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Stated Clerk  
November 19, 2022  
Presbytery of Southern New England

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK  
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
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**FOR INFORMATION:**

1. The Synod of the Northeast held its biennial assembly in Albany from October 21-22. Among the notable items of business, the Synod Assembly elected our own Elder Lisa Baker (Springfield: MLK) to serve as the future Moderator, re-elected Stated Clerk Nancy Talbot to a 4-year term, adopted a budget for 2023-2024, approved amendments to the Synod bylaws and standing rules, and elected a discernment team to develop the next vision for the Synod. PSNE's four commissioners will have an opportunity to report on the assembly at this Stated Meeting.
2. The amendments to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) proposed by the General Assembly are provided as **Ref. B-1**. *There are 33 proposed amendments*, owing in part to the referral of many substantive items of business from the 224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2020 (which met only in plenary, with no committee work) to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly in 2022. At this Stated Meeting, I would suggest that members and commissioners pose any questions or concerns they might have about the proposed amendments, and I will try either to answer your questions, or to track down the answers from someone better informed. We will begin to consider whether to approve these proposed amendments at the February Stated Meeting, after everyone has had a chance to review them.

**FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:**

**I RECOMMEND:**

1. That the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (September 21, 2022). (These minutes are posted with the meeting materials.)
2. That the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Presbytery (October 25, 2022). (These minutes are posted with the meeting materials.)