MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
JANUARY 17, 2004

Convened at Christ the King Presbyterian Church
Cambridge, MA

Note: The meeting was originally called to be convened at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Marlborough, Massachusetts. The place of the meeting was changed due to no heat in the building.

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**Call to Order and Prayer** - The January 17, 2004 Stated Meeting of the Southern New England Presbytery was called to order at 10:02 A.M. by the Moderator, RE Jim Whalen, who opened the meeting in prayer. A quorum (as defined in BCO 13-4) was declared to be present.

**Adoption of the Docket** - The Clerk presented the docket as published in the call.

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**THE DOCKET**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17:**

9 AM – 10:30 AM  
Call to Order & Prayer  
Adoption of the Docket  
Formation of the Roll  
Introduction and Seating of Corresponding Brethren  
Appointment of a Committee of Thanks  
Executive Team Report  
Stated Clerk’s Report  
Treasurer’s Report  

Commission & Subcommittee Reports:
1. Commission to Ordain & Install Clay Daniel  
2. Commission to Install TE Al Baker  
3. Women In Ministry Subcommittee

10:30 AM - 11:15 AM Time of Theological Discussion  
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM Worship & Communion Service  
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM Lunch  
1:30 PM – 4:00 PM MINISTRY TEAM REPORTS:  
A. Shepherding Team  
B. Missions Team  
C. Leadership Development Team  

ELECTION OF A MODERATOR FOR 2004

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL NEXT MEETING

*Please note: The time of Theological Discussion will be led by TE’s Al LaValley & Stephen LaValley and RE Mark Schortmann on the Elder, as follows:*

- TE Stephen LaValley – Biblical Model for the Elder  
- RE Mark Schortmann – The Elder as Shepherd  
- TE Al LaValley – Parity of Eldership at Presbytery

Respectfully Submitted,

Ron Heald, Stated Clerk

MSC to adopt the docket as amended. The Time of Theological Discussion will be postponed to the May meeting.
Introduction and Seating of Corresponding Brethren – No visitors were introduced.

Appointment of a Committee of Thanks - The Moderator appointed TE Steve LaValley and TE Manuel Oliveira to a Committee of Thanks.

Partial Report of the Missions Team - TE Preston Graham gave a PowerPoint presentation on the work of the committee. This presentation is included at the end of these minutes.

**New England Network Ideas**: The Committee presented ideas to the presbytery as information and for the sake of promoting a vision concerning the challenges and opportunities facing us in New England.

**Appointment of New England Liaison**: In light of Preston Graham’s decision not to serve as the Mission team chairman once the present term is completed, Recommend that he be appointed by the Missions Team to serve as a "New England liaison" for the purpose of promoting and establishing an informal New England Network in New England. This will be voted on when the Mission Team completes its report.

Leadership Development Team - RE Clint Donnelly gave the report.

**Examination of Bradley Barnes for Ordination**: Bradley Barnes was presented for Ordination Examination at this time.

Bradley Barnes has received a call to be Assistant Pastor at Christ the King Church in Cambridge in New Haven, CT serving as the RUF minister at Harvard. He received his undergraduate degree from Wake Forest. He has completed the M.Div. program at Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary and is
scheduled to be conferred May 2004. He completed his PCA Internship at Christ the King under the mentoring of Rev. Rich Downs.

His exegetical paper was on Revelation 5:9-14. His theological paper was on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. He takes exceptions to the Westminster standards regarding recreation on the Sabbath. The Leadership Development Team recommends the following omnibus motion to ordain Bradley Barnes as assistant pastor at Christ Presbyterian Church.

The omnibus motion to ordain consists of the following motions:

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s completion of the undergraduate and theological study requirements. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s completion of the internship requirements. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s experiential religion per BCO 21-4. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery accept the candidate’s prospective seminary degree (we have a letter from Gordon Conwell stating that the candidate has completed all of the degree requirements), which includes extensive study in Hebrew and Greek, in lieu of his examination in knowledge of the Greek and Hebrew language, as per BCO 21:4. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s examination in Bible content. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s examination in theology. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s examination in the Sacraments. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s examination in Church history. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s knowledge in the history of the Presbyterian Church of America. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s knowledge of the principles and rules of the government and discipline of the church. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s theological thesis. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s exegesis using original languages. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the candidate’s sermon from Revelation 5:9-14. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery note the candidate’s exceptions to the Westminster Confession of Faith, Catechisms, and Book of Church Order. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery sustain the examination as a whole. **Adopted.**
The candidate’s call was read to the presbytery:

CALL TO BRADLEY BARNES AS ASSISTANT PASTOR OF CHRIST THE KING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS and REFORMED UNIVERSITY MINISTRIES CAMPUS MINISTER AT HARVARD UNIVERSITY

We, the Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, PCA, Cambridge, Massachusetts, being on sufficient grounds well satisfied of the ministerial qualifications of you, Bradley Barnes, and having good hopes from our knowledge of your labors that your ministrations in the Gospel will be profitable to our spiritual interests, do earnestly call you to undertake the office of Assistant Pastor in said congregation in specific service in the church in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and on the campus of Harvard University, promising you, in the discharge of your duty, all proper support, encouragement and obedience in the Lord. That you may be free from worldly cares and avocations, we hereby approve the sum of $66,000 a year in regular monthly payments and other benefits, such as housing allowance, retirement, etc. during your time of being and continuing as Assistant Pastor of this church, to be delineated as follows:

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Attest: I certify that the call has been made in all respects according to the rules laid down in the Book of Church Order.

(signature on file)

TE Richard Downs  
Moderator

Recommend that the call be approved by the Presbytery. **Adopted.**

Motion to appoint a Commission to ordain Bradley Barnes consisting of TE’s Lints, Mendes & TE Down and RE’s Bida, RE Dobroski, RE Sawyer with TE Downs as convener. **Adopted.**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the report as a whole. **Adopted.**

Presbytery Worship Service: At this time, the Presbytery engaged in a worship service. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Table was administered, and the Word was preached by TE Al Baker.

Lunch Break. The Presbytery broke for lunch at 1:10PM and reconvened at 2:00PM.

Executive Team Report – RE Jim Whalen, Moderator, gave the Executive Team Report at this time.
Stated Clerk Position: RE Whalen, Moderator, noted that RE Walter Mahla, who had been asked by SNEP to serve as Stated Clerk, has accepted the position of Stated Clerk, and will commence serving in this capacity for a three-year term beginning at this meeting.

Overture Regarding Presbytery Retreat: RE Jim Whalen read the following Overture regarding the 2004 SNEP Retreat:

Regarding the YOUTH RETREAT, given that last year’s retreat was grades 7-12 and this year is planned to be grades 9-12, that the Presbytery allow 8th graders this year; starting next year it will be 9-12. **Adopted.**

Treasurer’s Report: Presbytery’s Treasurer, Wayne Blanding, gave the report.

Wayne presented the Treasurer’s Report for 2003 at this time *(See Attachment “A”).*

Recommend that the Treasurer’s Report for 2003 be Approved. **Adopted.**

Wayne presented the Draft budget for 2004 *(See Attachment “B”).* It was indicated that churches are being asked to contribute 1.5% of its income to the Presbytery, all of which will be allocated to the Missions Team unless otherwise designated.

Recommend that Presbytery adopt the budget for 2004 as presented. **Adopted**

Recommend that Presbytery approve the report as a whole. **Adopted.**

Stated Clerk’s Report - The Stated Clerk gave his report at this time.

Presbytery Meeting Excuses: Recommend that Presbytery approve the following excuses for the January 2004 Stated Meeting: RE Bill Schultz – “away on a business trip”; RE Brian Pajot – “family matters that came up” **Adopted.**

Correspondence: The following list of correspondence was presented by the Stated Clerk:

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY CORRESPONDENCE IN
SEPTEMBER 20, 2003 – JANUARY 17, 2004

1. (September 20, 2003) Correspondence from Jim Bland, MNA Coordinator, with flyers for upcoming ESL Conference. Refer All Presbyters

2. (September 20, 2003) Correspondence from Stephen Phillips, Stated Clerk of OPC Presbytery of New York and New England, with Call to the Special Meeting dated 10/05/03. Information

3. (September 22, 2003) Correspondence forwarded by TE Mark Scholten from TE Steve Magee of Northern New England Presbytery, advertising upcoming seminar on “The Invisible Church.” Refer all Presbyters and Stated Clerk of New York State Presbytery

4. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence from Stephen Phillips, Stated Clerk of OPC Presbytery of New York and New England, with Unapproved Minutes of Special Meeting 09/05/03. Information

5. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence from RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King PCA, seeking the extract from the September 2003 SNEP minutes concerning Presbytery’s advice to the CTK Session. Refer Clerk

6. (September 24, 2003) Correspondence from TE Bill Broderick, with information on upcoming conference to take place at 2nd Congregational Church in Douglas, MA. Refer All Presbyters
7. (September 25, 2003) Correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, with Overture regarding 2004 Youth Retreat. Refer Clerk and TE Rob Cox

8. (September 25, 2003) Correspondence from RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King PCA, seeking a letter of good standing for CTK’s pastors. Refer Clerk

9. (September 27, 2003) Correspondence from TE Dalzir Da Silva, with list of Ruling Elders for Bethel Presbyterian Church in Marlboro. Refer Clerk

10. (September 29, 2003) Correspondence from Diane Hitzfeld, at PCA Stated Clerk’s office, in response to Correspondence Out item #8 below, indicating that Presbytery Clerk can issue letters of good standing. (Refer Clerk)

11. (September 30, 2003) Correspondence from Charles Dunahoo, Coordinator of PCA’s Christian Education and Publications, with minutes of CE & P’s fall meeting. Refer Shepherding Team

12. (October 3, 2003) Correspondence from TE Bill Broderick, with more information regarding upcoming conference at his church. Refer All Presbyters

13. (October 3, 2003) Copy of correspondence from TE Al Baker to PCA Stated Clerk’s office, with current contact information for himself and the West Hartford church plant. Information


15. (October 4, 2003) Correspondence from TE Manoel Oliveira, with list of Ruling Elders for New Life Presbyterian Community. Refer Clerk

16. (October 6, 2003) Correspondence from Stephen Phillips, Stated Clerk of OPC Presbytery of New York and New England, with minutes of Special Meeting 10/05/03. Information

17. (October 8, 2003) Correspondence from TE Stephen LaValley, with flyer advertising upcoming conference sponsored by Pioneer Valley Reformed Mission. Refer all Presbyters

18. (October 10, 2003) Correspondence from TE Andrew Wilson, indicating that he has been received into the EPC’s Presbytery of the West. Refer Clerk

19. (October 28, 2003) Correspondence from TE Preston Graham, with information concerning ordination service for Clay Daniel. Refer all Presbyters

20. (October 31, 2003) Correspondence from RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King PCA, seeking terms of call for TE Richard Downs. Refer Clerk

21. (November 3, 2003) Correspondence from TE Bill Broderick, with additional information regarding upcoming conference. Refer all Presbyters

22. (November 5, 2003) Correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, with minutes of the Shepherding Team. Refer Clerk

23. (November 7, 2003) Correspondence from Stephen Phillips, Stated Clerk of OPC Presbytery of New York and New England, with minutes of Stated Meeting 10/13-14/03. Information

24. (November 14, 2003) Correspondence from Cecil A. Matthews, Stated Clerk of Presbytery of the West, EPC, indicating that TE Andrew Wilson has been received into their Presbytery as an Assistant Pastor of Christian Education with the First EPC of Renton, WA as of 10/04/03. Refer Clerk

25. (November 18, 2003) Copy of correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, with order of worship for installation service for TE Al Baker. Information
26. (November 19, 2003) Correspondence from RE Bill Schultz, with information concerning the installation service for TE Al Baker to take place on 12/07/03. Refer all Presbyters

27. (November 30, 2003) Correspondences from RE Luke Powell, Stated Clerk of Northern New England Presbytery and thus caretaker of the records of the former Northeast Presbytery, with information about a Called Meeting dated 11/15/99 at which TE Downs was received as well as minutes of January 2000 stated meeting. No terms of call for TE Downs were included or attached to either set of minutes. Refer Clerk

28. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence from TE Al Baker, expressing a willingness to be nominated to serve on the MTW Permanent Committee or the MTW Committee of Commissioners. Refer Clerk

29. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, expressing a willingness to be nominated to serve on Committee of Commissioners for Bills & Overtures or for Covenant College. Refer Clerk

30. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence from TE Preston Graham, with minutes of Commission to Ordain & Install Clay Daniel. Refer Clerk

31. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence from Jack Watkins, Stated Clerk of Nashville Presbytery, indicating that Todd Murphy was in good standing prior to his transfer to Southern New England Presbytery. Information

32. (December 6, 2003) Correspondence from TE Mel Sensenig, indicating his willingness to serve on the RUM Permanent Committee. Refer Clerk

33. (December 8, 2003) Correspondence from RE Luke Powell, Stated Clerk of Northern New England Presbytery, with letter from TE Steve Magee detailing the Exeter PCA church’s needs following their church fire. Information

34. (December 10, 2003) Correspondence from RE Walter Mahla, with Power Point presentations on the proposed “By Faith” magazine and the PCA benefits program. These presentations were from the PCA Stated Clerks conference. Refer all Presbyters

35. (December 19, 2003) Correspondence from Stephen Phillips, Stated Clerk of OPC Presbytery of New York and New England, with Call to Special meeting 12/29/03. Information

36. (December 20, 2003) Correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, with minutes of commission to install TE Allen Baker. Refer Clerk

37. (December 29, 3004) Correspondence from TE Jim Bland, MNA Coordinator, with information concerning “Fifty Days of Prayer.” Refer all Presbyters

38. (December 30, 2003) Correspondence from TE Rob Cox, with information and an Appeal Letter concerning Presbytery Youth Retreat. Refer all Presbyters

39. (December 30, 2003) Correspondence from TE Rob Cox, seeking information concerning Presbytery’s call of Mark Reed. Refer Clerk

40. (January 2, 2004) Correspondence from RE Wayne Blanding, Treasurer of SNEP, with 2003 budget report (preliminary) and a draft budget for 2004. Refer Clerk

41. (January 4, 2004) Correspondence from RE Alan Phillips, with information regarding the passing of Jayne Korljan, wife of TE Bob Korljan, a former member of Northeast Presbytery. Refer Clerk

42. (January 5, 2004) Correspondence from Ilona Mcgowan, Administrative Assistant at Christ PCA in New Haven, CT, with Mission Team Report and docket for Mission Team meeting. Refer Clerk and Information

43. (January 5, 2004) Correspondence from Mr. Richard Keen, writing to the Presbytery over Grace Church in Greenwich, Connecticut with a letter “that deserves your attention.” Refer Clerk

44. (January 6, 2004) Correspondence from RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King PCA, with their Session’s response to Presbytery’s exceptions to their minutes. Refer Shepherding Team
45. (January 6, 2004) Correspondence from RE Wayne Blanding, Treasurer of SNEP, with final 2003 budget report and budget for 2004. Refer Clerk

46. (January 6, 2004) Correspondence from Chris Vogel, from Cornerstone PCA in Waukesha, WI, seeking as associate pastor. Information

47. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence from Cris Campelli, Clerk of Session for Redeemer PCA in Concord, MA, with information about installation service for TE Tim Andrews. Refer Clerk

48. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence from TE Preston Graham, with minutes of the Mission Team meeting. Refer Clerk

49. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence from Ilona Mcgowan, Administrative Assistant at Christ PCA in New Haven, CT, with final Mission Team Report. Refer Clerk and Information

50. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence from TE Mel Sensenig, with information regarding the passing of TE Tony Phelps’ mother. Refer all Presbyters

51. (January 8, 2004) Correspondence from RE Alan Phillips, with information regarding a memorial service for Jayne Korljan. Refer all Presbyters

52. (January 10, 2004) Correspondence from TE Bob Brown, inquiring regarding open pastoral positions in SNEP. Refer Clerk

53. (January 9, 2004) Correspondence from TE Eric Molicki, requesting excuse from the January Presbytery meeting. Refer Clerk

54. (January 11, 2004) Correspondence from RE Clint Donnelly, Chairman of Leadership Development Team, with Report of his Team as well as requesting amendment to the Docket of January Stated Meeting. Refer Clerk & Moderator

55. (January 14, 2004) Correspondence from TE Mark Scholten, requesting excuse for RE’s Bill Schultz & Brian Pajot from Presbyterian Church of Manchester. Refer Clerk

56. (January 14, 2004) Correspondence from TE Manoel Oliveira, indicating that the host church address listed for the January Stated Meeting is incorrect. Refer Clerk

57. (January 16, 2004) Correspondence from RE Clint Donnelly, with transcripts for Bradley Barnes along with a letter from Scott Poblenz, Assistant Registrar of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, indicating that Bradley Barnes has successfully completed all of the requirements set forth by Gordon-Conwell for the Master of Divinity program. Information

58. (January 16, 2004) Correspondence from TE Richard Downs, with Terms of Call for Bradley Barnes. Refer Leadership Team

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PRESBYTERY
PRESBYTERY CORRESPONDENCE OUT
SEPTEMBER 20, 2003 – JANUARY 17, 2004

1. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with electronic version of SNEP’s Standing Rules.

2. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, mentioning information received from MNA regarding MNA ESL Conference (reference Correspondence In item #1).

3. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with 2003-2004 BCO Items to be voted on by Presbyteries.
4. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding flyer advertising NNEP seminar on “The Invisible Church (reference Correspondence In item #3).”

5. (September 23, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, in response to his e-mail dated 09/23/03 (see Correspondence In item #5 above), with the extract from the September minutes of Presbytery’s advice to the CTK Session.

6. (September 25, 2003) Correspondence to TE Rob Cox, forwarding overture regarding the 2004 SNEP Youth Retreat from TE Mark Scholten (reference Correspondence In item #7).

7. (September 25, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received from TE Bill Broderick regarding upcoming conference at his church (reference Correspondence In item #6).

8. (September 29, 2003) Correspondence to Diane Hitzfeld, at PCA Stated Clerk’s office, inquiring if letters of good standing are issued by Presbytery Clerk or Stated Clerk’s office. This is in reference to Correspondence In item #8 above.

9. (October 3, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding flyer & additional information received from TE Bill Broderick concerning upcoming conference (reference Correspondence In item #12 above).

10. (October 6, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, indicating that Presbytery Clerk issues letters of good standing and inquiring which ministers the letter(s) would be for.

11. (October 8, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received from TE Stephen LaValley concerning upcoming conference (reference Correspondence In item #17 above).

12. (October 22, 2003) Correspondence to TE Mark Scholten, referring minutes of C E & P’s fall meeting (reference Correspondence In item #11 above).

13. (October 31, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer with copy to TE Mark Scholten, in response to Correspondence In item #20 above, indicating that Presbytery Clerk does not have Terms of Call for Richard Downs and referring the matter to Shepherding Team, which might have this information.

14. (October 31, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received in Correspondence In item #19 above inviting the brethren to Clay Daniel’s ordination.

15. (November 3, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding additional information received from TE Bill Broderick concerning upcoming conference (reference Correspondence In item #12 above).

16. (November 9, 2003) Correspondence to RE Luke Powell, Stated Clerk of Northern New England Presbytery and thus caretaker of the records of the former Northeast Presbytery, seeking minutes within the timeframe 1/99 – 1/00 which might contain terms of call for TE Richard Downs.

17. (November 19, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received in Correspondence In item #26 above inviting the brethren to TE Al Baker’s installation.

18. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to RE Walter Mahla, Clerk of Session of Trinity Presbyterian Church, with exceptions to minutes taken at the September 2003 Stated Meeting.

19. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bill Schultz, Clerk of Session of Presbyterian Church of Manchester, with exceptions to minutes taken at the September 2003 Stated Meeting.

20. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, with exceptions to minutes taken at the September 2003 Stated Meeting.

21. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to Jack Watkins, Stated Clerk of Nashville Presbytery, indicating that Todd Murphy had his licentiate credentials transferred from Nashville Presbytery to Southern New England Presbytery at its January stated meeting.
22. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with list of nominations available to General Assembly Committees, Committees of Commissioners, Trustees, Floor Clerks etc. The nominations will be taken up at the January Stated Meeting.

23. (November 29, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with 2003-2004 BCO Items to be voted on by Presbyteries. These items will be voted on at the January Stated Meeting.


25. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, indicating terms of call for TE Richard Downs are not available from the minutes of Northeast Presbytery. As a last resort, Clerk will contact PCA Stated Clerk’s office to see if they might have this information.

26. (December 1, 2003) Correspondence to Diane Hitzfeld, at PCA Stated Clerk’s office, inquiring if Northeast Presbytery minutes might be kept by Stated Clerk’s office (since the minutes have to be submitted annually for review).

27. (December 10, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received from RE Luke Powell concerning the needs of Exeter PCA after their church fire (reference Correspondence In item #33).

28. (December 27, 2003) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King Presbyterian Church, indicating that terms of call are not available from PCA Stated Clerks office and thus all avenues exhausted.

29. (December 31, 2003) Correspondence to TE Stephen Um, with Letter of Recommendation as verbally requested by City Life church.

30. (December 31, 2003) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information and an Appeal Letter concerning Presbytery Youth Retreat (reference Correspondence In item #38 above).

31. (January 1, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information received concerning 50 days of prayer (reference Correspondence In item #37).

32. (January 1, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with 2 Power Point presentations made at the PCA Stated Clerks conference concerning the planned ‘By Faith’ magazine as well as the benefits program of the PCA (reference Correspondence In item #34).

33. (January 3, 2004) Correspondence to RE Bob Sawyer, Clerk of Session of Christ the King PCA, with letters of reference for 3 Christ the King ministers.

34. (January 3, 2004) Correspondence to TE Rob Cox, with Call to Mark Reed (reference Correspondence In item #39).

35. (January 3, 2004) Correspondence to TE Rob Cox, with extract of SNEP’s May 2003 minutes relating to Mark Reed (reference Correspondence In item #39).

36. (January 4, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information regarding the passing of Jayne Korljan as a matter of prayer (reference Correspondence In item #41).

37. (January 5, 2004) Correspondence to Mr. Richard Keen, in response to Correspondence In item #43 above, indicating that SNEP has no jurisdiction over Grace Church in Greenwich, CT and providing information for Stated Clerk of Metro New York Presbytery.

38. (January 6, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with Call to the January 2004 Stated Meeting.

39. (January 6, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with Minutes of September 2003 Stated Meeting which will be presented for approval at the January 2004 Stated Meeting.
40. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information regarding the passing of TE Tony Phelps’ mother as a matter of prayer (reference Correspondence In item #50).

41. (January 7, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information regarding the installation service for TE Tim Andrews (see Correspondence In item #47).

40. (January 8, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, forwarding information regarding the Memorial Service for Jayne Korljon (see Correspondence In item #51).

41. (January 14, 2004) Correspondence to all Presbyters, with corrected address for January Stated Meeting (reference Correspondence In item #56).

42. (January 16, 2004) Correspondence to Mr. William Hatcher, Stated Clerk of Central Georgia Presbytery (with copy to PCA Stated Clerk’s office), with Official Change of Presbytery Rolls form for TE Al Baker. This completes the transfer of TE Al Baker from Central Georgia Presbytery to Southern New England Presbytery

Recommend that correspondence be received and referred as indicated. Adopted

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 19-20, 2003 Stated Meeting, which were distributed with the Call, were presented for approval at this time.

Recommend that Presbytery approve the minutes of the September 19-20, 2003 Stated Meeting. Adopted

General Assembly Nominations: The following men were nominated by unanimous vote to the following General Assembly committees:

TE Mark Scholten – COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS for Bills and Overtures
TE Brad Evans – COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS for Covenant College
TE Rob Cox – COMMITTEE OF COMMISSIONERS for Mission to the World
TE Al Baker – Mission to the World
TE Mel Sensenig – Reformed University Ministries

HOST CHURCHES FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

May 2004: It was noted that the May 2004 stated meeting on May 22, 2004 will take place at West Springfield Covenant Community Church.

September 2004: It was noted that the September 2004 stated meeting on September 17-18, 2004 will take place at Christ Presbyterian Church in New Haven.

VOTE ON BCO AMENDMENTS FOR 2003-2004. The Presbytery voted on the proposed BCO Amendments as follows:

Amend BCO 58-5 by adding the parenthetical phrase proposed in Overture 21. M31GA, 31-57, III, 14

Be it therefore resolved that the General Assembly amend BCO 58-5 as follows:

The bread and wine being thus set apart by prayer and thanksgiving, the minister is to take the bread, and break it, in the view of the people, saying:

That the Lord Jesus Christ on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, gave it to His disciples, as I, ministering in His name, give this bread to you, and said, “This is my body which is broken for you; do this
in remembrance of Me” (Some other biblical account of the institution of this part of the Supper may be substituted here).

[NOTE: the Assembly directed the Stated Clerk to restore the original language used 1973-1990 at BCO 58-5 as an editorial change to address the matter identified by Ascension Presbytery in Overture 21 and by the Committee on Bills and Overtures. The corrected language (deletion of the word “broken”) appears in the adoption text above. The underlined sentence in parentheses is the item upon which Presbyteries will vote.]

This amendment was approved by the Presbytery: 19 votes FOR, 0 votes AGAINST, 1 vote ABSTAIN.

REV. ANDREW WILSON. TE Wilson, who was serving as an Assistant Pastor of Redeemer PCA in Concord, MA has moved to Washington State where he accepted a call from First Evangelical Presbyterian Church (EPC) and was received by the EPC’s Presbytery of the West. The EPC is NOT a NAPARC denomination and the PCA has no fraternal dealings with them. Recommend that, in regard to the reception of TE Andrew Wilson by Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s Presbytery of the West, the irregularity be recorded, his new membership acknowledged, and his name removed from the roll per BCO 38-3a. Adopted.

Recommend that Presbytery approve the report as a whole. Adopted.

Shepherding Team Report: RE Mark Scholten presented the Report of the Shepherding Team at this time.

Review of Minutes
Recommend that Presbytery approve the minutes of Covenant Presbyterian in Ledyard from 1/3/01 to 1/29/02 without exception. Adopted.

Recommend that the responses to the presbytery’s exceptions to the minutes from Manchester Presbyterian Church, CTK, and Trinity Presbyterian Church be approved. Adopted.

Minutes Review Schedule. The following schedule of minutes review was presented for approval:

March 2004. Presbyterian Church of Coventry; West Springfield Covenant Community Church; Redeemer Presbyterian in Concord

July 2004. Covenant Presbyterian in Ledyard; Christ Presbyterian in New Haven; New Life Presbyterian Community in Framingham; Bethel Presbyterian in Marlborough

November 2004. Presbyterian Church of Manchester; Christ the King in Boston; Trinity Presbyterian in Providence

The minutes that are due in March can be mailed to: Pastor Mark Scholten, 43 Spruce St., Manchester, CT 06040.

The minutes that are due in July and November can be mailed to the new Shepherding Team Leader which is as yet unknown.

Recommend that this schedule of minutes review be approved. Adopted.

Update on Shepherding Team meeting with TE Phil Adams. TE Mark Scholten gave an update on the Shepherding Team’s meeting with TE Phil Adams.
Process for reviewing minutes of Portuguese speaking churches. The following motion was approved by the presbytery from the floor (not from the committee).

MSC to establish a subcommittee of the Shepherding Team consisting of three Portuguese speaking elders to review the Portuguese sessional minutes (not reviewing the minutes of their own session) and to report to the Shepherding Team. In addition, presbytery will seek volunteer translators (hiring a translator as a last resort) [Translators must be members of a church with in the SNEP] to translate Portuguese minutes into English and then reviewed in English by the Shepherding Team. Adopted.

Recommend that Presbytery approve the report as a whole. Adopted.

Completion of Missions Team Report. TE Preston Graham completed the report of the Missions Team at this time.

Missions Team Budget for 2004: Recommend that Presbytery approve the following budget for the Missions Team for 2004:

- Move the following works to 2\textsuperscript{nd}-year single share 6\%: West Hartford, Southern RI, CityLife, Pioneer valley, Harvard, Yale, Brown/RISD, UConn, and Trinity.
- Add Brazilian church plants in Bridgeport (pending), Waterbury (pending) at 1\textsuperscript{st}-year double share of 12\%.
- To disburse $2000 from multi-cultural fund and $1000 from discretionary funds to Center for Biblical and Theological Training (Brazilian pastoral/church planter training).
- To disburse $1000 each to campus ministry startup costs at UConn and Trinity.
- To disburse $1000 to Exeter Presbyterian Church.
- To save $1000 in discretionary funds. Adopted

Christ Our Hope Mission Church Established: Recommend that Christ Our Hope Presbyterian Church be established as a mission church of the presbytery, as a daughter church of Trinity Presbyterian Church, under BCO 5.3.2. Adopted

City Life Mission Church Established: Recommend that City Life be established as a mission work of the presbytery, under BCO 5.3.2, as a daughter church of CTK. Adopted

Call to Joe Pensak: Recommend that Presbytery establish a presbytery-affiliated RUF ministry at UConn, and that Presbytery call Joe Pensak as RUF campus minister at UConn. Recommend that Presbytery approve the terms of call (total budget 79,500, total pastor’s package 60,000) and job description as follows:

The position of RUF Campus Minister at UConn exists under a Presbytery affiliation agreement between SNEP and RUF GA in order to establish an effective, gospel centered RUF campus ministry at UCONN as per RUF guidelines and principles in order to “make disciples of Christ” as an outreach ministry of SNEP.

Terms of Call:
Minister's Salary Package:
Salary and Housing: 60K
Additional Prof. Expenses: 500
Moving and Home setup: 1000

Ministry Budget Expenses:
Associated Expenses (see RUF guidelines) 11.3K
Program Expenses: (see RUF Guidelines) 6.2K
Additional Development 500
Total Budget Amount For RUF at UConn: $79,500

First Year Funding Assumptions:
$10,000 Coventry Budgeted Support
$1,100 Office and Programming support from Coventry
TBD- Pledges from the Coventry Congregation
TBD- Funds raised by Coventry
25K- RUF Foundation
2k- SNEP
TBD- Support Raised by Joey

Adopted

Policy for RUM Campus Ministers Remaining in the Field. Recommend that Presbytery adopt the following policy:

SNEP Policy on Reporting and Remaining on the Field: “RUF Campus ministers may report for ministry duty ONLY AFTER at least 90% of total Budgeted Amount has been raised through gifts and/or pledges. A lower % of annual support, and consequently a lower salary, may be requested by campus minister in order to report/remain on the field as approved by presbytery affiliate committee.” Adopted

2005 Youth Retreat. Recommend that Presbytery ask Manchester and Christ Community to host youth retreat for 2005. Adopted

Youth Retreat Liaison. Recommend that Presbytery ask TE Rob Cox to be youth retreat liaison, in place of outgoing liaison Mike Ernst and Bill Schultz. Recommend that churches promote the retreat at their churches. Adopted

New England Network Ideas. The Committee presented ideas to the presbytery as information and for the sake of promoting a vision concerning the challenges and opportunities facing us in New England.

Appointment of New England Liaison. In light of Preston Graham’s decision not to serve as the Mission team chairman once the present term is completed, Recommend that he be appointed by the Missions Team to serve as a "New England liaison" for the purpose of promoting and establishing an informal New England Network in New England. Adopted.

Recommend that Presbytery receive the report of the Missions Team as a whole. Adopted.

Commission & Committee Reports: The following Commission Reports were given:

Commission to Ordain & Install Clay Daniel: The Report, which was distributed with the Call, was presented at this time (See Attachment “C”). It was MSC that the minutes of the commission be approved, and that the Commission be dismissed with thanks. Adopted.

B. Commission to Install TE Allen Baker: The Report, which was distributed with the Call, was presented at this time (See Attachment “D”). It was MSC that the minutes of the commission be approved, and that the Commission be dismissed with thanks. Adopted.

C. Commission to Organize Christ the King – East Boston. The Commission had no report at this time.

D. Women in Ministry Subcommittee. The Committee had no report at this time.
**Election of Moderator.** The Presbytery unanimously voted to elect TE Brad Evans to server as moderator in 2004.

**Committee of Thanks.** The Committee of Thanks appointed at the beginning of the meeting thanked Christ the King Presbyterian Church in Cambridge for hosting this meeting of Presbytery.

**Meeting Adjourned.** TE Steve LaValley adjourned the meeting in prayer at 3:48PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

[Signature]

Walter G. Mahla, Clerk
SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PRESBYTERY
Cash Flow 2003

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Of the $7,087.34 in the missions fund, $2,000 is reserved for multi-cultural works and the remainder is reserved for discretionary missions expenses.

SOUTHERN NEW ENGLAND PRESBYTERY
Budget Report 1 January – 31 December 2003

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**Distribution of Designated Funds**
- Christ Community (West Hartford) 1,000.00
- Pioneer Valley Reformed Mission 1,000.00
- Colchester Church Plant 1,000.00
- Covenant Presbyterian Church (Groton) 500.00

**Total Designated Funds** 3,500.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 14,800.00 21,227.65

**INCOME LESS EXPENSES** (2,450.00) 2,370.02

Note: Unless otherwise designated, all church contributions to SNEP will be directed to the SNEP Missions Fund. Each church is asked to contribute 1.5% of its income to the Presbytery.

Note 1: At their request, the $2,500 received from Christ Presbyterian Church in January 2003 was distributed using 2002 missions distribution percentages as follows: City Life Presbyterian Church (30%), Brazilian Church Planting (12.5%), Pioneer Valley Mission (7.5%), RUM Harvard (10%), RUM Yale (10%), RUM RISD/Brown (10%), Discretionary (20%).
## Income

**General Fund:**
- **Offerings from Presbytery Meetings** 300.00
- **Checking Account Interest** 40.00
- **Total General Fund** 340.00

**Missions Fund Contribution from Churches** 20,000.00

**TOTAL INCOME** 20,340.00

## Expenses

**Executive Committee:**
- **Stated Clerk Stipend** 1,200.00
- **Clerk Operating Expenses** 350.00
- **Travel** 500.00
- **Miscellaneous** 100.00
- **Total Executive Committee** 2,150.00

**Missions Team**
- **Bridgeport Church Plant (Year 1) (12%)** 2,460.00
- **Waterbury Church Plant (Year 1) (12%)** 2,460.00
- **Christ Community (West Hartford) (Year 2) (6%)** 1,230.00
- **Southern R.I. Church Plant (Year 2) (6%)** 1,230.00
- **City Life Presbyterianian (Boston) (Year 3) (6%)** 1,230.00
- **Pioneer Valley Reformed (Springfield) (Year 3) (6%)** 1,230.00
- **RUM Harvard (6%)** 1,230.00
- **RUM Yale (6%)** 1,230.00
- **RUM Brown/RISD (6%)** 1,230.00
- **RUM Trinity (6%)** 1,230.00
- **RUM UCONN (6%)** 1,230.00
- **Discretionary (20%)** 4,000.00
- **Total Missions Team** 20,000.00

**Shepherding Team** 100.00

**Leadership Development Team** 100.00

**TOTAL EXPENSES** 22,350.00

## Income Less Expenses

(2,010.00)

Note: Presbytery has asked each church to contribute 1.5% of its income to the Presbytery, all of which will be allocated to the Missions Team unless otherwise designated.
Proceeding of the Commission of the Southern New England Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America to ordain and install Rev. Clay Daniels as an RUF campus minister at Yale in affiliation with CPC, New Haven.

The commission was convened Lord’s Day November 21, in the year of our Lord 2003 at the Christ Presbyterian Church at 1:45pm.

Commissioners present were Teaching Elders, Preston Graham, Tony Phelps, John Hardie, Ruling elders George Levesque, Alan Philips and Abe Florez, Clint Donnelly

A quorum was declared.

Preston Graham was elected presiding officer.

George Levesque was elected secretary.

MSC to ordain and install Clay Daniel as an Assistant Pastor at CPC to the position of RUF Campus Minister at Yale (under the terms and conditions of CPC’s affiliation agreement with RUFGA), during a worship service on Sunday November 21 at the Christ Presbyterian Church.

MSC to adopt the order of worship and the commission assignments as attached.

The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by TE Clay Daniel at 3:15.

MSC to approve the minutes of this meeting dated 11/21/03.

MSC to request the Southern New England Presbytery to dismiss this commission upon completion of the worship service.

Respectfully Submitted,

George Levesque, Secretary of the Commission

A SPECIAL SERVICE
OF
THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Southern New England Presbytery Presbyterian Church in America Special Orders: The Ordination of Mr. Clay Daniel To The Office Of Teaching Elder

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD
November 23, 2003

Prelude & Heart Preparation

Worship through Invocation and Adoration

*Hymn: Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
   CPC Music Team

Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

*Call to Worship: Psalm 63
   Tony Phelps

Pastor: O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you;
People: My soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
Pastor: I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
People: Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you.
Pastor: I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands.
People: My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
Pastor: Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings.
People: My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
All: Let all who swear by God's name praise him!

*Hymn: How Sweet and Awesome is the Place

*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

* Doxology (#733)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Old Testament Reading: Kosta Deligiannidis
Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

#642
Worship through Confession and Absolution

Leader: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
Unison: O God of grace, you have imputed my sin to my substitute, and have imputed his righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom’s robe, decked me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my penitential tears are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tinctured with selfishness.

I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness. I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for you do always justify the ungodly. I am always going into the far country, and always returning home as a prodigal—always saying, Father, forgive me, and you are always bring forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, the exceeding wonder of grace.

(From The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers & Devotions)

Private Confession

Absolution:
Leader: But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit.

Titus 3:4-5

Songs of Thanksgiving:
How Deep the Father’s Love for Us
Before the Throne of God Above

Worship through Word

New Testament Reading: 1Cor. 9
Sermon: All for the sake of the Gospel by Rev. Preston Graham, Jr.

Ordination To the Ministry of The Gospel

Proceedings of Presbytery. ABRAHAM FLOREZ

Questions to Pastor

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?

Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of Biblical polity?

Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account?

Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer?

Questions to Members

Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Clay Daniel whom you have called as Assistant Pastor to Reformed University Fellowship at Yale

Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love?

Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?

Do you engage to continue to him while he is your assistant pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Laying on of Hands

( Ministers and all elders are invited to participate in the Laying on of Hands ceremony.)

Prayer

Rev. Charles Marvin

Extension of Right Hand of Fellowship

Pronunciation of Ordination and Installation

Rev. Preston Graham, Jr.

Charge to Assistant Pastor

Rev. John Hardie

Charge to Congregation

Alan Phillips

Thanksgiving and Benediction

*Closing Hymn: The Church’s One Foundation #347

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Tony Phelps.

*Gloria Patri (# 735)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!

*Benediction and “Amen”

Rev. Clay Daniel

Leader:

May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen! Hebrews 13:20-21

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude
"You are invited to a reception in the foyer directly following the worship service."

Commissioners and Participants

Teaching Elders:
- Rev. Preston Graham, Jr.
- Rev. John Hardie
- Rev. Tony Phelps

Ruling Elders:
- George Levesque
- Alan Phillips
- Clint Donnelly
- Abraham Florez

Others: Rev. Charles Marvin
- Kosta Deligiannidis

An Ordination

By Ordination is meant that solemn rite, or act, by which a candidate for any office in the church of Christ is authoritatively designated to that office, by those who are clothed with power for the purpose. It cannot require a formal argument to prove that this rite, or something analogous and equivalent to it, is indispensable in conducting all regular ecclesiastical government. If certain officers have been appointed in the Church of Jesus Christ, her King and Head; -- if certain qualifications have been declared by Him indispensable to fit men for serving the Church in these offices, without which they ought not to be permitted to occupy them;-- and if an extraordinary and immediate designation to office by Jesus Christ himself, be not now to be expected in any case;-- if these things be so, it inevitably follows, that some person or persons must have power committed to them by the Head of the Church, to examine or try candidates for these offices; to judge of their qualifications; and if approved to invest them with office. The idea that with such directions as the New Testament contains on this subject, men should be left at liberty to take these offices upon themselves, by their own act, and at their own pleasure-- is full of absurdity; and if realized would undoubtedly lead to endless disorder and mischief. But if it be neither safe nor permitted for men to intrude into official stations uncalled; and if an immediate investiture by the Master himself be out of the question; we are driven to the conclusion that all regular and lawful introduction to office, must be through the medium of human ordainers, acting in the name of Christ, and governing themselves by his declared will.

Samuel Miller, The Ruling Elder, p.275-276
Proceeding of the Commission of the Southern New England Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America to install Rev. Allen Baker as a church planting evangelist in West Hartford Connecticut

The commission was convened Lord’s Day evening December 7th, in the year of our Lord 2003 at the American School of the Deaf at 5:45pm.

Commissioners present were Teaching Elders Mark Scholten, Brad Evans, Al LaValley; Ruling Elders present were Brian Pajot, George Mancini, Bill Schultz.

A quorum was declared.

TE Mark Scholten was elected presiding officer.

TE Mark Scholten was elected secretary.

MSC to install Allen Baker as a church planting evangelist of the Southern New England Presbytery for the West Hartford area of Connecticut during a worship service on Sunday evening December 7th, 2003 at the American School of the Deaf.

MSC to adopt the order of worship and the commission assignments as attached.

MSC to approve the minutes of this meeting dated 12/7/2003.

MSC to request the Southern New England Presbytery to dismiss this commission upon completion of the worship service.

The meeting was adjourned with the Benediction by TE Allan Baker at 7:30pm.

In Christ’s Blessed Service,

Mark Scholten, Secretary of the Commission

Installation of Allen Baker III as a church planting evangelist in West Hartford, Connecticut.

History of Christ Community Presbyterian Church - Bill Schultz

Explanation of Installation - Presiding Officer of Presbytery Commission (Pastor Mark)

This worship service is an act of Presbytery for the purpose of installing Allen Baker III as a church-planting evangelist. Pastor Baker will be cooperating with the Session of the Presbyterian Church of Manchester, Connecticut in a mother – daughter relationship with this mission church, Christ Community Presbyterian Church. The Session of the Presbyterian Church of Manchester will serve at the temporary governing body of this mission church until a new session is ordained and installed in Christ Community Presbyterian Church.

Questions to Allen Baker – Al LaValley
1. Are you now willing to take charge of this area as a church-planting evangelist, agreeable to your declaration in accepting the call of the Southern New England Presbytery?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of a church planting evangelist, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

Charge to the Pastor Brad Evans (Or Rob Cox)

Questions to the Mission church Bill Schultz

1. Do you, the people of this mission church, continue to profess your readiness to receive Rev Allen Baker III as your church-planting evangelist?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your evangelist that competent worldly maintenance which is promised him, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

Charge to the Congregation Pastor Preston Graham

Declaration of Installation: Presiding officer (Pastor Mark)

_I now pronounce and declare that Rev. Allen Baker III has been regularly installed as a church planting Evangelist of the Southern New England Presbytery, agreeable to the Word of God, and according to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in America; and that as such he is entitled to all support, encouragement, honor, and obedience in the Lord: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen._
Phase Three

Mission To New England

Church Planting Network
The Vision

☞ A Church Movement in Every City
☞ A Church Movement in Every Culture
☞ A Church Movement in Every College
☞ A Church in Every Town
About New England
The OPPORTUNITY

- Educational Centers
- Financial Centers
- International Centers
- Multi-Cultural Centers
- 13 Million People,

Reach New England,
Reach the World!
About New England
The Challenges

Post-Christian Culture AND Infrastructure

- Culture- No longer rely on Christian “memory” as point of appeal, no “moral guilt” that needs relief-- must appeal to the “restless soul” of post-modernism via means that are geographically, culturally and personally approximate to the people such that the gospel is not only a “message” but is felt and seen within sacramental communities.

- Infrastructure- No “farm league” in H.S.’s or College’s toward raising up future Christian leadership. No “ecclesial” presence other than RC and liberal Congregationalism-- need a “grass-roots” presence in educational and town contexts.
Historical Review
Phase 1: Up to 1990

Northern New England “Town Church” Plants
- St. Albens
- Nashua
- Laconia

Southern New England “Town Church” Plants
- W. Springfield
- Coventry
- Manchester
- Groton
Phase 2: 1991-2003

ί Re-Organization of Presbytery to become a more functional “regional church” with greater missional emphasis and capability.
  - Metro NY (1995)
  - SNEP, NNEP, NYP (1998)
ί “Plant a Church Movement in every City”
  - New Haven (1991)
  - Boston (CTK-1993, CCB-2000)
  - Providence (Trinity 1995)
  - Springfield (Sp.2001)
ί “Plant a Church Movement for Every Culture”
  - Brazilian Church plants- ‘93, ‘95, ‘01
ί “Plant a Church Movement in Every College: RUF
Needed To Complete

Church Movement in Every City
  - Worcester, Stanford, Bridgeport, Danvers/Beverely
Church Movement in Every College
  - Major Universities-over 15, RUF ministries-6
Church Movement in Every Culture
  - Hispanic, African American, Pan-Asian, other…
Church in Every Town
  - 169 in CT, ? In… (MA, RI, VT, NH, ME)
Informal New England Network

Need To Foster Greater Reliance Upon Indigenous Resources

- Recruitment of Indigenous Planters
  - Need of a “farm league”
    - RUF cooperative
    - Youth movement (NE Youth Camp)

- Indigenous Training--
  - Brazilian Training Center
  - Urban Training Centers

- Indigenous Money-- see “NE Network Foundation”

- Indigenous Resource Sharing (see Coop. Networks)
  - Liturgical and Sacred Music Cooperative
  - Target ministry “networking” (example-- college town pastoral ministry network, rural town network, etc)
  - Urban with Rural (“each having gifts that differ”)
    - Suburban/Rural-- Trades, financial
    - Urban- Arts, Professional services
The Appointment of A “New England Liaison”

- Distinguished from Mission Team Chairman
- Present Position: Informal and “Spare Time” (PG)
  - Facilitate Biannual Meeting
  - Annual Meeting with NNEP Mission Team
  - Meet with Sessions
  - Assist in Core Group Formations
  - Assist in Project Recruitment (Attend Assessment Center)
  - Assist in Informal Network Cooperatives
  - Assist in matching needs with resources
  - Denominational Liaison
- Future Position: Full Time (NOT PG)
  - All of the above full time
  - Fund raising
  - Assist non-salaried New England Coordinator/Chairman? (e.g. would not be vision setter-- but work with vision setters)
  - Foundation Management/Recruitment/Administration
Cooperative Networks

❖ Youth Retreat
❖ Music
❖ Wife Support
❖ Crisis Response
❖ Church Planter Support
❖ Strategic Planning
❖ Target Ministry Networks
❖
What Could the New England Network Become?

The New England Network Could Become:

- a partnership of New England Presbyteries, churches and individuals
- committed to planting gospel driven churches, church planting movements and RUF chapters in New England
- for the glory of God.
It’s Purpose

The purpose of the New England Network is to be a servant organization for the benefit of Christ’s Church by assisting Presbyteries in:

- The recruitment and training of church planters
- Strategically planting churches in New England
- Nurturing new plants until full maturity
- Developing financial resources through church and non-church donors.
- Creating cooperatives within and without our region for the mutual benefit of all participants
The Components of A New England Church Planting Network

- Church Planting Network Fund
- Church Planter Recruitment
- Church Planting Training Coaching
- Launch Team Development
- Church Revitalization
- Presbytery Liaison and Vision Casting
New England Recruitment

▷ Role of the Network Coordinator
▷ Role of the MNA Assessment Center
▷ Role of Local Church
▷ Role of Indigenous Recruitment and Training
Contextual Training Center(s)  
(The American University Model)

To establish a cooperative in Theological Education to provide ministerial and church planting training and credentialing within New England and in the context of Practical Ministry and Especially Targeting Other Cultures than Traditional Anglo.
New England Network Fund

Purpose: To help fund projects of the New England Network

Fund management and dispersion will be at the sole discretion of the New England Network Executive Committee acting on behalf of the Network Participants

Goal:

- To Establish at least a One Million Dollar Endowment Fund
  - 600k: From Two anchor gifts
  - 200K From 4 Significant Givers
  - 200k From individuals
- To solicit annual financial assistance from each PCA Church in New England.
- To solicit financial assistance from individuals and other funding agencies from around the world.
- Income from Estate Assistance
Relationship with Presbytery(s)

New England Network

Northern New England Presbytery

Southern New England Presbytery
The Relation of the Network to Participating Presbyteries and Churches

The Network will have no spiritual jurisdiction what so ever in relation to the church planters, churches or members of churches that are established with the assistance of the network.

The Network will not plant any church or place any church planter that is not approved by the Presbytery of original jurisdiction.

The financial affairs of the Network are to be managed by the Executive Committee on behalf of the Network participants. As appropriate and at least annually, the Executive Committee of the Network shall cause an independent review to be made of the financial records of the Network and a report made to all participating Presbyteries, Churches, individual donors and other participating agencies.
Presbytery Participation

- Consisting of Joint Sub-Committees of participating Presbytery with Network coordinator/key leaders
- Strategic Planning within own Region
- Joint Project Funding
- Credentialing and Call
- See Southwest Church Planting Network for ideas on governing principles/rules
Local Church Participation
STEP UP To Church Planting

Step One
1% Giving
Mission Team
Anchor Church for
Church Plant and/or
RUF Ministry

Step Two
1% Giving
Mission Team
Anchor Church for
Church Plant and/or
RUF

Step Three
2% Giving
Mission Team
Anchor Church for
Church Plant and/or
RUF
Participate in Mentoring
and Training
Membership

Membership in the Network will consist of the following participants:

1. Participating churches: A participating church is any church that will give an annual gift of at least 1% of its overall budget to the work of the Network.

2. Participating Presbyteries: A participating presbytery is any presbytery within whose bounds church planting is being targeted by the Network.

3. Participating Individuals: All individual donors and participating church planters (or a key leader appointed by a participating church planter).

4. Participating Foundations and/or Other funding agencies.
Executive Committee Membership

• A Representative of each participating church, preferably a ruling elder who will be committed to serving for at least a two year term and who has some expertise and/or knowledge in church planting and/or RUF.

• The MNA Chairman of participating Presbyteries or someone appointed by the MNA committee of participating Presbyteries.

• Any private donor with an investment of over 100k and is a member in good standing of a gospel believing church.
Launch Team Development
Church Planter Support

-Coaching
-Mentoring
-Training
-Networking
Church Revitalization
MNA GA Vision Statement

That God, by His grace and for His own glory, through the cooperative prayers and efforts of the churches and presbyteries of the PCA, will ignite a powerful church planting and vitalization movement that has an impact on all of North America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and at the same time transforms both the heart and the face of the PCA.
Watch List

Church Planting

- Connecticut Heartland
- Bridgeport
- Southern Rhode Island
- Worcester
- Danvers
- South Boston
- Cape Cod

RUF Campus Ministries

- Uconn
- Umass
- Holy Cross
- etc