

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
November 13, 2021**

FOR INFORMATION:

1. Contingent upon the Presbytery's approval of the call of the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Presbyterian Church of Springfield to the Rev. Dr. Terrlyn Curry Avery, the Committee on Ministry appointed an installing commission in accordance with the authority granted to it under the PSNE Bylaws (8.2G). The installing commission carried out its assigned responsibilities, and on Sunday, September 26, 2021, at a service held for this purpose, via Zoom teleconference, with Dr. Curry Avery, the Moderator, and certain members of the commission and other guests together at the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven, the Commission proceeded to install Dr. Curry Avery as Pastor of the MLK Church. The minutes of the installing commission are provided as Ref. B-1.
2. Following the Presbytery's approval of the examination of Ms. Grace Woodward for ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament and validation of her ministry, the Committee on Ministry appointed an ordaining commission in accordance with the authority granted to it under the PSNE Bylaws (8.2G). The ordaining commission carried out its assigned responsibilities, and on Sunday, October 24, 2021, at a service held for this purpose at the First Presbyterian Church of New Haven, the Commission proceeded to ordain Ms. Woodward to the ministry of Word and Sacrament. The Rev. Grace Woodward is now a member of the Presbytery of Southern New England engaged in validated ministry, and we welcome her return among us as a colleague in ministry! The minutes of the ordaining commission are provided as Ref. B-2.

FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:

- * 1. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery (September 22, 2021), which were posted this spring to the "Minutes" section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website, and which are also included with the materials for this Stated Meeting.
- * 2. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **DISMISS** the installing commission referenced in Information Item #1 and the ordaining commission referenced in Information Item #2 above with thanks, and that their proceedings (Refs. B-1 & B-2) be **SPREAD** upon the minutes of this Presbytery.
- * 3. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **ACCEPT** with regret, and with thanks for their service, the resignation of Jan Hawkins and Robert Baker from the Anti-Racism and Equity Task Force.

** Indicates this item has been included in the consent agenda for this meeting.*