



Pastor Parish Relations Committee (PPRC) Summary from Meeting June 3, 2024, 5:30-6:45 PM

PPRC Attendees: Valerie Benjamin (zoom), Barbara Castle, Frances Dearing Bryniarski (zoom), Patrick Fulford, Alex Hunt (zoom), Ike Jordan (zoom), Beth Wilkens (Chair), Rev. Ted Anderson

Devotions: provided by Frances Dearing Bryniarski

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the meeting held 4/15/24 were approved.

Report on Recognition Event Planning:

Beth reported:

- The Cady event held June 1 was a great evening with about 350 in attendance. An appropriate purse was raised and presented in the June 2 service.
- Bonnie Mathiadess is leading a team planning appropriate recognition, both during and after the June 23 service, of Rachel Dupont's time at Asbury.
- Beth is working on appropriate recognition, both during and after the June 23 service, of Ted Anderson's service as senior pastor.

Report on Welcome for New Senior Minister

Rev. Bogue-Trost will be introduced to the congregation at the July 14 service, and her first preaching Sunday will be July 21. She is moving to Rochester on June 21. She will be leasing the parsonage at Covenant, which gives her time to get settled before having to find permanent housing. A welcome gift basket is being prepared, Beth is organizing a group of Asbury women to help make her mother-in-law, Alice Trost, feel welcome, and small groups will be encouraged to invite Michelle and Nate for dinner during their first few months here to help them get to know members of the congregation.

Pastoral Salaries:

The Committee continued its discussion regarding disclosure of individual pastoral salaries at the annual Church Conference. A final decision as to the information to be shared will be made after Rev. Michelle Bogue-Trost arrives so her views can be taken into account.

The PPRC is charged with recommending pastoral salaries to the Governing Board annually, and will consider them in the September meeting so that the information can be part of the budgeting process. The Committee will reference guidelines provided by the Upper New York Conference.

Pastoral and Staff Time

The PPRC has gathered general information from each pastoral and senior staff member as to how they currently spend their time. The Committee will consider how current use of staff resources matches priorities, and what additional lay support for staff is appropriate and necessary.