

155th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINDHAM ASSOCIATION
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ

May 22, 2018
East Woodstock Congregational Church

AGENDA

Potluck Supper

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Determination of a Quorum

Approval of the Minutes of our 2017 Annual Meeting

Treasurer's report

Registrar's report

Report of the Moderator

Greetings from the Regional Minister

Together, As One – Planning Team Update

Nominations and Election of the Windham Association Officers and Council

Approval of the 2018-2019 Budget

Adjournment

Worship



**Annual Meeting of the Windham Association,
Connecticut Conference, United Church of Christ
June 22, 2017**

Authorized Ministers, delegates and friends of the Windham Association gathered on June 22, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Westfield Congregational Church, United Church of Christ. Following a potluck supper, the Rev. Joseph Blotz called the meeting to order at 6:50 p.m. and led the assembly in prayer.

A quorum was established with representation from 12 of the Association's 18 congregations.

There was a motion by Mr. Kevin Williams and a second by the Rev. Alice O'Donovan to accept the **minutes** of the May 2016 annual meeting. Upon voting, the motion PASSED

The **Treasurer's report** was presented by the Rev. Paul Doyle, who noted that there was a reduction in dues received because of 2017 membership adjustments in the UCC DataHub. He expressed thanks for the faithfulness of our local congregations, which has allowed us to meet many needs throughout the year. The Rev. Stephen Finlan offered to discuss higher yield accounts with the Treasurer. There was a motion by the Rev. Susan Foster and a second by Ms. Emily Logee-Savoie to accept the report. Upon voting, the motion PASSED.

There was a motion by the Rev. Richard Haverly with a second by the Rev. Stephen Finlan to accept the **Registrar's report** as printed in the meeting packet. Ministers new to the Association were asked to introduce themselves (Rev. Cheryl Caronna, Rev. Stephen Finlan, Mr. Kevin Williams, Rev. Greg Gray.) Upon voting, the motion PASSED.

Rev. Blotz summarized his **Moderator's report** that was in the meeting packet highlighting god's work among us through the Rev. Alice O'Donovan's new role as the Association Chaplain to Retired Clergy, the celebration of an installation and acceptance of two members into the discernment process. The Association Council's new method of providing periodic support was also explained. There was a motion by the Rev. Greg Gray and a second by Ms. Susan Waldron to accept the report. Upon voting, the motion PASSED.

As **Eastern Regional Minister**, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clough brought greetings from the Connecticut Conference and expressed his gratitude for his three months of sabbatical leave. He thanked the Association Council for its work as well as the Rev. Chuck Ericson's leadership during his absence. In addition, last weekend's meeting of the three conferences was highlighted, new ministers were welcomed and those who have departed were recognized.

The **slate of nominees** was presented. There was a motion by the Rev. Matthew Emery with a second by Mr. Kevin Williams to accept the slate of officers and council members. Thanks were offered for the service of Ms. Waldron and the Rev. Jonathan Chapman as they leave the Council. Upon voting, the motion PASSED.

Rev. Doyle presented the **proposed budget** for 2017-2018. A motion to accept was made by the Rev. O'Donovan with a second by Rev. Haverly. Upon voting, the motion PASSED.

Rev. Blotz noted that the WA Council will replace a committee in reviewing future **Mustard Seed Grant** applications. The Rev. Nancy McLaren will take on the role of point person for the grant. Rev. Blotz thanked Ms. Waldron for her long service as the chair of the Mustard Seed Grant committee, and Rev. Haverly added his thanks for her service on the Connecticut Conference Committee on Ministry.

Members of the assembly were then given the floor for **announcements**.

- Ms. Debby Kirk thanked the Association for the many ways in which youth and youth ministry is being supported.
- Ms. Carolyn Holmy provided information on the upcoming conference of the UCC Women of New England.
- The Rev. Greg Gray, as chair of the CT Conference ONA Ministry Team, noted that a resolution had been passed to mark the Sunday before November 20 as a Day of Transgender Remembrance. A Service of Remembrance will be held at the Conference office in Hartford at 7 p.m. on November 20th.
- Dr. Pam Roberts spoke to her interest in and call to facilitate accessibility at the Conference annual meeting.
- As a former conference Dean at Silver Lake Conference Center, Mr. Williams spoke about openings in “God’s backyard” this summer. He also noted the SLCC 60th anniversary celebration on August 26th.
- The Rev. Ann Plumley, as co-chair of the Quiet Corner Refugee Resettlement, gave thanks for the support of the Association as well as many members across our congregations. She summarized the momentum generated through the first year.

A motion was made by Mr. Williams and seconded by Mr. Steven Lain to **adjourn** following worship. Upon voting, the motion PASSED and the assembly adjourned at 7:45 p.m. after evening devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Hubbell
Windham Association Registrar

Windham Association Connecticut Conference, UCC
2017-2018 End-of-Year Financial Report and 2018-2019 Budget Proposal

	2017-2018 Budgeted	2017-2018 Actual	Percent of Budget	<i>Budget 2018-2019</i>
INCOME				
Total Dues from Member Congregations	4,486.00	4,486.00	100%	4,163.00
Cornerstone Fund Interest	50.00	67.50	135%	50.00
Delegate Expense Reimbursement/Synod	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Misc. Income	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Pastoral Formation	0.00	0.00		
Clergy Gathering (From other Associations)	1,200.00	800.00	67%	1,200.00
Transfer from Cornerstone Fund	0.00	0.00		
TOTAL INCOME	5,636.00	5,353.50	95%	5,413.00
EXPENDITURES				
Administration	200.00	43.29		200.00
Delegate Expenses – Synod	2,000.00	1,583.77	38%	2,000.00
Association Chaplain to Retired Clergy	300.00	0.00	0%	300.00
In Discernment Support/Scholarships	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Mustard Seed Grant	1,000.00	0.00	0%	1,000.00
Programs and Special Projects	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Registrar Honorarium	1,000.00	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00
Seminary Gifts	600.00	600.00	100%	600.00
Special Scholarships	250.00	0.00	0%	250.00
Misc. Expenses	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
CAT Assessment	0.00	0.00	0%	415.00
Clergy Gathering	1,600.00	1,800.00	112%	1,600.00
Association Workshops	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Refugee Resettlement- Grant	500.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Pastoral Formation Support	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
Timothy Grant	0.00	0.00	0%	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	7,450.00	5,027.06		7,365.00

ACCOUNT BALANCES

LIBERTY BANK CHECKING	\$3,852.65
CORNERSTONE INVESTMENTS	\$6,028.27 (12/31/17)
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$9,880.92</u>

**Windham Association
Ministerial and Ecclesiastical Changes**

June 2017

Rev. Greg Gray began his term as Designated Term Pastor at the Congregational Church of Thompson

July 2017

Rev. Mary Apicella ended her term as Pastor at Brooklyn Federated Church of Christ

August 2017

Ms. Charlotte Bell was granted licensure for her work at Brooklyn Federated Church of Christ

September 2017

Ms. Charlotte Bell began her term as Licensed Pastor at Brooklyn Federated Church of Christ

November 2017

Rev. Cheryl Caronna transferred ministerial standing from New London Association

December 2017

Ms. Charlotte Bell ended her term as Licensed Pastor at Brooklyn Federated Church of Christ

February 2018

Rev. Stephen Finlan ended his term as Senior Pastor at the First Congregational Church of Plainfield

Rev. Jane Newall was called as Designated Term Pastor at Brooklyn Federated Church of Christ

May 2018

Rev. Cheryl Caronna was installed as Pastor of the First Congregational Church of Canterbury

Respectfully submitted,
Deborah Hubbell, Registrar
May 22, 2018

**Windham Association
Report of the Past Moderator**

Dear Partners in Ministry,

It has been a great joy to serve as Moderator of the Windham Association for another year. I am grateful to the Rev. Rick Haverly who, in February, agreed to step into the role of Moderator when shifts in family life required me to step down.

These past twelve months I celebrate:

- Ongoing support of our Members in Discernment, Kate Alexander (First Church Storrs) and Jace Paul Bachand (First Church Willimantic)
- Licensure of Kevin Williams as pastor of the South Killingly UCC and Charlotte Bell as pastor of the Brooklyn Congregation
- Support of Authorized Ministers through Periodic Support Consultations
- Continuing Education opportunities with the Rev. David Ray, an expert in small church vitality, and with the Rev. Dr. Gregory Mobly on preaching the Advent texts

I look forward to learning, with you, where the Spirit is leading us as disciples here in Connecticut's Quiet Corner... may the peace of Christ be with us as we journey.

Joseph Blotz
Past Moderator

**Windham Association
Report of the Moderator**

I give thanks for the leadership that Joe has given to the Windham Association and Council and I hope we can carry on in his example.

Cheryl Caronna was installed at First Congregational Church of Canterbury on May 6, 2018

I am grateful for the commitment and the work of our Association Council and look forward to our work in the coming year.

Rick Haverly
Moderator

Together, As One - Planning Team Update
May 22, 2018
Windham Association, CT UCC

To ensure that everyone is informed about the Vision, Mission and Purpose of the proposed new, unified conference, **Together, As One** team members have requested the opportunity to discuss the Vision at the gatherings of the Associations within the Connecticut Conference.

Rev. Jocelyn Gardner Spencer, CT UCC Board Representative on the Planning Team, will lead the discussion at the Windham Association 2018 Annual Meeting. So that those in attendance can be prepared, she has provided the following links to information:

CT UCC Together, As One website: <http://ctuucc.org/ta1updates>
Here you will find the latest information and documents related to Together, As One.

Documents of particular interest on this site are:

- A mission/vision/values statement
(<https://www.ctuucc.org/files/tables/content/9254052/files/TogetherStatementREV3b.pdf>)
- A frequently asked questions (FAQ) document
(https://www.macucc.org/files/ta1+documents/together+as+one+faq+180316clean_nowatermark.pdf)
- An anticipated timeline 2018-2020
(https://www.ctuucc.org/files/ta1+documents/ta1+procedural+timeline+180219clean_nowatermark.pdf)

PROPOSED 2018-19 COUNCIL & SYNOD DELEGATES

Windham Association
Connecticut Conference of
The United Church of Christ

Windham Association Council

(3 year terms with 2 term limit; except Treasurer and Registrar – no term limit)

Officers

Moderator, Rev. Rick Haverly (Willimantic)	1 st term	Term expires 2021
Vice Moderator, Rev. Susan Foster (East Woodstock)	1 st term	Term expires 2021
Treasurer, Rev. Paul Doyle (Scotland)	3 rd term	Term expires 2020
Registrar, Ms. Deborah Hubbell (Mansfield)	3 rd term	Term expires 2020

Members-at-Large

Rev. Nancy McLaren (Storrs)	1 st term	Term expires 2019
Ms. Kathleen Brown (Canterbury)	1 st term	Term expires 2019
Ms. Emily Logee-Savoie (Canterbury)	2 nd term	Term expires 2020
Rev. Joseph Blotz (Mansfield)	1 st term	Term expires 2021
<i>Vacancy – Layperson</i>	<i>1st term</i>	<i>Term expires 2021</i>

General Synod Delegates

Rev. Jon Chapman (Westfield)	Term expires after the 2019 Synod
<i>Vacancy – Layperson</i>	<i>Term expires after the 2021 Synod</i>