

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK  
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND  
November 17, 2018**

**FOR INFORMATION:**

1. The following Ordination and Installation Commissions appointed by the Presbytery have carried out their assigned tasks:
  - The Installation of the **Rev. Greg Doll** as Pastor of the Noroton Presbyterian Church of Darien, Connecticut, on September 9, 2018. The Moderator, the Rev. Chris Tate, propounded the Constitutional Questions.
  - The Ordination and Installation of the now **Rev. Andre Castillo** as Associate Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenwich, Connecticut, on September 30, 2018. The Moderator, the Rev. Chris Tate, propounded the Constitutional Questions.
  - The Installation of the **Rev. Theodore J. DeMarco** as Pastor of the Woodbury Union Presbyterian Church of Warwick, Rhode Island, on October 21, 2018. The Vice Moderator, the Rev. Ruth Smalt, propounded the Constitutional Questions.

These Commissions were duly constituted (the required Minister/Elder balance was maintained) and carried out their assigned responsibilities joyfully and in good order! The full report of each Commission is attached for reference (Refs. B-1, B-2, and B-3, respectively)

2. At the September Stated Meeting, the Presbytery established an **Administrative Commission for the Valley Presbyterian Church** of Brookfield, Connecticut, and elected the Rev. J.C. Cadwallader, the Rev. Shannon White, the Rev. Jimmy McPherson, and Elder Sandy Zuvanich (Brookfield: Valley) to serve as members of the Commission. The Presbytery also authorized the Committee on Ministry to appoint one additional member. At its regular meeting on September 19, the Committee on Ministry appointed Elder John Winstead (Fairfield: First) as the final member of the Commission.

On September 25, I met via teleconference with the Commission to explain its charge and its authority under the PC(U.S.A.) Constitution, which includes the requirements that “[a] commission shall keep a full record of its proceedings and shall submit that record to the council or councils for incorporation into its records[,]” and that “[t]he decisions of an administrative commission shall be reported to the clerk of the designating council, who shall report it to the council at its next stated meeting” (G-3.0109b). In fulfillment of these requirements, the Valley Administrative Commission has transmitted their minutes (attached as Ref. B-4). I invite your prayers for the officers and members of the Valley

Presbyterian Church, and for the members of the Valley Administrative Commission, as they work together to

3. The Office of the General Assembly has published the **amendments to the PC(U.S.A.) Constitution** proposed by the General Assembly for ratification by the presbyteries at the following web address:

[http://oga.pcusa.org/site\\_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223\\_proposed\\_amendments\\_to\\_the\\_constitution2018.pdf](http://oga.pcusa.org/site_media/media/uploads/oga/pdf/ga223_proposed_amendments_to_the_constitution2018.pdf)

Regarding the timeline for acting on the proposed amendments, we are advised:

“Presbyteries are required to report their votes by June 23, 2019. However, in order to make the changes and publish the 2019–2021 Book of Order in a timely manner, receipt of votes prior to this deadline would be appreciated (by May 10, 2019, if possible).” As a practical matter, this means that this presbytery should vote on these amendments **no later than the February stated meeting**.

The Presbytery Roundtable will be reviewing the proposed amendments at its regular meeting on January 10, 2019. If you have questions or concerns about any of the amendments, please contact me. If I am unable to give you the information you are looking for, I may be able to direct you to someone who can.

#### **FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY:**

1. I **RECOMMEND** that the Administrative Commissions referenced above in Item #1 be **DISMISSED** with Presbytery’s thanks.
2. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **APPROVE** the Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery (September 12, 2018), as posted on the “Minutes” section of the Presbytery of Southern New England website.
3. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **ACCEPT** the invitation of the Session of St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church of Groton, Connecticut, to hold the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery on Saturday, February 9, 2019, at that church.
4. I **RECOMMEND** that the Presbytery **ACCEPT** the invitation of the Session of the Westminster Presbyterian Church of West Hartford, Connecticut, to hold the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at that church.