



# THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND

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To: Clerks of Session/Moderators in Vacant Pulpits  
From: Pam Garner, Office Administrator  
Re: Pulpit Supply—2019  
Date: January 24, 2019

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The following persons have expressed an interest in pulpit supply preaching. You can establish availability by directly contacting the persons listed.

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The Rev. Christine Caton has been a Presbyterian minister for 27 years. Christine has experience as a campus minister, solo pastor, associate pastor, youth pastor and hospital chaplain. She has also worked in overseas ministry, including time in Colombia with the Presbyterian Church's Accompaniment Program, and three years with the Christian Peacemaker Teams in Hebron, Palestine. She also serves on the Executive Committee of the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship.

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Kathy Cooper is a member of Providence Presbyterian Church and has recently been Certified Ready to Receive a Call. Kathy loves helping people come alive to Jesus through engagement in Scripture, sharing of life stories, and helping people reflect theologically on their lives and work. In her 27 years of ministry with InterVarsity (campus ministry), Kathy has developed skills and expertise in Bible study and



teaching, leadership development and training, cultivating hospitable and diverse teams, listening, and theological reflection on work.

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As a member of Hudson River Presbytery, while living in CT, she specializes in Supply Preaching. She received a History B.A. from Swarthmore College with its Quaker tradition, and an M.Div. from YDS. At U. of Glasgow, she studied with William Barclay. Serving as a parish pastor for 23 years in Michigan, Ohio and New York, developed her preaching skills. Judicatory service has included Commissioner to G.A.1999, Ordination Exam Reader, 2 Preparation for Ministry Committees and the original Task Force and Committee on CLPs.

The Rev. Dr. Laurie McKnight  
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Laurie is a second-career pastor, after working 20 years at AT&T. Previous solo pastor of 2 yoked churches in Northern New York, and head of staff in Kentucky, also hospice chaplaincy experience. M.Div. and Th.M. degrees from Princeton Theological Seminary, and D.Min. degree from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. CPE at Yale New Haven Hospital. As a layperson/ruling elder, Laurie moderated Presbyterian Women, led a YCAIM (Your Church And Its Mission) study, was Sunday school teacher and superintendent, and served on Newton Presbytery's sexual misconduct task force. Laurie has been to Europe and the Middle East, and has been to Kenya on 3 mission trips, in connection with the Newton-Nairobi Presbyterian Partnership. Laurie enjoys preaching and pastoral care, as well as photography, travel, music and writing. Laurie has 2 grown daughters, 3 cats, 2 dogs, and has lived in Pennsylvania, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Texas and Kentucky.

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Since 1998, Susan has completed five interim pastorates, a specialization that has become more and more vital for churches in transition. Susan was Stated Supply Pastor



at First United Church of Christ, Bridgeport 2010-2016. After 122 years of ministry, the Church closed its doors at the end of December 2016. During the last two years Susan has served in short term guest preaching opportunities at: Monroe Congregational Church, Monroe CT.; Valley Presbyterian Church, Brookfield; United Congregational Church, Bridgeport; and United Congregational Church, Richards Ave., Norwalk, where Susan will be serving from January –April 2019.

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Mary's strengths in ministry include pastoral care, teaching, training Church School teachers, as well as worship leadership and preaching.

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Arthur has preached, presided, or moderated at many churches throughout PSNE and beyond. Formerly Chair of the Ecclesiastical Relations Committee and on Roundtable, he has convened or served on several task forces and was a Commissioner to the 220th General Assembly. His Specialized Ministry is teaching, mostly at Queens College, CUNY, and Eugene Lang College, and his courses include Poetry and Religion, Philosophy of Religion, and Introduction to the Bible. He and his wife Mary attend First, New Haven, where they sing in the choir, among other things.

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Art's ministry is in pastoral care.

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Burkhard has been an ordained minister for 20 years. His theological passions lie with liberation theology, social justice and the mystical traditions in Christianity. Burkhard has been working as a hospital chaplain and CPE Educator for the past 12 years, first in Providence, RI and since 2017 in Boston, MA. He loves the process of engaging deeply with biblical texts and looking for ways they can come alive and speak to us today. He loves preaching and is looking forward to the opportunity to meet parishioners throughout our presbytery.

NOTE: It is possible that persons other than those listed above may make their availability known to the Presbytery office. Please call 860/388-0874 for possible additions to this listing.

ec: Barbara Riihimaki/Sean Miller, Co-Chairs, Committee on Ministry

