

**Presbytery of Southern New England
Report of the Roundtable to the Presbytery
November 16, 2019**

For Action

- 1) Roundtable **MOVES** and recommends that the Presbytery **CONCUR** with the overture from the Presbytery of Beaver-Butler. See Ref. A-2.

Background: This overture seeks to remedy an omission from the *Book of Order* regarding the authority of presbyteries to create and enforce severance policies by linking that authority to the power to set minimum wages and approve calls. The overture does not attempt to set national severance policy but to clarify the presbytery's relationship to both the session and the minister during times of transition.

- 2) The Roundtable **MOVES** that the Presbytery **ADOPT** the amendments to the Bylaws of the Presbytery presented in Ref. A-4. (Note: As required by the current Bylaws, these proposed changes were presented for a first reading at the last Stated Meeting.)

For Information

- 1) The Roundtable met with Amanda Craft, Manager for Advocacy for the PCUSA. She reviewed the history of the Office of Immigration Issues and invited conversation regarding the intersection of immigration issues and the life of the Presbytery. The Roundtable discussed the possibility of creating a new team or support system for the immigration ministries within our Presbytery.
- 2) The Roundtable **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the job description for Communications Manager. The job description is attached as Ref. A-3
- 3) The Roundtable **VOTED** to **APPOINT** Elder Lauren Tate (New Canaan: First), Elder Stephen Hart (Stamford: First) and Elder Steve Crocco to serve on the Communications Manager search team, *if the way be clear*.
- 4) The Roundtable further **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the Job Description for the Chaplain to the Clergy. The job description is attached as Ref. A-5.
- 5) The Roundtable **VOTED** to set these dates for Stated Meetings, as provided for in the amended Bylaws, section 3.4. This schedule of meetings is already effective, but is subject to amendment by the full Presbytery, upon a motion properly made and seconded from the floor.
 - March 11, 2020, First: New Haven; to convene at 4:00 pm with Open Space
 - May 16, 2020, First: Stamford; Annual Meeting
 - September 19, 2020
 - November 18, 2020; Woodbury Union Church, Presbyterian: Warwick, RI
- 6) Roundtable minutes of the October 10, 2019 meeting are attached as Ref. A-1