

**193<sup>rd</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Southern New England  
Hybrid Meeting In-Person and Zoom Teleconference | May 13, 2023 at Calvin  
Presbyterian Church in Cumberland, RI**

The Presbytery of Southern New England of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a hybrid Stated Meeting on May 13, 2023.

The Presbytery was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by the Moderator, Elder Nicole Aronson, who led the assembly in prayer.

**QUORUM**

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

<b>ATTENDANCE</b>	Ministers-	57
	NWC-	1
	<u>Elders-</u>	<u>18</u>
	Total-	76

**MINISTERS PRESENT**

As established by pre-registration and on-site registration, the following minister members (57) were present:

Susan Asher	R. Scott Herr	Jenny Peek
Lynn Barger Elliott	Do Hoon Kim	Susan M Pfeil
Nancy Baseel	Iktae Kim	Joan Priest
Virgina Brooks	Patricia Koons	Mark Porizky
Dallas Bradel	Gregory Keosaian	Jovelino Ramos
Thelma Burgonio-Watson	Kibbie Laird	Rich Reifsnnyder
Jocelyn Cadwallader	Heather Little-Anderson	Ed Sackett
Andre Castillo	Ramy Marcos	Jason Santalucia
Christine Caton	rachel mastin	Virginia Smanik
Nancy D'Ippolito	Laurie McKnight	Christopher Tate
Alonso Dacunha	Tracy Mehr-Muska	Mary Thies
Theodore J. DeMarco	John Merz	Susan Trucksess
Shelley Donaldson	Ronald Minor	David Van Dyke
Brandi Drake	Mark Montgomery	Shannan Vance-Ocampo
Eileen Epperson	Tiffany Nicely Holleck	Jeffery Weenink
Julie Emery	Patrick Notley	Anne Weirich
Christine Johnson Foster	Laura Opsahl	Kevin White
Dale Green	Deborah Packard	Shannon White
		Heather Wright

**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 (16):

Ashaway: Babcock	
Barrington	
Brookfield: Valley	
Cumberland	Peter Cameron
Darien: Noroton	
Fairfield: First	Clare Schimpf
Fall River: Calvary	
Granby: Pioneer Valley	
Greenwich: First	Laura Geffs
Groton: St. Andrew	Diane Snider, Joe Jackson
Hamden: New Haven Korean	
Hartford: First	Keith Rhodan, Susan Labins
Milford: United	
New Canaan: First	
New Haven: Connecticut Korean	
New Haven: First	Mary Webber, Patrica Wales, David Miller
Providence	
Springfield: Martin Luther King	Lisa Baker, Rachelle Lee
Stamford: First	Stephen Hart
Warwick: Greenwood	Barry Baxter
Warwick: Woodbury	
Waterford: Crossroads	
West Hartford: Westminster	Janet Wade-Utay, Arthur Riihimaki
Westerly: Dunn's Corners	
Wilton	

### **PRESBYTERY ROUNDTABLE**

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

### **COMMISSIONED RULING ELDERS**

None

### **NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES**

Katia Dachuna, of Latinx in Action, was present.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF**

Erika Plank Hagan, the Presbytery Communicator.

### **VISITORS**

Two (2) visitors registered for the meeting: Mary Waddell, Joan Ramos

### **CHURCHES WITHOUT REPRESENTATION**

Thirteen (13) 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.

### **ENROLLMENT AND INTRODUCTIONS**

First-time commissioners introduced themselves to the assembly.

### **WELCOME AND LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

The pastor of the host church, the Rev. Kevin White, welcomed members of the assembly to the church and offered the Land Acknowledgement.

### **CONSENT MOTION**

The Stated Clerk presented the consent motion, and the Presbytery **VOTED:**

*Actions related to the conduct of this assembly:*

That the Presbytery grant excuses from attendance at the 192<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting to those needing the same, but that the Presbytery suspend the reading of their names.

That the Presbytery grant excuses for early departures from the 192<sup>nd</sup> Stated Meeting for those requesting the same by **notifying the clerk in a timely manner by any means practicable**, but that the Presbytery suspend the reading of their names.

That the Presbytery seat as Corresponding Members those ministers for whom a request is made at the beginning of the meeting.

*Recommendation from the Stated Clerk:*

That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the 191<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting held on February 15, 2023.

The Rev. Chris Tate offered the report of the Nominating Committee and placed the names of the Rev. Kevin White as Moderator and the Rev. Dallas Bradel as Vice-Moderator into nomination, alongside the rest of the nominations report. There were no nominations from the floor. **Approved.**

The Presbytery continued in worship led by Calvin Presbyterian Church which included the installation of the Moderator and Vice-Moderator and the Lord's Supper.

The Presbytery **received the report** of the Acting Stated Clerk and General Presbyter.

The Presbytery **received the report** of the Trustees.

The Presbytery voted to **adjourn and reconvene** as the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

The Rev. Andre Castillo **provided the report** of the Corporation. No action was taken.

The Presbytery voted to **adjourn** the meeting of the Corporation and **reconvene** as the Presbytery.

Elder Mildred McNeill **provided the report** of the Roundtable.

Lauren Tate **provided the report** of the Personnel Committee which included a celebration and thanksgiving for the ministry of the Rev. Erika Plank Hagan as our Communications Manager. A gift was presented to the Rev. Plank Hagan and prayer offered by the Moderator.

The Presbytery **adjourned** at 11:45 a.m. for lunch with instructions provided by Elder Aronson about conversation clusters during lunch.

The presbytery **reconvened** at 1:00 p.m.

The Anti-Racism and Equity Team co-chairs, the Rev. Kevin White and the Rev. Jenny Peek **provided an update** on their work and the upcoming opportunities for training beginning over the summer months.

The Rev. Shelley Donaldson **provided the report** of the Commission on Ministry. The COM put forward for a **first reading** the updated *Discerning the Way* policy of the Presbytery. No questions were asked and a second reading will be provided for at the September 2023 meeting. A Memorial Minute for the Rev. Samuel Baez (HR) was offered.

The Rev. Deborah Packard was unable to attend the meeting because of illness and so the Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo **provided the report** of the Commission on Preparation for Ministry.

There was no old or new business.

The meeting was **adjourned with prayer** at 1:30 p.m. by Moderator White with a **reminder** of the upcoming special joint meeting of the Presbyteries of Boston and Southern New England on May 30, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. for the election of the Joint Stated Clerk.

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 at the end.

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