

Highlights

of the 171st Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Southern New England
First Presbyterian Church, Greenwich, CT
November 18, 2017

There were 32 teaching elders, 29 ruling elder commissioners, and 8 ruling elder Officer/Roundtable members present and voting. Fifteen of the Presbytery's 27 sessions were represented. There were 3 corresponding members, 5 observers/visitors, and 1 certified administrative staff. The total attendance was 77.

WERE YOU THERE ...?

... when the worship team comprised of Moderator Elder Lisa Baker, Elder Barbara Riihimaki, Rev. Julie Emery, Rev. Chris Tate, Rev. Jinny Smanik, and Rev. Jennifer Davis led the Presbytery in the "Listen" theme?

... when Open Space hosted four groups:

- Fossil Fuel Overtures
- PCUSA Special Offerings
- Consequences to Pastoral Identity: Exploring Ambiguous Loss and Disenfranchised Grief with Closing a Church
- An active shooter in church

... when General Presbyter Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo shared some insights in the all-Presbytery Landscape Survey conducted last Fall?

... when Presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following corporate officers retroactive to May 6, 2017:

- Rev. Paul Terry – President
- Elder Bill Thomas – Secretary
- Elder John Succo – Assistant Treasurer
- Elder Tom Taylor – Treasurer

... when Presbytery **VOTED** to amend the 2018 budget to accommodate these changes representing an increase in Shannan's terms of call of \$752?

... when The Rev. Allison Seed, Regional Rep from the Board of Pensions, answered questions regarding benefits programs through the PCUSA?

... when Bryce Weibe, PCUSA Special Offerings, did an Open Space that many found helpful?

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

- Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the 2018 Policy for Pastoral Compensation that increases the effective minimum full-time salary to \$50,000.
- Presbytery **VOTED** (three-quarters required) to approve Rev. Do Hoon Kim to be Pastor of New Haven Korean Presbyterian Church, Hamden, CT effective January 1, 2018.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following:

General Assembly Commissioners for 2018

- Rev. Julie Emery
- Elder Stephen M. Hart, Stamford: First
- Elder Walter J. Manuel, Brookfield/Valley, YAAD

Committee on Ministry

- Elder Armin Thies, Class of 2020, Stamford: First

REPORT FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo reported that we plan to organize working groups at our January Roundtable meeting to deal with some of the needs for vision, relationship building and adaptive change that we are identifying.

That is where we need your help. Email [Shannan](#) names of persons you know who fit the following categories of leadership:

- Critical Thinker
- Strategic/Global Thinker
- Low Reactivity
- Future-Oriented
- High Emotional Intelligence
- Spiritual Discernment

IF YOU WEREN'T THERE ... WELL, LET ME TELL YOU, YOU MISSED A LOT!