

PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

ROUNDTABLE 2018-19 ANNUAL REPORT

PSNE's Roundtable is made up of the chairpersons of all Presbytery committees, the Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator and the Presbyter and Stated Clerk. We meet four times a year and for called meetings as necessary to oversee and coordinate the work of the Presbytery.

We were excited this year to welcome our new Stated Clerk, The Rev. David Baer. We are blessed to have his knowledge of Presbyterian polity as well as his communication skills and warm personality. He has been with us several months and we have already experienced his skill and tact. We look forward to his continued presence with us.

Other Roundtable activities this year include: approval of a request from The Rev. Jim Glenn to work with the Session of the Martin Luther King Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Massachusetts (MLK), to assemble clergy-led work teams to do work on the MLK church facility; approval of a proposal from the Vision/Mission Team to lead the Presbytery in a time of conversation and reflection during the September Presbytery meeting; approval of a schedule of holding two Presbytery meetings a year on a weekday and possibly one meeting in the evening; voted to recommend that the Presbytery adopt the budget for 2019; voted to nominate Audrey Garcia (Brookfield: Valley) to serve as YAAD to Synod Assembly; voted to approve an anti-racism training event for Roundtable, COM, CPM, and other interested people. The workshop was held at the Stony Point Conference Center in early March.

We are grateful for the dedicated leadership of Moderator Chris Tate, Vice Moderator Ruth Smalt, General Presbyter Shannan Vance Ocampo and Stated Clerk David Baer as well as all those who provided leadership at each Presbytery meeting. Presbytery meetings this year have been blessed with creative, spirit-filled worship, interesting and educational Open Space, efficient, productive business meetings and committee reports and meaningful friendship and fellowship. Roundtable is also sincerely appreciative of the dedicated work done on behalf of PSNE by Jim Glenn, Pam Garner and Dayle Larson.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Carney, Co-Chair