

MINUTES
Annual Spring Meeting
Rhode Island Conference of the United Church of Christ
May 2, 2015
Riverside Congregational Church, UCC, Riverside, RI

The meeting was called to order at 9:27am by Conference President Peter Hainsworth following a hymn sing led by the Bob Nolan and Rev. Dr. Claudia Demick and opening worship led by Rev. Barbara Libby, Interim Conference Minister and Rev. Ruth Shilling Hainsworth, Chair of Annual Meeting Planning Team. Riverside Pastor the Rev. Dave Hammett was invited to bring welcoming remarks on behalf of our host church. The Rev. Dr. George Peters, outgoing Vice President for Administration and incoming President, was invited to offer the standing motions:

- That the program as prepared and presented be accepted subject to such change as the Conference may find necessary;
- That gratitude be expressed to the members of Riverside Congregational Church, UCC for their hospitality;
- That thankful recognition to Peter Hainsworth for this two terms as President of the Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ during significant years of transition and change;
- That the meeting be adjourned after the closing benediction offered in each conversation group in Session.

Peter offered words of welcome as he acknowledged the following special guests at the meeting who graciously provided displays for the meeting: Michele Pollitt with the UCC Insurance Board; Micah Luce with the Yale Divinity School Bookstore; Priscilla DeLaCruz with Peoples Power & Light; Beautiful Day with Keith Cooper and Ann Dombrowski; Rhode Island State Council of Churches represented by Chontell Washington, intern; Kathy Black with RI Interfaith Power & Light; Bethany Karbowski with Equal Exchange.

Following this, the first order of business was the certifying of the quorum by Registrar, Darlene McMillan as follows:

Churches represented	23
Lay Delegates	56
Clergy	28
Members in Discernment	4
Ex-Officio	8
Visitors	34
Staff	2

The first next order of business was the approval of the Minutes of the Autumnal Meeting a copy of which had been sent out with the advance meeting materials. A motion to approve the minutes was made (George Peters) and duly seconded (multiple).

Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimously approved.

The next order of business was a motion to receive the Annual Reports as sent out in advance of the meeting. Motion duly made (Frances Munro) and seconded (multiple). Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimously approved.

Next was the presentation of the Nominating Committee Report by Frances Munro. She noted the need for a correction that Evelyn Watkins is from Seekonk Congregational and not Newman. She also noted the vacancy for Vice President of Justice and Witness on the BOD which Nominating is working on with several possibilities in mind. The motion does not require a second since it comes from a standing committee. Discussion: None. Vote: Unanimously approved.

George Peters was called forward for the recognition of outgoing officers and BOD members. George noted that Peter will be remaining on the Board as Past President and that Bob Spaulding would be going off the BOD. George then asked for an expression of gratitude to Peter for his service these past four years. A standing ovation followed.

An installation of new officers and BOD members was conducted by Interim Conference Ministry Rev. Barbara Libby.

Following the installation, Ruth was called forward to explain the conversation group session locations. Then the plenary session ended as folks left for break and their groups.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Ruth Shilling Hainsworth
Clerk

Attachments to the Clerk's Copy of the Minutes:
Annual Report
Report of the Nominating Committee