

Special Meeting
of the Presbytery of Southern New England
Zoom Teleconference
January 17, 2023

The Presbytery of Southern New England of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a Special Meeting via Zoom Teleconference on January 17, 2023.

The Presbytery was called to order by the Moderator, Elder Nicole Aronson, who led the assembly in prayer, at 4:03 p.m.

QUORUM

A **QUORUM** was present. The roll for this meeting was formed through online registration for the meeting.

ATTENDANCE	Ministers-	23
	<u>Elders-</u>	<u>13</u>
	TOTAL-	36

MINISTERS PRESENT

The following minister members were present:

Lynn Barger Elliott	Thomas Hawkins	David Van Dyke
Mark Barger Elliott	Scott Herr	Shannan Vance-Ocampo
Thelma Burgonio-Watson	Maria LaSala	Mieke Vandersall
Stephen Clark	John Merz	Jeffrey Weenink
Jennifer Davis	Jenny Peek	Anne Weirich
Nancy Dippolito	Ed Sackett	Kevin White
Julie Emery	Jinny Smanik	Shannon White
Jan Hawkins	Susan Trucksess	

MINISTERS EXCUSED

The following minister members were excused: Christine Johnson Foster and Gregory Keosaian.

ELDER COMMISSIONERS

The following Elders represented the Churches of the Presbytery (12):

Ashaway: Babcock	
Barrington	
Brookfield: Valley	
Cumberland	Peter Cameron, Lillie Koney
Darien: Noroton	Tom Taylor
Farifield: First	
Fall River: Calvary	
Granby: Pioneer Valley	
Greenwich: First	
Groton: St. Andrew	Diane Snider
Hamden: New Haven Korean	
Hartford: First	Mildred McNeill
Milford: United	
New Canaan: First	
New Haven: Connecticut Korean	Timothy McCloskey, Beth Aura Miller, Robert Parker
New Haven: First	
Providence	
Springfield: Martin Luther King	Lisa Baker
Stamford: First	
Warwick: Greenwood	M. Barry Baxter, Emmy Kmet
Warwick: Woodbury	
Waterford: Crossroads	
West Hartford: Westminster	Nicole Aronson
Westerly: Dunn's Corners	
Wilton	

PRESBYTERY ROUNDTABLE

The following Elder members of the Presbytery Roundtable were present: Nicole Aronson (West Hartford: Westminster), Lisa Baker (Springfield: MLK), and Mildred McNeill (Hartford: First).

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

Elder April Saber-Assad (Fall River: Calvary) was in attendance.

PRESBYTERY STAFF

Ms. Erika Plank Hagan, the Presbytery's Communications Manager, was in attendance.

VISITORS

One (1) visitor registered for the meeting.

CHURCHES WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Seventeen (17) Churches were without Elder Commissioner representation.

APPROVAL OF DOCKET

The Presbytery **VOTED** to **APPROVE** the docket presented by the Moderator.

ENROLLMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS

By consent, the Presbytery **ENROLLED** the following ministers as a Corresponding Members:

The Rev. David A. Baer – Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey
PSNE Stated Clerk

REPORT OF THE PRESBYTERY ROUNDTABLE

Elder Mildred McNeill presented the report of the Presbytery Roundtable. Upon the recommendation of the Roundtable, the Presbytery **VOTED**:

- That the Presbytery **APPOINT** the Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo as Acting Stated Clerk.

Rationale: The Stated Clerk holds certain constitutional responsibilities between meetings of the Presbytery, and in the case of judicial cases in particular (which almost always arrive unexpectedly), these responsibilities can be time sensitive. With some four weeks between the departure of the Rev. David Baer as Stated Clerk and the next Stated Meeting, it would be prudent to identify someone to assume these responsibilities immediately. The Roundtable has the authority under the Bylaws to fill many vacancies in elected positions, but the office of Stated Clerk is specifically excluded, and requires the action of the Presbytery.

- That the Presbytery **RATIFY** the Roundtable's appointment of the Rev. Christine Johnson Foster as PSNE's representative to the Mission and Ministries Commission of the Synod of the Northeast for 2023.

CLOSING PRAYER AND ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business proper to this Special Meeting, the Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer, after which the meeting was **ADJOURNED** at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. David A. Baer, Stated Clerk

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