

178th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England
Dunn's Corners Presbyterian Church – Westerly, Rhode Island
September 18, 2019

Meeting Highlights

There were 39 ministers, 19 elder commissioners, and 4 elder Officer/Roundtable members present and voting. Thirteen of the Presbytery's 26 sessions were represented. There were 3 corresponding members, 4 observers, and 1 certified administrative staff. The total attendance was 70.

Were you there...?

... when the host pastor, the Rev. Dr. Wayne Eberly, acknowledged the Narragansett people, the original inhabitants of the land on which the meeting was held?

... for worship, which included the installation of the Vice Moderator, Elder Stephen Hart (Stamford: First), and a celebration of the Lord's Supper?

... as the Presbytery received Nate Taylor as a Candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament?

... to welcome a new minister member, the Rev. Deborah Packard, who is serving as the Interim Pastor at Valley Presbyterian Church in Brookfield?

... for the election of a new Treasurer, Elder Phillip Phiri (New Haven: First)?

... for the report on the budget for 2020, presented in narrative form by the Roundtable and adopted by the Presbytery?

Committee on Emerging Ministries

The Presbytery adopted a plan for a Committee on Emerging Ministries, which will support immigrant fellowships, campus ministries, and other new worshiping congregations in the Presbytery. The Committee is authorized to seek grant funding from the Synod, and to receive applications for funding for new ministries. The Nominating Committee is looking for members to serve on this important body!

Open Space

Open Space gatherings included:

- A review of stewardship resources presented by the Rev. Ellie Johns-Kelley of the Presbyterian Foundation.
- A report on Landscape Survey results and follow-up by Shannan Vance-Ocampo and Jinny Smanik.
- Immigrant justice opportunities for congregations by J.C. Cadwallader and Steve Jungkeit.
- Leading congregational song by Adele Crawford.

Next Meeting

The next Stated Meeting will be held at the Wilton Presbyterian Church on November 16, 2019.