most pressing need is money. We are inundated with TV and the print media listing so many agencies that will receive our gifts. The one name you don't see is your local Presbyterian (or Methodist, Baptist, UCC) church. When you contribute through your church (Haiti Relief, PDA DR000064) a minimum of 95% of the designated funds will be used to help those most in need. Immediate One Great Hour of Sharing funds (and general designated giving funds) are being used to help with basic humanitarian relief (temporary shelter, food and health assistance), providing water and sanitation engineers (a critical need).

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance will be there for the "long haul" as the people of Haiti rebuild after the worst earthquake to strike them in over 200 years. Your "special gifts" to PDA for Haiti are needed now. Your generous support of this year's One Great Hour offering will enable PDA's immediate response to next year's earthquake, hurricane, flood, or other natural disaster (yet unnamed). For more information contact: <http://www.pcusa.org/oghs>

For Action:

The committee MOVED that the Presbytery match gifts up to \$10,000 of mission money for aid to Haiti. Presbytery VOTED that up to \$10,000 may be used from savings to match congregational giving to the Presbyterian Disaster Relief Haiti Fund.

#### REPORT OF THE YOUTH COMMITTEE

The report of the Youth Committee is attached as Appendix XIII.

#### REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

The action items in the Clerk's report were included in the Consent Motion. The Stated Clerk concluded his report.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business to come before the Presbytery.

#### NEW BUSINESS

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Anne Marie Meyerhoffer is leading a Confirmation Retreat. She also highlighted the Summer Camping program.

The Executive reminded everyone to fill out the meeting evaluation forms.

The Moderator announced that the next regular meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England will be called to order at 9:30 am on Saturday, May 1 at the First Presbyterian Church in Stamford, CT.

Presbytery VOTED to adjourn.

The Moderator Elder Judy Babcock led the Presbytery in prayer to adjourn the meeting at 2:28 pm.

Attested:

William G. Thomas, Stated Clerk

## Appendix I

140<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the  
Presbytery of Southern New England  
Westminster Presbyterian Church,  
West Hartford, CT  
Saturday, February 6, 2010

### PROPOSED DOCKET

- 9:00 Registration
- 9:30 We Gather in God's Name  
Call to Order by the Moderator Elder Judy Babcock  
Presbytery constituted with prayer  
Forming of the Roll
- 9:45 Worship Rev. John Sandel  
Worship Task Force
- 10:30 We Continue Gathering in God's Name  
Adoption of the Docket Elder Judy Babcock  
Report of the Committee on Arrangements Rev. Graham Robinson  
Enrollment and Introductions Elder Judy Babcock  
Consent Motion Elder Bill Thomas
- 10:45 Mission and Ministry of the Presbytery  
Executive Presbyter (Ref. D) Rev. Dana Lindsley  
Ecclesiastical Relations Committee Rev. Barbara Hager  
Overture Discussion & Vote  
Council Report (Ref. A) Elder William Schimpf  
Nominations for Nominating Committee  
Nomination of GA commissioners Rev. Jim Glenn  
Committee on Ministry (Ref. H) Rev. John Webster
- 12:00 Recess for Luncheon  
Interactive Reports (available during and after the luncheon)
- 1:00 Mission and Ministry of the Presbytery  
Growing Christ's Church Wider & Deeper: Mission  
Westminster Mission Trip Report Rev. gretchen Sausville  
Treasurer's Report (Ref. C) Rev. Bill Showalter  
Trustee's Report (Ref. P) Rev. Paul Terry  
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Committee of Preparation for Ministry Rev. David Van Dyke  
Committee on Ministry (Ref. H) Rev. John Webster  
Validated Ministries/Members at Large  
Church Development Committee Rev. David Watermulder  
Stewardship & Mission Report Rev. Tracy Johnson  
Stated Clerk's Report (Ref. B) Elder Bill Thomas  
Old Business  
New Business
- 3:30 Adjournment

**Ecclesiastical Relations Committee**  
February 6, 2010  
Review of Session Records

CHURCH	REVIEWER	RECOMMENDATION	EXCEPTIONS	DUE AT
Fall River: Calvary	Arthur Shippee	Not received		11-14-09 Presbytery meeting
Cranston: Faith	Mileen Lipperson	Approve	0	11-14-09 Presbytery meeting
Barrington	Georgia Ann Snell	Approve	0	11-14-09 Presbytery meeting
Milford: United	Abraham Hunter	Not received		11-14-09 Presbytery meeting
Cumberland: Calvin	Rick Porter	Not received		11-14-09 Presbytery meeting

*Due for signing at Nov. 2009 meeting, but not presented:*  
Warwick: Woodbury

*Due for review at Sept. 2009, but not presented:*  
New Haven: CT Korean

*Due for signing in May 2009, but not presented:*  
Groton: St. Andrew  
Hamden: NH Korean

**Minutes  
Presbytery Council  
12/10/09**

The stated meeting of the Presbytery Council was held on December 10, 2009 at the Old Saybrook office. Moderator Bill Schimpf called the meeting to order at 9:30 am with devotions from John 15:9-17 with emphasis on Jesus words "... you will be filled with my joy." Elder Schimpf then read an excerpt from Oswald Chambers' "*My Utmost for His Highest*" about joy and happiness.

Bill opened the meeting with prayer at 9:35 am. A quorum was present.

**Present:**

Rev. Beth Appel, Elder John Berman, Elder Stephanie Brackett, Elder Diane Gilliam, Rev. Barbara Hager, Rev. Tracy Johnson, \*Rev. Dana Lindsley, Rev. Jim Mahan, Elder Bill Schimpf, \*Rev. William Showalter, Rev. Chris Tate, Elder Tom Taylor, Rev. Paul Terry, Rev. Mary Marple Thies, \*Elder Bill Thomas, Rev. David Van Dyke, Elder Pat Wales, and Rev. John Webster.

**Excused:** Elder Judy Babcock, Rev. Jim Glenn, Rev. Joan Priest, and Rev. David Watermulder

\* Ex-officio members

Council approved the proposed agenda.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was **m/s/v** that Council approve the minutes of the 10/8/09 Council meeting.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bill Showalter reported that the income at the end of November is at 92.47% of the budgeted amount which is better than last year. Expenses are at 85% of budget. The deficit is \$5,015 versus the \$27,000 in 2008.

There is a \$2,500 shortfall in per capita as a result of session withholding their per capita payments.

Council voted to receive the Treasurer's report.

**Executive Presbyter's Report**

Dana Lindsley reported that Pam Garner will be working from home most the time between now and the first of the year. Pam's husband, Ron, is having knee surgery.

Rev. Ruth Chartier has resigned her position at the United Parish of Fall River to accept a position in Pennsylvania.

Of the twelve clerks of session responding to the inquiry about the preference for weekday, evening, or weekend Presbytery meetings, eleven of the twelve reporting sessions clearly stated their preference for Saturday Presbytery meetings. The twelfth session reported a preference for Wednesday evening meetings if they were scheduled close to southeastern Connecticut.

Tom Taylor reported on the evaluations of the November 14, 2009 Presbytery meeting:

- There were too many sermons
- Rev. Joseph Kimatu's sermon was good
- Too much redundancy of the materials included in the meeting packet
- Some reports were off topic
- Dana's report was good

Dana reported that an agreement in principle has been reached to permit Dayle Larson full time work for SNE and sub-contract work with the other two congregations that she currently provides accounting services for. This agreement would be activated only if needed.,

Dana will attend the meeting of the three New England presbyteries with Tom Taylor, Ned Castner, and Bill Thomas. Northern New England is concerned about their \$90,000 deficit and that they do not have an Executive Presbyter.

Dana reported that Rick Ufford-Chase has been invited to attend our May 1, 2010 Presbytery meeting.

There was a discussion about having a programmatic, learning event instead of the "report, after report, after report" type meeting.

Dana reported that although the conversations on same gender marriage were respectful and sharing, it appears that the two sides of the discussion may not be able to live in the same church together, and it might lead to separation.

### **Council Chair's Report**

Bill Schimpf reported that the election of Rev. John Merz to the Nominating Committee did not follow our By-Laws. The procedure that should have been followed is as per section 6.05(I) of the By-Laws:

"To nominate to the Presbytery candidates to serve as chairperson and members of the Nominations Committee. A special Sub-committee of Presbytery Council consisting of Council's four at-large members and the representative for Presbyterian Women shall be charged with recommending to Council candidates to serve as chairperson and members of the Committee on Nominations. Nominations will be forwarded by Council for election by the Presbytery."

After discussion on the intent and this process of the particular section of the By-Laws, John Webster moved that:

1. Council confess the non-proper use of the By-Laws
2. Request that the Moderator declare the election of members of the Nominating Committee elected at the November 14, 2009, September 16, 2009, May 2, 2009, May 3, 2008, and February 9, 2008 be null and void.
3. After completing the proper process noted above, Council would then re-nominate the following;
  - Elder Lois Maxwell, class of 2012
  - Elder Shirley Dudley, class of 2011
  - Elder Pat Wales, class of 2012
  - Rev. James Glenn, class of 2010
  - Elder Tom Taylor, class of 2011
  - Rev. Mary Marple Thies, class of 2011

It was **m/s/v** that Council approve the three-step corrective action plan as noted above.

### **Discernment Task Force**

Rev. Arthur Shippee presented the initial report of the Task Force suggesting that the Presbytery might have a Jubilee year, suspend all business, and adopt the motto "Holy Conversations".

Arthur noted that the Task Force suggested that Presbytery meetings need to "get beyond business efficiency" and provide tool boxes of ideas, plans, methods, and "holy conversations for commissioners to take back to their congregations.

After discussion, it was **m/s/v** that Council receive the report and request that Discernment Task Force come back to Council with a concrete plan and model for Presbytery.

## **Letter from Christ Presbyterian Church**

Tracy Johnson asked the status of the issues raised in the letter about Validated Ministries and Conduct of Ministers Members. See Appendix I.

Bill Schimpf said that Council owes a response to the four churches: Springfield: Christ; Cranston: Faith; Enfield: Calvary; and Old Greenwich.

After more discussion on Nominations and Validated Ministries, Tracy stated that he and others wanted the Council to know the feelings of the several sessions, to act responsibly, and to take timely action

It was **m/s/v**, with two abstentions, that the moderator and secretary prepare a letter to the four churches outlining the failure of the proper procedure and suggested that the sessions offer support to COM with John Webster's letter. See Appendix II.

## **Presbyterian Promise**

Rev. Mary Thies prepared the following:

After some discussion regarding a recent Presbyterian Promise newsletter article, it was **m/s/v** to request Presbyterian Promise to forward documentation regarding the organization to the Presbytery Council for review and to invite representatives of the organization to come to the March meeting of the Council to respond to concerns. Before the Council meets next, Council members will be given copies of the goals and objectives of Presbyterian Promise that are on file.

## **Other Business**

- In response to the request from the Synod to meet with the Council, it was **m/s/v** to invite representatives from the Synod to attend the March meeting of the Council, to request documents pertinent to the visit and to request how much time they will need on the docket.
- The moderator of the Presbytery recommended inviting Erica Funk of Mission Trip to Broad Street to give a minute for mission during the educational segment of the meeting at the February Presbytery meeting. The Council voted. A division of the house was called. The recommendation failed on a show of hands.
- Mary Thies, on behalf of the Nominations Committee, made a plea for both elders and clergy to consider submitting applications to be commissioners to the meeting of the General Assembly.
- The time for adjournment having arrived, it was decided that a conference call would be arranged to handle the remainder of the business.

## **Adjournment**

It was m/s/v to adjourn the meeting at 2:10 PM. Barbara Hager closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Thomas  
Secretary for Council

December 2, 2009

Dear Bill Schimpf and the Presbytery Council:

The Session of Christ Presbyterian Church writes as deeply concerned members of PSNE and as Elders of the Church who desire to better understand how the Presbytery Council and Committee on Ministry (COM) carries out their constitutional and by-law responsibilities as they pertain to the matters discussed below.

In June we cosigned a similar letter addressed to the COM believing it to be the oversight body charged to "serve as an instrument of the Presbytery for promoting the peace and harmony of the churches, especially in regard to matters arising out of the relations between ministers and churches" (see G-11.0502 (i) and PSNE by-laws). However, almost six months have passed without sufficient or timely response to those questions and inquiries. We do acknowledge that the COM has begun to answer some of the questions regarding criteria for Validated Ministers and Members-at-Large. However, the COM has been unable or unwilling to address the questions of discipline in the letter, therefore, we are asking the Council to step up and address these issues.

1) Validated Ministries and Members-at-large.

The March 2009 newsletter of Presbyterian Promise (an Advocacy Group approved by PSNE) included an article authored by the "Rev. John Merz" which described details of his marriage to his same gender partner under the statutes of the State of Connecticut on January 8, 2009. A copy of the article is appended to this letter.

In light of the above, we respectfully request the Council to respond to the following questions:

- (a) Given the information printed in the Presbyterian Promise newsletter, how will the Council and the COM fulfill the responsibility to make a "positive inquiry" <sup>[1]</sup> about upholding all standards for ordination, when there is palpable information suggesting a manner of life to the contrary?

2) Conduct of Minister Members

The newsletter article attached suggests that the liturgy used in the marriage ceremony may have been contrary to constitutional prescriptions (i.e. Officers of the PCUSA who are authorized to perform marriages shall not state, imply, or represent that a same sex ceremony is a marriage...." <sup>[2]</sup>) Further, the article states that Rev. Merz's same gender partner became a Deacon in the church in 2008.

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<sup>[1]</sup> See GAPJC Remedial Case 214-5, Weir v. Session 2<sup>nd</sup> PC. Ft Lauderdale, Headnote #3. Advisory Opinion #22, dated July 2008, states that "Wier" continues to have "effect."

<sup>[2]</sup> See GAPJC Disciplinary Case 218-12 Jane Adams Spahr v. PCUSA headnote 2.

An excerpt taken from Advisory Opinion Note 8 (update of April 2009) states the following under the caption "Responsibility of Governing Bodies": "When a higher governing body learns of a situation where it appears that a lower governing body may have acted outside the confines of our constitutional standards, it has the responsibility to . . .work pastorally with the lower governing body to assist it in fulfilling its obligation to comply with the Constitution."

We address the following questions to the Council about the above:

- (a) Is it the responsibility of the Council to inquire of the officiating pastor as to whether the "ceremony" was constitutionally compliant? Note: Rev. Graham Robinson's signature appears on the Connecticut Certificate of Marriage where the ceremony is written as Religious (copy available if requested by the Council.)
- (b) Is it the responsibility of the Council to inquire of the Moderator and the session of the church which ordained / installed Rev. Merz's same gender partner as a Deacon as to the appropriateness of their examination process?
- (c) If it is not the responsibility of the Council, whose responsibility is it and what has been done to inquire and resolve the situation?

### 3) Presbyterian Promise Newsletter

The inclusion of the article, "A Toast of Happiness" in the March 2009 newsletter of the Presbyterian Promise, an approved advocacy group of the presbytery, is an affront to our agreed upon voluntary covenant (our constitution). It celebrates active defiance of our covenant and does not promote the peace, unity, or purity of our presbytery. We believe it erodes trust and love in our presbytery.

We address the following questions to the Council about the attached newsletter:

- (a) Does the inclusion of the article in an official publication of a presbytery endorsed advocacy group fit the criteria in the by-laws that advocacy groups "further the mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or the Presbytery"?<sup>[3]</sup>
- (b) What mission of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) or the Presbytery does Presbyterian Promise fulfill?

### 4) Election to the Nominating Committee

As we have engaged in this intentional non-judicial process that has been initiated by us and several others in the Presbytery we were astounded to learn that Rev. John Merz has been elected to the nominating committee at the November Presbytery, particularly, since his nomination did not go through the Council as required per the by-laws section 6.05i.

In light of the above, we ask the Council the following questions:

- (a) How was John Merz nominated to the presbytery to be on the Nominating Committee without going through the Council?  
Session of Christ Presbyterian Church
- (b) Who was involved in nominating John Merz and were they aware of the non-judicial manner in which we are inquiring to his adherence to the constitution and agreed upon covenant?

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<sup>[3]</sup> 16.01, By-laws of the PSNE

- (c) How will the Council respond and rectify this nominating irregularity?
- (d) Does the Council consider it wise to put John Merz in this place of leadership as we inquire upon his standing and observance to the constitution?

We are available to discuss these matters in greater detail. We look forward to your response.

To God All the Glory,

Session of Christ Presbyterian Church

**Minutes  
Presbytery Council  
12-17-09  
via Telephone Conference**

The called meeting of the Presbytery Council was held on December 17, 2009 via telephone conference. The Council Moderator called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:34 am.

**Present:**

Elder Stephanie Brackett, Rev. Jim Glenn, Elder Diane Gilliam, Rev. Barbara Hager, Rev. Dana Lindsley, Rev. Jim Mahan, Rev. Joan Priest, Elder William Schimpf, Rev. Paul Terry, Rev. Mary Thies, \*Rev. David Van Dyke, and Elder Pat Wales, and \*Elder William Thomas.

**Excused:**

Rev. Beth Appel, Elder Judith Babcock, Elder John Berman, Rev. Tracy Johnson, Rev. Chris Tate, Elder Tom Taylor, Rev. David Watermulder, and Rev. John Webster.

\* Ex-officio member

A quorum was present.

**Social Justice Committee**

The initial task of the ITF has been established but more work need to be done.

The Social Justice Committee **m/s/p** that the Immigration Task Force (ITF) be dissolved and that an Immigration Task Group be established that reports to the Social Justice Committee. At least one member of the Immigration Task Group would attend the Social Justice Committee meetings.

The committee will present the change of structure of the IFT and the balance of the report at the February Presbytery meeting as a first reading. See Attachment I.

**Ecclesiastical Relations Committee**

Barbara Hager reported that there could be as many as four churches presenting overtures dealing with G-6.0106b and the authority for clergy to perform marriages for same gender couples. The committee will make no recommendation with regard to the overtures.

It was suggested that the copies of the overtures be sent out with the Call to Meeting including the process for discussion and voting. "Getting Connected" will also include this information the week of January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Docket**

The decision of not having a speaker was discussed. Questions were raised as to how the speaker meets and promote the mission of the Presbytery. It was **m/s/a** to reconsider the action of the December 10<sup>th</sup> Council meeting.

IT was **m/s/a** to endorse Moderator Judy Babcock's request to have the guest speaker, Erica Funk, from the Broad Street Mission with a focus on mission and have the report about the West Hartford: Westminster mission trip.

It was **m/s/a** the names presented to Council for nomination as members of the Nominating Committee, if the way be clear.

The docket was approved as changed. See Attachment II.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Dana Lindsley at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted,  
William G. Thomas, Secretary for Council

Presbytery of Southern New England  
Comprehensive Plan for Addressing Immigration Issues

What does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?  
(Micah 6:8)

## I. Rationale

The 217th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (2006) approved the overture Advocacy and Welcome for All Immigrants. It called upon presbyteries to develop and implement strategies, policies, and procedures to educate congregations and presbytery members regarding ministries with immigrant peoples and to empower these ministries at a local and presbytery-wide level.

In June 2008 the 218th General Assembly approved a new social creed that includes a vision of a society with just immigration laws and policies. The PC(USA) Office of Immigration Issues recommends that each presbytery have an Immigration Task Force.

The Presbytery of Southern New England (PSNE), in response to the GA calls to action, voted to create the Immigration Task Force in September 2006, "to develop a comprehensive approach to immigrant concerns." Once constituted, the Immigration Task Force embarked on an effort of self-education about the issue. Besides its regular meetings, it held an event at the Christ Is Life Presbyterian Church in Fall River, MA, on December 1, 2007, and jointly with the Greater Bridgeport Council of Churches, an ecumenical event at the First Presbyterian Church in Fairfield, CT, on February 21, 2009, to listen to the concerns of immigrant constituencies and to express solidarity with them. Jointly with similar work groups in the other two New England presbyteries, the Task Force applied for and received a grant from the Synod of the Northeast for a one-year half-time staff position, resulting in the organization of the New England Presbyterian Immigration Initiative (NEPII).

The ministry to immigrants is a living part of the PSNE experience. Many congregations have immigrant members, and several have experienced strong growth with recent arrivals. The Christ is Life Presbyterian Church is primarily a church of Brazilian immigrants, and the Tumaini Fellowship is a Kenyan new church development. Other ethnic and immigrant congregations are the Calvary United Presbyterian Church, a Middle Eastern community, and three Korean churches: Connecticut Korean Presbyterian Church, Korean Presbyterian Church of Greater Hartford, and New Haven Korean Presbyterian Church. Furthermore, many congregations are dealing with immigration issues as they pursue mission projects in their communities.

## II. A Comprehensive Approach

A comprehensive approach to immigration issues begins with an awareness of these issues and involvement in them. The PSNE not only welcomes immigrants as well as immigrant fellowships and congregations into its life, but also stands faithfully with them in support of the enactment of fair and compassionate immigration policies in the U.S.A. and their implementation in Southern New England, with full attention to the needs, and respect for the rights and dignity, of the foreign born.

### III. The Biblical Way

God's care for the plight of foreigners is pervasive in the Bible, and so is the call to God's people to treat them in a fair, loving and sustainable way. Indeed, for the Christian Community the way to proceed in relation to the stranger is the biblical way. The guiding standard of expected behavior to that end can be found in many passages of the Old and New testaments, such as the following:

Leviticus 19: 33-34

When an alien lives with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. (This is one of more than 50 similar verses in Deuteronomy and Leviticus.)

Matthew 25: 38-40

'And when was it that we saw you as a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

### IV. The Faithful Church's Vision

At the very beginning of its chapter 12, the Letter to the Hebrews admonishes the readers to "lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely and (...) run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith..." Similarly, by embracing the cause of fairness and compassion for the stranger as part of its faith journey, while laying aside the distractions of fear and prejudice, the Christian Community opens its own life to become a more diverse and inclusive, a more reconciled and reconciling, a more risk taking and joyful follower of our Lord and Savior.

### V. A Way to Sustainable Action

The Presbytery of Southern New England, recognizes that: (a) welcoming the strangers and working for their well-being is a biblical imperative with deep social, demographic, economic, moral and spiritual implications; (b) a comprehensive policy to address immigrant issues must include education on the need for just and compassionate immigration laws, and for an active Christian ministry among and for immigrants. To address such concerns, the Presbytery of Southern New England hereby resolves to establish the Immigration Subcommittee of the Social Justice Committee to:

1. Promote and deepen solidarity with immigrants in and through the current and prospective PSNE immigrant communities and congregations, as well as specialized ministries;
2. Enhance the visibility of immigrants, their concerns, and their many gifts, in the PSNE, its congregations and specialized ministries;
3. Resolutely build support for fair immigration legislation and dignified treatment of the foreign born living in the USA, "as the citizen among you" (Leviticus 19: 34);

4. Engage in dialogue with the appropriate General Assembly agencies, as well as with ecumenical and interfaith efforts committed to the cause of fairness and compassion for immigrants;

5. Organize biblically and theologically based, as well as pastorally oriented, educational events on immigration, with and for congregations;

6. Initiate and promote networking activities among congregations and specialized ministries on immigration challenges and concerns; and,

7. Keep the PSNE and its constituencies informed about emerging and emergency developments affecting legal and undocumented immigrants in New England.

It is further resolved that the Immigration Task Force be hereby dissolved and its members reinstated as the Immigration Subcommittee of the Social Justice Committee, according to established procedures.

## VI. Examples of Action

There is a little, indeed a very important little, that the PSNE and its constituencies can do. And Christ calls us to be faithful in the little. Here is a sample of the kinds of actions the Presbytery, local churches and church members can pursue:

1. THE PRESBYTERY: (a) engage in prayer and prayer meetings, including biblical and theological reflections, (b) establish a yearly Immigration Solidarity Week, (c) set up a legal aid and emergency fund, (d) organize multi-cultural /educational events, (e) support (and participate in) ecumenical and interfaith initiatives, (f) petition (as a voice for the voiceless) the powers that be, (g) develop multi-lingual guidelines for the formation and support of immigrant congregations, (h) initiate a dialogue with the PCUSA related colleges aiming at opportunities for children of immigrants to continue their studies after high school, (i) invite members of state legislatures to meetings dealing with the issue (j)?

2. LOCAL CHURCHES: (a) conduct biblical and theological reflection and prayer, (b) establish an immigration committee or ask their mission committee to make immigration issues a regular part of their agenda, (c) organize a yearly educational event, (d) initiate and support local ecumenical and interfaith solidarity efforts, (e) carry out a Sunday worship service focused on immigration issues once a year, (f) exchange visits with immigrant congregations, (g) establish an emergency fund, (h) engage in civic actions, (i) make visits to incarceration facilities to learn how inmates are being treated, (j) organize food banks, yard sales, and direct financial contributions to families with jailed and/or unemployed members, (k) hold ESL classes to teach English and help prepare immigrants for citizenship, (l) invite local legislature members to meetings and events dealing with the issue, (m)?

3. CHURCH MEMBERS: (a) engage in prayerful biblical and theological reflection, (b) participate in solidarity and educational events, (c) contribute to emergency funds and food banks, (d) become involved in civic actions, (e) get acquainted with immigrant communities and families, (f) work with local committees to identify and address immigrants' concerns, (g) sponsor applicants for green cards, (h) send emails and make calls to local, state and federal representatives, (i) consider serving on the Immigration Task Force (or subcommittee).

## VII. PCUSA Resources for Information and Action

1. Resolution Calling for a Comprehensive Legalization Program for Immigrants Living and Working in the United States. Approved by the 216th General Assembly (2004).

<http://www.pcusa.org/acswp/pdf/immigration-resolution.pdf>

2. Presbyterian Policy on Immigration: The 217th General Assembly (2006) Overture on Advocacy and Welcome for All Immigrants.

<http://www.pcusa.org/immigration/pdf/immigration-resolution-2006.pdf>

3. A Social Creed for the 21st Century. Approved by the General Assemblies of the National Council of Churches (11.07.07) and the Presbyterian Church (USA) (6.27.08).

<http://www.pcusa.org/acswp/pdf/socialcreedreceivedbynccc.pdf>

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Saturday, February 6, 2010

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PRESBYTERY: of Southern New England

COMMITTEE	TOTAL #	GENDER		RACIAL/ETHNIC						AGE GROUPS						SN	ECCLESIASTICAL STATUS		
		M	F	AF	AS	LA	NA	KO	AE	1	2	3	4	5	6		C	E	L
TRUSTEES	7	5	2						7			2	1	1	3		3	4	
COUNCIL	21	14	7						21		3		3	8	7		13	8	
BUDGET																			
PERSONNEL	5	3	2	1					4				1	1	3		4	1	
COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY	16	9	7						16				3	5	8		10	6	
PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY	9	6	3						8				3	5	1		6	3	
REPRESENTATION	0																		
NOMINATIONS	7	4	3	2					5					3	4		2	5	
TOTALS	65	41	24	3				1	61		3	2	11	23	26	0	38	27	0

KEY: Gender: (M) Male; (F) Female;

Racial Ethnic: (AF)African American; (AS)Asian American; (LA)Latin American; (NA)Native American; (KO)Korean American; (AE)Anglo European;

Age Groups (1) 25 and under; (2) 26-35; (3) 36-45; (4) 46-55; (5) 56-65; and (6) 66 and over;

Other: (SN) People with Special Needs or Disabilities; Ecclesiastical Status (C) Clergy; (E) Elder; (L) Lay per so

## Presbytery of Southern New England - Statement of Financial Position

	Balance as of 12/31/2008	Balance as of 12/31/2009	Difference
<b>Assets:</b>			
<i>Cash</i>			
Petty Cash	100.00	100.00	-
Debit Card Account - Postage	1,230.44	882.24	(348.20)
Capital Reserve	6,552.42	-	A (6,552.42)
Contingency Fund	5,000.00	-	A (5,000.00)
Equipment Reserve	6,408.16	-	A (6,408.16)
Maintenance Reserve	4,402.41	-	A (4,402.41)
Checking Account for Operating Cash	267,355.55	147,174.78	B (120,180.77)
ING Direct Savings Account	100,434.41	101,815.40	1,380.99
Ministerial Relief Cash	15,131.97	16,651.83	1,519.86
Simsbury NCD - ING Savings Account	-	99,020.26	C 99,020.26
<i>Investments</i>			
New Covenant Mutual Funds	116,095.13	137,848.89	21,753.76
Merrill Lynch	23,307.70	23,480.20	172.50
Accounts Receivable	8,847.21	6,002.77	(2,844.44)
<i>Loans Receivable</i>			
Loans Receivable	464,350.46	454,936.31	(9,414.15)
Personnel Loans & Exchanges	-	-	-
Prepaid Expenses	-	-	-
Fixed Assets	43,160.44	43,160.44	-
Accumulated Depreciation	(66,577.45)	(66,577.45)	-
Office Condo	202,853.54	202,853.54	D -
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,198,652.39</b>	<b>1,167,349.21</b>	<b>(31,303.18)</b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Allowance for Bad Debt	452,915.18	454,592.00	1,676.82
Accounts Payable	9,720.00	-	(9,720.00)
Loan Payable to GA (MLK)	235,494.27	229,358.39	(6,135.88)
Loan Payable to Synod (MLK)	35,049.20	29,981.60	(5,067.60)
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>733,178.65</b>	<b>713,931.99</b>	<b>(19,246.66)</b>
<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>465,473.74</b>	<b>453,417.22</b>	<b>E (12,056.52)</b>
<b>Total Liabilities &amp; Net Assets</b>	<b>1,198,652.39</b>	<b>1,167,349.21</b>	<b>(31,303.18)</b>

- A) Reserve accounts combined with Operating Cash Balance, listed separately under Dedicated Accounts Report  
B) Of the \$147,174.78 Checking Account Balance, \$68,479.87 is designated income, see Dedicated Accounts Report.  
C) Simsbury dismissal agreement settlement of \$105,000 minus \$7,204.69 payment of 2008 Per Capita, designated for New Church Development, see Dedicated Accounts report.  
D) Represents purchase price not market value.  
E) Does not include the value of Church properties or charges against them.

Treasurer's Report  
as of 12/31/2009

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Presbytery of Southern New England - Statement of Activities						
OPERATIONS	Mission/Ministry	Admin.	Annual Budget	Year to Date Actual	Annual Budget Bal.	YTD 100%
<b>Income</b>						
General Mission	140,000.00		140,000.00	126,890.53	14,309.47	60%
General Mission - prior year			0.00	13,161.45	(13,161.45)	
Interest on Operating Cash		5,000.00	5,000.00	3,524.54	1,475.30	70%
Presbytery Per Capita		245,026.00	245,026.00	240,140.04	4,885.96	98%
Donations			0.00	6,985.00	(6,985.00)	
Interest on Church Loans		270.00	270.00	56.15	213.85	21%
Merrill Lynch dividends minus fees			0.00	(3.90)	3.90	
Merrill Lynch market charges			0.00	157.36	(157.36)	
New Covenant Funds dividends			0.00	3,021.39	(3,021.39)	
New Covenant market charges			0.00	21,772.80	(21,772.80)	
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>250,296.00</b>	<b>390,296.00</b>	<b>414,505.45</b>	<b>(24,209.46)</b>	<b>106%</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
<b>Committees:</b>						
Church Development	67,705.00	1,195.00	68,900.00	68,900.00	0.00	100%
Committee on Ministry	2,500.00	6,500.00	9,000.00	7,701.97	1,298.03	86%
Committee on Preparation	7,000.00	3,480.00	10,480.00	6,538.14	3,941.86	62%
Ecclesiological	6,905.00	134.00	7,039.00	6,792.06	246.94	97%
Nominations		418.00	418.00	150.51	267.49	35%
Permanent Judicial		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Personnel		500.00	500.00	500.00	0.00	100%
Presbytery Council		5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	100%
Representations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Resources for Congregations		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Social Justice	720.00		720.00	320.35	399.65	45%
Stewardship & Mission	10,351.00	118.00	10,467.00	10,457.00	0.00	100%
Trustees	2,500.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	9,904.14	95.86	99%
Youth Ministries	1,000.00		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00	0%
W/LK Loan Repayment	17,824.00		17,824.00	17,820.00	0.40	100%
Office Operations		36,400.00	36,400.00	32,138.78	4,261.21	88%
Salaries & Benefits	23,495.00	200,484.00	223,979.00	215,702.54	8,276.88	71%
Travel		1,900.00	1,900.00	10,749.70	(1,150.30)	90%
Bldg. Maint/Equip. Replacement		5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00	0%
GA Travel		1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100%
Honorariums		3,100.00	3,100.00	3,100.00	0.00	100%
Miscellaneous		5,000.00	5,000.00	2,556.19	2,443.81	51%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>140,000.00</b>	<b>288,227.00</b>	<b>428,227.00</b>	<b>399,850.22</b>	<b>28,376.78</b>	<b>93%</b>
<b>Net Income/Expense</b>				<b>14,655.24</b>		
<b>PER CAPITA PASS-THRU</b>						
<b>Designated Income:</b>						
GA Per Capita				48,029.33		
Synod Per Capita				32,018.78		
<b>Total Designated Income</b>				<b>80,048.11</b>		
<b>Designated Expense:</b>						
GA Per Capita				55,099.73		
Synod Per Capita				32,459.84		
<b>Total Designated Expense</b>				<b>85,562.94</b>		
<b>Net Per Capita Pass-Thru</b>				<b>(5,516.13)</b>		
<b>MISSION PASS-THRU</b>						
GA General Mission	60,979.45					
Synod General Mission	22,388.66					
GA Special Mission	85,372.78					
Synod Special Mission	152.24					
Grants	8,569.50					
<b>Total Mission Pass-thru</b>	<b>167,762.63</b>					
				<b>Total Revenues for the year</b>	<b>657,314.90</b>	
				<b>Total Expenditures for the year</b>	<b>643,175.79</b>	
				<b>Net Gain/Loss</b>	<b>9,139.11</b>	

**OPERATING CASH DEDICATED ACCOUNTS:**

	Balance 12/31/2008	Year to Date Receipts	Year to Date Expenses	Balance 12/31/2009
<b><u>Reserve Fund Accounts:</u></b>				
Capital Reserve Fund	6,552.42	-	-	6,552.42
Contingency Fund	5,000.00	-	2,435.00	2,565.00
Equipment Reserve Fund	6,408.16	-	-	6,408.16
Maintenance Reserve Fund	<u>4,402.41</u>	-	-	<u>4,402.41</u>
<b>Total Reserve Fund Accounts</b>	<b>22,362.99</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>2,435.00</b>	<b>19,927.99</b>
<b><u>Church Development:</u></b>				
Church Development Reserve	27,994.75	1,000.00	17,224.43	11,770.32
Pioneer Valley Synod Grant	-	<u>6,000.00</u>	<u>6,000.00</u>	-
<b>Total Church Development</b>	<b>27,994.75</b>	<b>7,000.00</b>	<b>23,224.43</b>	<b>11,770.32</b>
<b><u>Living into the New Church</u></b>	<b>38,461.95</b>	<b>1,460.00</b>	<b>9,784.60</b>	<b>30,137.35</b>
<b><u>Stewardship &amp; Mission</u></b>				
Designated Donations	5,000.00	-	5,000.00	-
UHME Grant	-	1,571.00	1,571.00	-
Next Year Mission Pledges	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>4,655.00</u>	<u>3,150.00</u>	<u>4,655.00</u>
<b>Total Stewardship &amp; Mission</b>	<b>8,150.00</b>	<b>6,226.00</b>	<b>9,721.00</b>	<b>4,655.00</b>

**Social Justice:**

Peacemaking Donations	1,900.36	1,969.67	-	3,870.03
Synod Grant for NEPII	10,000.00	23,750.00	27,500.00	6,250.00
<b>Total Social Justice</b>	<b>11,900.36</b>	<b>25,719.67</b>	<b>27,500.00</b>	<b>10,120.03</b>

**Travel:**

<b>General Assembly Travel</b>	-	1,500.00		1,500.00
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**Pass-thru Accounts:**

End of Year Carry Over	2,000.00	1,304.18	2,500.00	804.18
GA Per Capita	(4,047.14)	48,028.03	53,099.10	(9,118.21)
Synod Per Capita	(871.73)	32,018.78	32,463.84	(1,316.79)
GA General Mission	-	60,979.45	60,979.45	-
Synod General Mission	-	22,388.66	22,388.66	-
GA Special Mission	-	69,372.78	69,372.78	-
Synod Special Mission	-	452.24	452.24	-
<b>Total Pass-thru Accounts</b>	<b>(2,918.87)</b>	<b>234,544.12</b>	<b>241,256.07</b>	<b>(9,630.82)</b>

**EP Events:**

<b>Genesis Center</b>	-	<b>505.00</b>	<b>505.00</b>	-
<b>Cape Cod</b>	-	<b>5,364.00</b>	<b>5,364.00</b>	-
<b>Total EP Event</b>				-

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<b>Total Operating Cash Dedicated Accounts</b>			<b>68,479.87</b>
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<b>ING Savings Account</b>			
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<b>Simsbury /NCD Reserve</b>	<b>97,795.31</b>	<b>1,224.95</b>	<b>99,020.26</b>
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<b>TOTAL DEDICATED ACCOUNTS</b>			<b>167,500.13</b>

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Presbytery of Southern New  
England  
Investment Summary as of 12/31/2009

	December 2008 Balance	Fees	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Unrealized Gain(Loss)	12/31/2009 Balance
<b>Merrill Lynch - Cash Account</b>	23,101.90	(80.45)			76.55	23,098.00
<b>Equities</b>	205.80				176.40	382.20
<b>New Covenant Funds - market value</b>						
acct.#10001030716	103,186.02			(2,704.31)	A 21,942.95	122,424.66
acct.#0001036710 Endowment	12,909.11			(317.08)	A 2,832.20	15,424.23
<b>ING Direct Savings Account</b>	100,434.41				1,380.99	101,815.40
<b>Simsbury NCD-ING Savings Account</b>	97,795.31				1,224.95	99,020.26
<b>Totals</b>	<b>337,632.55</b>	<b>(80.45)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>(3,021.39)</b>	<b>27,634.04</b>	<b>362,164.75</b>

**Restricted Investment Funds:**

Endowment	15,424.23
Simsbury NCD-ING Savings Account	<u>99,020.26</u>

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<b>Total Restricted Funds</b>	<b>114,444.49</b>
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**Unrestricted Investment Funds:**

Merrill Lynch	23,480.20
New Covenant	122,424.66
ING Savings Account	<u>101,815.40</u>

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<b>Total Unrestricted Funds</b>	<b>247,720.26</b>
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**A) Dividends transferred to Operating Cash**



**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
MINUTES and REPORT OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN**

***Christine M. Delmar***

**Minutes**

The Administrative Commission was called to order and opened with prayer by Elder Tom Taylor, Vice Moderator, presiding at 3:30 PM on November 15, 2009 in the Pastor's Office at the Wilton Presbyterian Church, Wilton, CT.

The following members of the Commission were present:

- Rev. Charles M. Webster, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Rev. Mary M. Thies, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Rev. Susan P. Trucksess, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Elder Priscilla Lawrence, First Presbyterian Church of New Canaan
- Elder Ralph Jones, First Presbyterian Church of New Haven
- Elder Meg Nosenzo, First Presbyterian Church of Stamford
- Elder Dan Cunningham, Valley Presbyterian Church of Brookfield

The Commission concurred in the Moderator's appointment of Meg Nosenzo as clerk of the administrative commission.

The Commission further concurred to enroll the following person as a corresponding member of the administrative commission:

- Rev. Dr. Jane L. Searjeant Watt, Albany Presbytery
- Rev. Susan T. Friedl, Palisades Presbytery

The Commission also concurred to invite the following persons to participate in leading worship:

- Rev. David Graybill, Wilton Presbyterian Church
- Elder Cathy Thomas, Wilton Presbyterian Church
- Rev. Jane Field, Wilton Presbyterian Church
- Rabbi Jeffery Silberman, Director of Spiritual Care and Clinical Pastoral Education, Norwalk Hospital
- Elder Tom Mann, Wilton Presbyterian Church
- Elder Amy Roberts, Clerk of Session, Wilton Presbyterian Church
- Al Galletly, Minister of Music, Wilton Presbyterian Church

The commission took the following other actions necessary to fulfill its charter:

- It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Order of Worship be accepted as printed in the bulletin.
- It was moved, seconded, and passed that the commission be adjourned at the close of the benediction.

The Commission then proceeded to the Sanctuary to worship God following prayer by Rev. David Graybill.

During the Worship service the Moderator of the Commission asked the constitutional questions of Christine M. Delmar and received affirmative answers. W-4.4003

The Moderator of the Commission announced that Rev. Christine M. Delmar had been duly ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Rev. Christine M. Delmar offered the closing prayer of the worship service at 5:10 PM.

Signed:     Meg Nosenzo    

(Clerk of the Commission)

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**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
MINUTES AND REPORT OF ADMINISTRATIVE  
COMMISSION  
TO INSTALL**

***Rev. Brandi W. Drake***

**Minutes**

The Administrative Commission was called to order and opened with prayer by Elder Tom Taylor, Vice Moderator, presiding, at 10:00 AM on November 8, 2009 at the Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT.

The following members of the Commission were present:

Rev. Lori Hedlund, Presbytery of Southern New England

Rev. David Watermulder, Presbytery of Southern New England

Rev. Samuel Schreiner, Presbytery of Southern New England

Elder Christina McIntyre, First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, CT

Elder Burt Palmer, Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT

It was moved, seconded, and voted to elect **Christina McIntyre** as clerk of the administrative commission.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to enroll the following persons as corresponding members of the administrative commission:

None

It was moved, seconded, and voted to invite the following persons to participate in leading worship:

Josiah Armes, Organist

Dwayne Condon, Director of Music and Fine Arts, Noroton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Gregory Doll, Associate Pastor, Noroton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Rebecca Hart, Pastor, Liberty Barn Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH

Peter Riodan, Chair, Associate Pastor Nominating Committee, Noroton Presbyterian Church

Rev. Stuart Smith, Associate Pastor Noroton Presbyterian Church

Elder Paige Wolf, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Camarillo, CA

The commission took the following other actions necessary to fulfill its charter:

It was moved, seconded, and voted to approve the Order of Worship for the service as printed in the bulletin.

It was moved, seconded, and voted to adjourn the meeting of the Commission with the closing prayer by Rev. Samuel Schreiner, and benediction at the close of the service.

The Commission then proceeded to worship God.

During the Worship service, the Moderator of the Commission asked the constitutional questions of Rev. Brandi W. Drake and received affirmative answers. W-4.0005 & W-4.4003.

Elder **Thomas W. Taylor** asked the constitutional questions of the congregation and received affirmative answers. W-4.4006b.

The Moderator of the Commission announced that **Rev. Brandi Drake** has been duly installed as the interim associate pastor of the Noroton Presbyterian Church, Darien, CT.

**Rev. Brandi W. Drake** offered the closing prayer of the worship service.

Signed:           Christina McIntyre  
                      Presbytery of Southern New England  
                      (Clerk of the Commission)

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**THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
MINUTES and REPORT OF THE  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO ORDAIN**

***Richard Vought***

**Minutes**

The Administrative Commission was called to order and opened with prayer by Elder Judy Babcock, Moderator, presiding at 4:45 pm on November 21, 2009 in the Pastor's Office at the Church of the Transfiguration, Orleans, MA.

The following members of the Commission were present:

- Rev. Christine Foster, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Rev. William Showalter, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Rev. Robert Gibson, Presbytery of Southern New England
- Elder Daniel Blackford, Providence Presbyterian Church, Providence, RI
- Elder Richard Sterling, Calvary Presbyterian Church, Enfield, CT
- Elder William Thomas, Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield, CT

**The Commission concurred in the Moderator's appointment of William Thomas as clerk of the administrative commission.**

**The Commission further concurred to enroll the following person as a corresponding member of the administrative commission:**

**None**

**It also concurred to invite the following persons to participate in leading worship:**

- Fr. Martin Shannon, Episcopalian, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
- Fr. David Haig, Episcopalian, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
- Rev. Paul Simpson, United Church of Christ, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
- Rev. Ed Moore, American Baptist, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
- Rev. Dr. Brad Lussier, American Baptist Episcopalian, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA
- Rev. William Dubocq, United Church of Christ,, Community of Jesus, Orleans, MA

**The commission took the following other actions necessary to fulfill its charter:**

**It was moved, seconded, and passed that the Order of Worship be accepted as printed in the Bulletin.**

**It was moved, seconded, and passed that the commission be adjourned at the close of the Benediction.**

The Commission then proceeded to the Sanctuary to worship God following prayer by Moderator Judy Babcock.

During the Worship service the Moderator of the Commission asked the constitutional questions of **Richard Vought** and received affirmative answers. W-4.4003

The Moderator of the Commission announced that **Rev. Richard Vought** had been duly ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

**Rev. Richard Vought** offered the closing prayer of the worship service at 6:00 pm.

Signed: William Thomas  
(Clerk of the Commission)

To be returned as soon as possible to:

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Report for the Youth Committee, Jan. 2010

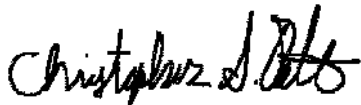
Chair: Christopher Tate

The following is the recent activity of the Youth Committee:

- The committee has not held an in-person meeting recently, but did decide by-mail in the fall of 2009 to nominate Christopher Tate as the Triennium registrar for our Presbytery for the 2010 Triennium.
- The committee has contacted some churches about their potential interest in sending youth to the 2010 Triennium, which will be held July 20-24 at Purdue University. If you know of any young people who might be interested in attending this youth worship/fellowship/spiritual development conference and have not already done so, you are strongly encouraged to have them contact our Triennium registrar, Christopher Tate, at [chris@2cc.org](mailto:chris@2cc.org) or 203.829.1336 as soon as possible.
- Committee member Anne Marie noted that Holmes Camp has a number of great virtually "plug and pray" confirmation retreats, which she commended to our presbyteries' various churches for consideration. Dates are available on the camp website: <http://www.presbyteriancenter.org>
- The chair of the committee made an erroneous assumption which resulted in the youth committee's budget being reduced by \$1000 for 2010. Nevertheless, due to additional funding which the chair understands was received from the Synod, our Presbytery will still be able to commit approximately \$3000 to support a delegation to Triennium in 2010. In consultation with the youth committee and potential recipients, these funds will be distributed to offset some of the registration and/or transportation costs associated with attending Triennium.
- The youth committee has not made any recent requests for action on the floor of Presbytery.

This concludes the significant recent activity undertaken by the Youth Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher Tate". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Christopher Tate, Youth Committee Chair