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Stated Clerk
May 12, 2021
Presbytery of Southern New England

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
May 12, 2021**

FOR INFORMATION:

1. 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:
 - Rev. Julie Emery (2017)
 - Rev. Eileen Epperson (2017)
 - Elder Robin Mahan (2019)
 - Rev. David Van Dyke (2019)
 - Rev. William Goettler (2021)
 - Rev. Patrick Notley (2021)
2. The Clerk of Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich reported that, as ordered by the Permanent Judicial Commission, on December 15, 2020, she read into the minutes the full Decision and Order of the Permanent Judicial Commission read before this Presbytery on February 6, 2021. The minutes of the Presbytery will accordingly reflect that the orders of the Permanent Judicial Commission in this matter have been completely carried out.
3. Elder Armin Thies (New Canaan: First) and I hosted a training event for session moderators on April 13. The training covers the basics of parliamentary procedure, and is commended particularly to ministers who may wish to offer their services as appointed or invited moderators to churches without an installed pastor. A recording of the training event is available on the Presbytery's YouTube channel (<https://youtu.be/gXfnfA5Some>). Ministers interested in serving as session moderators may contact me.
4. Together with the Stated Clerks of the Presbyteries of Northern New England, Boston, Northern New York, Albany, and New Castle, I hosted a training event for clerks of session on April 21. The training covers the spiritual and polity foundations of the ministry of ruling elders, the role of the session in church governance, minute taking, and much more. A recording of this training event is available on the Presbytery's YouTube channel as well (<https://youtu.be/9IwEPbhVIU8>).

FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:

1. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (February 6, 2021). (A version of these minutes appears in the "Minutes" section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website, redacted to omit the name of

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a church member accused in a disciplinary proceeding, as directed by the Presbytery. A full version of the minutes is available to voting members of the assembly upon request.)

2. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **ADOPT** the 2021-2022 Equalization Report (attached as **Ref. B-1**).