

Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England
Zoom Teleconference | May 30, 2023

The Presbyteries of Southern New England and Boston of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a duly called Stated Meeting via Zoom Teleconference on May 30, 2023. For the purposes of Southern New England, these are the minutes for our Presbytery of the meeting as authorized by the PSNE Bylaws, Section 17, “Electronic Meetings.”

The Presbytery was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by the Moderator-elect of Boston Presbytery, Ivy Jones Turner, who led the assembly in prayer.

QUORUM

A **QUORUM** was present. The Stated Clerks announced that the roll for this meeting was being formed through online pre-registration for the meeting.

ATTENDANCE	Ministers-	40
	NWC-	0
	<u>Elders-</u>	<u>10</u>
	Total-	59

MINISTERS PRESENT

As established by pre-registration, the following minister members (41) were present:

Nancy D’Appolito	Shelley Donaldson	Jessica Jones
Lynn Barger-Elliot	Bradi Drake	Gregory Keosian
Nancy Baseel	Eileen Epperson	Maria LaSala
Dallas Bradel	Chris Johnson Foster	Heather Little-Andale
Ginny Brooks	William Goettler	Tracy Mehr-Muska
Thelma Burgonio-Watson	Jan Hawkins	John Merz
Jocelyn Cadwallader	Thomas Hawkins	Susan Pfeil
Christine Caton	Scott Herr	Susan Olson

Laura Opsahl	Mary Thies	Anne Weirich
Joan Priest	Susan Truckness	Kevin White
Deborah Packhard	David Van Dyke	Shannon White
Jinny Smanik	Shannan Vance-Ocampo	
Ed Sackett	Mieke Vandersall	
Christopher Tate	Jeffrey Weenick	

MINISTERS EXCUSED

The following minister members were excused: No minister members requested an excuse for this meeting.

ELDER COMMISSIONERS

The following Elders represented the Churches of the Presbytery (19):

Ashaway: Babcock	
Barrington	
Brookfield: Valley	
Cumberland	Kimberly Ravenelle, Peter Cameron
Darien: Noroton	
Fairfield: First	
Fall River: Calvary	
Granby: Pioneer Valley	
Greenwich: First	
Groton: St. Andrew	Diane Snider, Joe Jackson
Hamden: New Haven Korean	
Hartford: First	Keith Rhodan
Milford: United	
New Canaan: First	
New Haven: Connecticut Korean	
New Haven: First	Nancy Carrington, Tim McCloskey, Beth Aura Miller,
Providence	Dan Blackford
Springfield: Martin Luther King	Lisa Baker, Rachelle Lee
Stamford: First	Ellen McDonnell, Willard Hill, Stephen Hart

Warwick: Greenwood

Warwick: Woodbury

Waterford: Crossroads

West Hartford: Westminster

Westerly: Dunn's Corners

Wilton

Sally Gaenzle

Nicole Aronson Champagne

PRESBYTERY ROUNDTABLE

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

COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS

None

NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

None

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF

Erika Plank Hagan, the Presbytery Communicator.

VISITORS

Four (4) visitors registered for the meeting: Bob Astine, Molly Dean, and Lauren Tate

CHURCHES WITHOUT REPRESENTATION

Sixteen (16) Churches were without Elder Commissioner representation.

ELECTRONIC MEETING ORIENTATION

Erika Hagan provided an orientation for those who were attending via Zoom teleconference.

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket as distributed with the meeting materials.

ELECTION OF THE STATED CLERK

The Rev. John Merz (Southern New England) described the search process for the Joint Stated Clerk and thanked the following persons who served on the search team: JC Cadwallader (PSNE), Scott DeBlock (Northern NE, ex officio/staff), Moonsu Han (Boston), Rachelle Lee (PSNE), Meaghan Manus (Boston), Kayla McKinsey (Boston), John Merz (PSNE), Shannan Vance-Ocampo (PSNE, ex officio/staff). There were six applicants for the position. The Rev. John Merz and the Rev. Meaghan Manus placed the following motion on the floor for both Presbyteries:

“To elect the Rev. Katherine (Kate) Carlisle to the position of Joint Stated Clerk of the Presbyteries of Boston and Southern New England for a term of three years beginning on June 15, 2022 per the terms outlined below.”

Expenses		
\$50,000.00	housing/cash TBD breakdown	<i>\$30,000 housing</i>
\$19,500.00	BOP Pastor's Participation	
\$5,500.00	travel/professional expense reimbursements	
\$75,000.00	Total	
Income		
\$33,000.00	Presbytery of Boston	
\$36,500.00	Presbytery of Southern New England	<i>\$14,500 funded through grant from Synod of NE</i>
\$5,500.00	Presbytery of Southern New England	<i>funded through grant from Synod of NE</i>
\$75,000.00	Total	
	PSNE to handle all payments to Rev. Carlisle and will bill Boston Presbytery for their portion.	
Other		
\$1,080.00	\$90/mo tech stipend as per PSNE employees	
TBD	Start up tech costs for computer, etc.	

There were no nominations from the floor. The Rev. Carlisle was excused to a virtual waiting room. Moderator White called for a vote and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative from both Presbyteries. The Rev. Carlisle returned to the meeting and was informed of the vote, which they accepted.

WORSHIP

The Joint Assembly worshipped God, co-ed by Moderator White (PSNE) and Moderator-elect Turner (Boston) using the Book of Common Worship Order - Book of Occasional Services “Installation of Governing Body Officers and Staff.”

ADJOURNMENT

At the recommendation of the clerk, and upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Presbyteries of Boston and Southern New England **VOTED** to adjourn **VOTED** to **THANK** the Woodbury Union Community Presbyterian Church for serving as host for this meeting..

With no further business to transact, the Presbyteries of Boston and Southern New England **ADJOURNED**, and was led in a closing prayer by Moderator White at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Rev. Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo, Acting Stated Clerk

The Presbytery of Southern New England re-convened at the request of the Board of Trustees in an additional duly called Special Meeting on May 30, 2023. Moderator White opened with prayer at 7:50 p.m. The same quorum and information as above was still in place.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

The Rev. Andre Castillo presented the report of the Board of Trustees. He requested the concurrence of the Presbytery on a motion from the Trustees to enter into a loan with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Corporation for First Presbyterian Church, Stamford, CT in the amount of

\$2,500,000.00 for repairs to its Sanctuary secured by real property value. The Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke described the project and contributions of the congregation. The motion does not need a second. The Presbytery voted unanimously in the affirmative. The Clerk will be directed to file the appropriate paperwork with the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Corporation.

ADJOURNMENT

At the recommendation of the clerk, and upon a motion properly made and seconded, the Presbytery **ADJOURNED**, and was led in a closing prayer by the Moderator, Kevin White, at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small flourish above the first letter of the first name.

Rev. Shannan R. Vance-Ocampo, Acting Stated Clerk