

**Report of the Roundtable  
Stated Meeting  
May 3, 2025**

The Roundtable held a hybrid online and in-person meeting at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Cumberland, RI on April 8, 2025. The major agenda items were discussion of how to improve/enhance participation at Presbytery meetings and a review of the Presbytery bylaws pertaining to Roundtable. Results of the post-meeting survey distributed after the February 11, 2025, online meeting were discussed and will be compared to post-meeting survey results gathered after the in-person Presbytery meeting on May 3.

As stated in our last report, it has been decided that, since PSNE has voted to be a Matthew 25 Presbytery, a topic related to Matthew 25 will be incorporated into each Presbytery meeting. Roundtable discussed the presentation on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) done during the February Presbytery meeting and brainstormed additional topics for future Presbytery meetings.

After continued discussion of the current bylaws related to Roundtable, the group may decide to take on the task of updating them for future presentation to the Presbytery.

Roundtable meets again on June 10 and appreciates any input or suggestions that can be submitted to the co-chairs.

**Action items:**

That the presbytery appoint Rachelle Lee, MLK; Shelley Donaldson, First, Stamford; and Gin Courtney, Dunn's Corner, to a Vision Team. The Vision Team will work over a period of three years, with an initial status update to be made within nine months. The task of the Vision Team is to design and engage in a process of vision and discernment, and to make recommendations regarding the future of PSNE. This discernment may include the following topics:

- the mission and vision of the presbytery;
- the growth, work and health of the Presbytery, and its congregations and fellowships, as an instance of the Body of Christ;
- the sustainability and stewardship of resources;
- the staffing model;
- the support for congregations and connectionalism;
- the shifts growing out of anti-racism and equity work;
- the functional relationship between the Presbytery's structure and its mission;
- and
- the potential for collaboration with neighboring presbyteries.

Roundtable presents the following people for election to the Nominating Committee:

Elder Nicole Aronson Champagne (Westminster) Chair - 1 year

Rev. Peggy Lindsey (Retired) - 3 years

Elder Pat Wales (New Haven) - 3 years

Respectfully submitted,

Mildred McNeill and Barbara Riihimaki, Roundtable co-chairs.