

Report of the Board of Trustees  
to the Presbytery of Southern New England  
at its Called Meeting, June 24, 2024

### Turn of River

The Presbytery received \$805,009.20 from the sale of the Turn of River property and \$302,036.76 which was the remaining balance in the the TOR checking account. These funds, totaling \$1,159,045.96, have been deposited into a Money Market (interest bearing) Account at Liberty Bank.

### Hiring of Consultant Team

The Trustees solicited proposals from several groups that offer consulting services for church properties and received presentations from two separate teams. The Trustees recommended to and received from Presbytery's Roundtable Leadership Team the hiring of Vandersall Associates to begin a process of study and planning to best utilize church facilities to serve the work and mission of congregations in transition. The principals of this consultant team are Mieke Vandersall, a member of our Presbytery, and Tim Anderson of Minneapolis. The team includes six other leaders with deep experience in congregational ministry, fund raising, and property assessment.

Initial focus for the consultants will be on developing goals for the Presbytery as a whole as we seek to faithfully use our resources and working closely with three of our churches—MLK, Springfield and our two Hartford congregations--to help with planning and visioning. Approximately \$90,000 from the TOR sale fund this process.

### Updates to the AC Warrant for St. Andrew, Groton

**The Trustees move the approval of the revised warrant for the Administrative Commission for St. Andrew, Groton.**

### Cell Towers

**The Trustees move the approval of the lease agreement between Dunns Corners and The Towers, LLC of Boca Raton FL** to provide for the construction of a cell phone tower on behalf of Vertical Bridge Communications. The tenant will pay a monthly lease of \$1750, to be increased when additional broadband carriers are added, for an initial term of five years.

**The Trustees move the approval of the lease agreement between Providence Church and Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC** to place cell communication equipment within and upon the church building. The original lease was dated 2004 and has been subsequently amended and updated, most recently on 01/01/2024. The current lease amount is \$2528.90/month.

