

Highlights

of the 172nd Stated Meeting
of the Presbytery of Southern New England
Ashlar Village, Wallingford, CT
February 10, 2018

There were 42 teaching elders, 29 ruling elder commissioners, 1 commissioned ruling elder and 9 ruling elder Officer/Roundtable members present and voting. Seventeen of the Presbytery's 27 sessions were represented. There were 3 corresponding members, 8 observers/visitors, and 1 certified administrative staff. The total attendance was 93.

WERE YOU THERE ...?

... when Worship was based on the sense of sight, thus all the images on the screens were in the style of a sung morning prayer service?

Persons leading worship were Rev. Chris Tate, Rev. Julie Emery, Rev. Candace Whitman, and Rev. Jinny Smanik.

... when Presbytery welcomed the Rev. Emanuel Tumfuor, Elom Presbyterian Church, Ho, Ghana and the Rev. Dr. Jim Kirk, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance?

... when Open Space hosted five groups?

... when Presbytery **VOTED** to elect Elder Ralph Reynolds as President of the corporation?

... when Presbytery **VOTED** to concur with 5 overtures to the 223rd General Assembly?

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following:

- **Committee on Representation**
Rev. Julie Emery, member, class of 2020
Rev. Jocelyn (J.C.) Cadwallader, member, class of 2020
Rev. Julie Emery, co-chair, class of 2018
Rev. Jocelyn (J.C.) Cadwallader, co-chair, class of 2018

PRESBYTERIAN IMMIGRANT MINISTRY

Rev. John Webster reported that the Steering Committee of the Presbyterian Immigrant Ministry voted to recommend a reduction in force and Rev. Gerson Annunciacao, with regret, will leave his position Feb. 28, 2018.

PIM is not ending!

They are still in the immigrant mission business which is dealing with people facing disaster through a ministry of presence.

**IF YOU WEREN'T THERE ... WELL, LET ME
TELL YOU, YOU MISSED A LOT!**

Presbytery **VOTED** by 2/3 to approve an exemption for The Rev. Burkhard Weber for the examinations required for ordination in the Presbyterian Church (USA) effective February 10, 2018.

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the transfer of the ordination to ministry of The Rev. Burkhard Weber in the Swiss Reformed Church of Switzerland to the Presbyterian Church (USA) effective February 10, 2018.

Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Presbytery receiving the Rev. Burkhard Weber into membership effective February 10, 2018.

REPORT FROM GENERAL PRESBYTER

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo highlighted some of the themes in detail about the learning objectives as well as a video that Shannan invited members of the Presbytery to view from the NEXT Church conference last year.

A slide with some data around learning objectives for PSNE based on the Landscape Survey that we will begin to work on together as a Presbytery in 2018. Other presentations were changes in World Christianity in West Africa, to highlight our visitor from Ghana, and movements of peacemaking (from the Poor People's Campaign and the peace overtures being made on the Korean Peninsula via the Winter Olympics).

REPORT OF THE ROUNDTABLE

Elder Anne Carney presented the report of the Roundtable.

- The Roundtable recommended and the Presbytery **VOTED** to approve the 2018 Revised Proposed Budget.
- Rev. Jenny Davis, Personnel Chair, announced that Stated Clerk Bill Thomas has announced his plans to retire. Presbytery **VOTED** to approve to begin a search for a new Stated Clerk of the Presbytery.