

**Presbytery of Southern New England
Report of the Roundtable to the Presbytery
September 18, 2019**

For Action

- 1) The Roundtable **MOVES** and recommends that the Presbytery **ADOPT** and **IMPLEMENT** the proposal for a Committee on Emerging Ministries.

Background: It has become clear that in order to faithfully live into 21st Century the Presbytery will need to actively support the emerging ministries within our bounds. See Reference A-1 for full proposal.

- 2) The Roundtable **MOVES** and recommends the approval of the 2020 Budget proposed by the Budget Team.

Background: Due to the changes in our financial leadership team, The Rev. John Merz, Elder Dick Hasbany, Elder Lisa Baker, Rev. Andre Castillo and Rev. Brandi Drake were asked to serve as a Budget Team with the goal of assembling a Proposed Budget for 2020. See Reference A-2 for Proposed 2020 Budget.

- 3) The Roundtable **NOMINATES** Rev. Carter Via, the Rev. Adele Crawford and the Rev. Terrlyn Curry Avery for election by the Presbytery to the Nominating Committee.
- 4) On behalf of the Personnel Committee, the Roundtable **NOMINATES** Elder Phillip Phiri (New Haven: First) to serve as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Southern New England.

Background: This is being presented by Roundtable because we currently do not have a finance chair/president of the corporation. Elder Phiri's Resume is attached as Reference A-3.

- 5) The Roundtable **PRESENTS** for a **FIRST READING** a proposed revision of the Bylaws, which can be found attached as Ref. A-4.

Note: The current bylaws provide as follows: "These By-Laws may be amended by a two thirds vote of the members present at any stated meeting of the Presbytery, provided that the amendment shall have been presented in writing at the previous stated meeting of Presbytery with all major proposed changes clearly noted, and provided that such amendment does not conflict with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)."

Accordingly, the proposed revisions are presented at this time for comments and discussion, and will be re-presented for approval at the next Stated Meeting.

For Information

- 1) The Roundtable **VOTED** to **INVITE** Amanda Craft, Manager for Advocacy for the PCUSA to visit the Presbytery October 9 – 10 to meet with our PIM chaplains, provide a clinic for IPB, meet with the Roundtable and provide an open workshop for the Presbytery.
- 2) The Roundtable **VOTED** to **AUTHORIZE** the expenditure of \$15,000 from the Cranston Fund to contract with Jessica Vasquez-Torres of Crossroads Anti-Racism Organizing and Training for the following:
 - Twelve monthly joint meetings, over the course of the next year, with Shannan Vance-Ocampo and David Baer for leadership coaching
 - Twelve monthly meetings with the group (to be identified) for consultation, guidance and any coaching required
 - Two one-day gatherings in the Presbytery: one to help determine the path for the group to be identified and one for capacity building of said group along with others.
- 3) Shannan Vance-Ocampo reviewed the report from the Holy Cow Landscape conducted in November 2017 with the Roundtable.
- 4) After some discussion of proposed Bylaws changes the Roundtable **VOTED** to **PRESENT** the proposed new bylaws to the Presbytery for a first reading at the September 18, 2019 meeting.
- 5) Roundtable minutes of the August 29, 2019 meeting are attached as Ref. A-5.