

## Administrative Commission (AC) Mandate

- Original jurisdiction from the Session for the limited purpose of “**managing the physical property of the congregation for the furtherance of its mission,**” in order to resolve the issues arising from the release of oil
- Represent the Session in responding to the State of Connecticut and its agents or other interested parties in this matter (this includes oil related vendors, environmental professionals, and legal representation)
- Approve, on behalf of the Presbytery and as the Commission deems appropriate, applications for grants and/or loans needed for the remediation of the physical property held by the Valley Presbyterian Church
- Inquire into and become an agent of reconciliation in any internal tensions that are present that disturb the peace, unity, and purity of the congregation’s life

## AC Mandate Did Not Include

- Full jurisdiction over church budget
- Unlimited Presbytery funds
- Pastoral oversight of the congregation

Though legal liability runs up the chain (congregation —> presbytery —> synod —> GA), *responsibility* resides with the congregation.

The AC came alongside the Session to assist the congregation in taking its responsibility - it did not relinquish the congregation of this task.

## Oil and Propane Updates

- Oil and propane equipment has been installed and is functioning properly
- Maintenance contracts for oil and propane have been signed - all in compliance with insurance policies
- Superior Plus is the provider for both. Oil is purchased through the Citizen’s Oil Co-Op and Valley Presbyterian Church will pay the floating price.

## Building Status

- Air quality has been deemed “standard” for the main floor (sanctuary, offices)
- Air quality has been deemed “below standard” in the basement (classrooms, etc) - this area remains restricted until air quality is tested again (summer, 2021)
- CT DEEP has not yet granted an abatement. Therefore, testing the sample wells and the air will continue until the abatement is granted.

## Financials Summary

- To date, ~\$99,972.35 has been spent in recovery of the oil spill
  - \$57,313.16 has been paid out by PSNE
  - \$42,659.16 has been paid out by Valley Church