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**REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY ROUNDTABLE**  
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**FOR INFORMATION:**

The Presbytery Roundtable held a special meeting on March 8, and a regular meeting on April 28. The minutes of this meeting are available as Ref. A-1. At these meetings, the Presbytery Roundtable:

1. Voted to approve a joint worship service for Pentecost, to be held with the other New England Presbyteries, and authorized the expenditure of up to \$750.
2. Engaged in conversation about worship at meetings of the Presbytery.
3. Amended the schedule of Presbytery meetings for 2022 as follows:
  - Wednesday, September 21, at 5:30 p.m. (hybrid: host TBD) (was September 17).
  - A date to be decided in November (hybrid: hosted by Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church in Warwick) (was November 16).

The Presbytery is reminded that, in accordance with the PSNE Bylaws, “The Roundtable shall have the authority to set the particular times and places of stated meetings, subject to amendment by the Presbytery” (3.5).

**FOR ACTION:**

1. The Roundtable **PLACES IN NOMINATION** the following persons for election to the Presbytery Nominating Committee:
  - Rev. Terrlyn Curry Avery (class of 2025)
  - Rev. Chris Tate (class of 2025)
  - Elder Carter Via (class of 2023)
2. The Roundtable **RECOMMENDS** that the Presbytery **SUSPEND** paragraph 7.2 of the Bylaws (“[Committee chairs] may serve a total of not more than three consecutive terms, but shall be ineligible thereafter to be elected to a new term until one year shall have elapsed”), and **ELECT** the Rev. Chris Tate to a one-year term as chair of the Nominating Committee.

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*Rationale:* No other members of the Nominating Committee are willing to assume this role at the present time. The Roundtable joins the members of the Nominating Committee in expressing confidence in Mr. Tate's leadership. In the absence of an elected chair, it is likely that the committee would look to Mr. Tate to provide leadership on an informal basis. In the interest of openness and transparency, the Roundtable is asking the Presbytery to elect Mr. Tate formally to another term.