

Ref. B
Stated Clerk
May 16, 2020
Presbytery of Southern New England

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
May 16, 2020**

FOR INFORMATION:

1. The 2019 minutes of the Presbytery have been reviewed by the Synod of the Northeast and were **APPROVED WITHOUT EXCEPTION**. The reviewer offers the following comments:
 - *These minutes are complete, easy to read and find necessary information if you needed to look back for information, but not overly crowded with detail. These are a fine example of what minutes for an organization should be.*
 - *The only suggestion to make them more useful to the Presbytery would be a simple Table of Contents at the beginning, listing the starting page for each meeting of the Presbytery to make it easier when you have to look something up in the future. I have found that to be a great help.*
 - *This Presbytery is doing a fine example of acknowledging the land of the Indigenous Peoples where the meetings are located. It looks like it is done with respect and in a fashion that allows people to learn a little something each time. I also commend all of the opportunities for learning that this Presbytery offers its churches, pastors, and elders. There is a good amount and some excellent and relevant content. It looks like this Presbytery has good participation and is trying to better represent all of its members, not just the biggest or wealthiest congregations.*
2. 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**).
3. 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:

1. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (March 11, 2020), as posted on the “Minutes” section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website.
2. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery (April 21, 2020), as posted on the “Minutes” section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website.
3. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **RECEIVE** with regret the resignation of the Rev. Claudio Carvalhaes from the Emerging Ministries Committee.
4. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **ADOPT** the 2020-2021 Equalization Report (attached as **Ref. B-2**).