

Report of the Commission on Ministry May 4, 2024

The following Moments of Memorial will be offered at the May Presbytery meeting:
The Rev. Dr. Frank Poole - The Rev. Dr. Shannan Vance-Ocampo
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Clark - The Rev. Chris Foster

A Moment for Celebration will be offered at the May Presbytery meeting to mark the conclusion of the ministry of The Rev. Dr. David Van Dyke - The Rev. **Mary Thies**

Action:

1. Examination of Candidate Rachel Park for Ordination
 1. attachments: Statement of Faith, Personal Statement
2. Examination of The Rev. Mark Montgomery for transfer from the United Church of Christ
 1. attachments: Statement of Faith, Personal Statement

The Commission wishes to inform the Presbytery that, in accordance with the authority granted under Chapter 8 of the Bylaws of the Presbyter, it has:

1. Received The Rev. Jaime Faile, HR - transfer from Detroit Presbytery
2. Approved four Sabbatical Plans: Greg Doll, Julie Emery, Andre Castillo, Shannan Vance-Ocampo
3. Received The Rev. Dr. David and The Rev. Jane Esterline, HR - transfer from Pittsburgh Presbytery, if the way be clear

Information:

4. Developed a 4-phase process to understand and roll out changes to the Board of Pensions Medical Plan (attached as a meeting document). We strongly encourage all members of PSNE to read this document and sign up to participate in the discernment process over the next month and a half which will lead to a Presbytery-wide policy to respond to these changes.
5. Approved Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) for Interim Pastor, First, Stamford
6. Approved Ministry Discernment Profile (MDP) for Installed Pastor, First, New Haven
7. The COM has been spending a great deal of time and effort relating with the Session of the Greenwood Community Presbyterian Church following the death of their pastor. We are grateful to The Rev. Christine Foster who served as their Moderator for the first few months, and we have now appointed The Rev. Pamela Spence-Bakker as Moderator at this time. We are learning about significant areas of concern and even division in the Congregation, Session and staff. We invite the Presbytery to be in prayer for the Greenwood congregation in this time of loss, transition, and stress.