

Ref. B
Stated Clerk
September 21, 2022
Presbytery of Southern New England

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND
September 21, 2022**

FOR INFORMATION:

1. At the previous stated meeting, I provided notice to the Presbytery that on May 17, I had received a written statement of an alleged disciplinary offense on the part of a minister member of the Presbytery. An investigating committee formed in accordance with the PSNE bylaws was charged with the investigation and now reports the following determination, as required by D-10.0202k:

September 10, 2022

Presbytery of Southern New England
P.O. Box 388
Chester, CT 06412

Dear Presbytery of Southern New England:

We, the undersigned members of the Investigation Committee 2022-01, have investigated the written statement received by the stated clerk on May 17, 2022. We have decided to charge some of the allegations and not to charge others.

Sincerely,
Rachelle Lee
William Goettler
Ellen McDonnell

This matter will proceed to the Permanent Judicial Commission for final adjudication. Their Decision and Order, once available, will be reported to the Presbytery.

2. The General Assembly of the PCUSA met this summer, with assembly committees gathering in person at the Presbyterian Center in Louisville, and plenary sessions being held via Zoom teleconference. A summary of actions taken by the assembly is provided as **Ref. B-2**.

- As directed by the action Presbytery at the May Stated Meeting, the General Presbyter and I assisted Christine Caton in bringing a commissioner's resolution related to divestment from companies involved in the manufacture and sale of firearms. In the course of consideration, this resolution was amended by the assembly Committee on Addressing Violence in the USA and by the assembly in plenary session. The final text of what was adopted is provided as **Ref. B-3**.
- The Office of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly will be transmitting a list of proposed amendments to the church constitution for consideration by the presbyteries. I propose that these amendments be presented for a first reading at the November Stated Meeting, with an opportunity provided for members and commissioners to ask questions, and then re-presented for a vote at the February Stated Meeting. (This will allow us adequate time for consideration of these amendments, well in advance of the deadline, which is one year following the adjournment of General Assembly.)

FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:

I RECOMMEND:

1. That the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (May 25, 2022). (These minutes are posted with the meeting materials.)
2. That the Presbytery **ACCEPT** the resignation of Elder Emmy Kmet (Warwick: Greenwood Community) from the Board of Trustees, with thanks for her service.
3. That the proceedings of the Administrative Commission for the Igreja Presbiteriana Brasileira (**Ref. B-1**) be **SPREAD** upon the minutes of this Presbytery.