

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
May 8, 2019**

FOR INFORMATION:

1. In accordance with *Book of Order* G-3.0109b, which requires that “[a] commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings and shall submit that record to the council or councils for incorporation into its records[,]” and that “[t]he decisions of an administrative commission shall be reported to the clerk of the designating council, who shall report it to the council at its next stated meeting”, the **Administrative Commission for the Valley Presbyterian Church** has transmitted their minutes (attached as **Ref. B-1**).
2. The *Book of Order* requires that the stated clerk report the roster of those members of the permanent judicial commission whose terms have expired within the past six years annually to the council (D-5.0206b). These members are listed below, with their class years:
 - Elder Jim Whitney (2015)
 - Elder Mark Carta (2015)
 - Rev. Julie Emery (2017)
 - Rev. Eileen Epperson (2017)
 - Elder Robin Mahan (2019)
 - Rev. David Van Dyke (2019)

FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:

I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery:

- * 1. **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (February 9, 2019), as posted on the “Minutes” section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website.
- * 2. **RECEIVE** with regret the resignation of Elder Judy Cunningham (Brookfield: Valley) as Chair of the Mission Committee.
- * 3. **ACCEPT** the offer of the Session of Dunn’s Corners Presbyterian Church of Westerly, Rhode Island, to host the Stated Meeting on September 18, 2019.
- * 4. **ACCEPT** the offer of the Session of the Wilton Presbyterian Church to host the Stated Meeting on November 16, 2019.

* Indicates an item included in the consent agenda.

5. **SUSPEND** the provision of the PSNE Bylaws, 2.02, with respect to the requirement that the additional elder commissioners to redress the minister-elder imbalance be assigned to churches with more than 100 members; and

ADOPT the 2019-2020 Equalization Report (attached as **Ref. B-2**).

Rationale for bylaws suspension: I have applied the same formula used in recent years to assign additional commissioners to churches, which allows one additional commissioner for churches with membership between 70 and 174, but the current bylaws require that all additional commissioners be assigned to churches with more than 100 members.