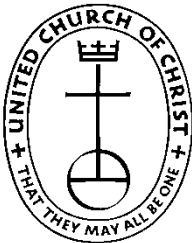


THE ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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**THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
OF SOUTH DARTMOUTH, MA**
(United Church of Christ)

*In Its
218th Anniversary Year*

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Church Officers (2024-2025)

Church Moderator: Lara Stone

Vice Moderator: Jonathan Gray

Clerk: Grace Wyss

Treasurer: Phil Guymont

Assistant Treasurer: Beth Hobbs

Ministry Leaders (2024-2025)

Finance: Steve Roberts

Outreach: Terry Cryan

Religious Education: Kristy Charest/Katie Christianson

Worship: Lisa Mellgard

Committee Leaders (2024-2025)

Caregiving: Teresa de Jesus De La Torre

Fellowship: Beth Miller

The Guild: Cecelia Roberts

Human Resources: Dan Perry

Property: Brian Fernandes

Church Staff (2024-2025)

Pastor: Rev. Emily J. Kellar

Office Administrator: Robin E. Lake

Director of Religious Education: Elizabeth Neto

Music Directors: Dr. Sarah H. McQuarrie/Dr. Ronald Sherwin

Tara Thomas/Mark Vadnais

Children's Circle Nursery School Staff (2024-2025)

Samantha Barrett, Director and Lead Teacher of Children's Circle Nursery School

Amy Bettencourt, Lead Teacher of Children's Circle Nursery School

Pastor's Report

Find a quiet space, take a seat and grab a cup of tea for this report! And if you want to get past the "to do list" of an annual report ~ skip now to the 2nd paragraph of page 3 for my goodbye. May of 2024 found me meeting with the church staff and discussing moving for the summer building renovations. The church staff were all incredibly helpful with the process and Robin, in the church office most notably was a tremendous help. We knew the summer would be busy, and we were excited to see the work begin and eager to help make it become a reality!

We had 14 new members join on May 5, 2024, and in June our area conference minister preached at our Baccalaureate service. I began work on the next church program year calendar and we watched the iStroll South Coast group of mothers gather in our parking lot weekly to walk their babies and develop a community of their own. The preschool had its summer camps!

I took two weeks of vacation in July and led a clergy online retreat the end of July for the Shalem Clergy Program in Washington, D.C. In August, I began work on the adult mission trip plans. I purchased our airfare and reserved a minivan for our March '25 trip. A busy summer in the office was wrapping up. The church projects were nearing completion. In October I took the last week of my vacation and went to Santa Fe to attend the wedding of my close friend's son. Rev. Terry Martinson filled in for me and the Rev. Dr. Susan Cartmell preached the day after I returned from vacation. It was nice to have Rev. Susan and her wife, Rev. Peggy worship with us. Rev. Peggy has been a long-time mentor of mine in ministry.

In the church office we began to look at Advent and Christmas bulletins and the new program year was off to a great start with the newly painted sanctuary and light blue velvet pew cushions. There is no way to ever thank all of the different volunteers who helped with all the various projects! And thank the church staff for their patience with us! Potluck dinners resumed monthly, and we commissioned three new deacons on September 22nd.

Stewardship season began with a mailing that went out and pledge cards were returned to record. We celebrated a few baptisms in the fall. I attended Boundary Awareness Training in November which is something I have to renew every three years to maintain my standing in the United Church of Christ. On All Saint's Day people brought photos of their loved ones. Our communion table was bright with the lights among us that have "walked on".

On November 3rd, I represented our church at the Southeastern Regional meeting in Attleboro and saw clergy and laypeople from the other churches in our association. Advent flew by as we experienced the sermon series, Angels Among Us. Christmas services were very well attended, and we had an 11 p.m. Christmas Eve service for the first time in several years.

In January, I resigned from the church and expressed my hope that we would celebrate our mutual ministry the end of April. I resumed Coffee with the Pastor on Wednesdays so I could visit with folks before my departure. Our monthly potlucks continued with lots of folks attending. In March, I took 5 women to Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi. We had a wonderful trip and enjoyed serving the unhoused community there. *It was an experience I will never forget!* While there I was also nominated to serve on the board of Back Bay Mission, a place dear to my heart.

As I write this annual report, we will receive four new members this Sunday, April 6th. And on Palm Sunday, April 13th, we will have six youth be confirmed. We will have two Easter services: 6 a.m. on Round Hill Beach and then the 10 a.m. service at the church complete with an egg hunt. My last Sunday with the Beloved Community will be April 27th!

It has been a joy and privilege to serve the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth, UCC. Please remember to keep "UCC" in your name and make sure the men's bathroom light on the first floor is turned off as it has a habit of staying on. Please offer the mail delivery person water and use of our restrooms. Please greet our recovery meeting guests as if they are the Christ! And be sure to chat with the preschool parents in the stairwell. When the fire alarm goes off, please get some cookies or a loaf of banana bread out of the Pastor's box in the freezer for the firemen. They really love Jane Goulet's chocolate chip cookies the best!

I pray the ministries that began in my time here will continue, Grief Group, Grandparents Program, Food Pantry, Mobile Ministries, Potluck, and Coffee with the Pastor. I pray that light up shoes will grace children's times in the future and that you will have many more confetti canons. Please throw wide open your front doors when your college youth return. Ask them how they are *really* doing! Lastly, when I came, the words "Open and Affirming" had been "lost" but now they are "found". ***Please do not forget that you are proudly and loudly an "Open and Affirming" church! Love is Love!***

While I offer deep gratitude to the congregation and to the church leadership, I must take time to thank the church staff. They have been most patient and kind to me. Thank you to Tara, Mark, Sarah, Ronnie and Tommy for all of your musical contributions. Thank you to Beth for all of her support and patience with my last-minute changes. Thank you to Sam and Amy for all the bagel breakfasts and laughter.

Lastly, the thank you that is the hardest for me to write. To Robin, the unsung and often not thanked adequately enough member of the church staff. In no world would there ever be a way to thank you enough. Robin, you heard my frustrations and my triumphs. You knew of my sadness and of my great joy. You got late-night calls when someone passed away and many bulletin changes happened after hours as well. Robin Lake, your friendship has been one of the greatest gifts of my time here in South Dartmouth. Thank you! I remain immensely grateful for working alongside you!

As you read this dear Beloved Community, I am probably out hiking a trail at Ghost Ranch in New Mexico or perhaps sitting in a service at the monastery in Abiquiu. Ministers come for a season and then they move on at the call of God. We give our lives in service to the gospel. You know in your heart already how I will close this annual report...please do not leave the gospel in the pews here but rather carry it with you out into the world by how you live your life. May you be the gospel of Jesus the Christ to every person you encounter! And on the days when you are weary and losing hope, may someone be the Christ to you! May peace abide always, and may you know I am better for having lingered with you awhile! Thank you from David and my family as well! Deacon will really miss all the bunnies in the parsonage backyard! And to the hawk who flies overhead there, Godspeed! Peace, love, and joy for your journey in this life!

With gratitude,

Rev. Emily

Moderator's Report



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Margaret Mead*

Moderator's Report

Dear Members and Friends of the Congregational Church of South Dartmouth,

As I draft my final report as Moderator, **my heart is full of gratitude**—for this community, for the beauty we have built together, and for the opportunity to serve in this role over the past two years. It has truly been an honor.

This year, we witnessed **the power of teamwork and a shared vision** as we came together to revitalize the physical and spiritual heart of our church. Our sanctuary now shines with a beautiful new paint job, lovingly restored pews, soft Wedgewood blue cushions, and matching carpeting. Hay Hall is now a place of vibrant performances, Sunday School classes, and Youth Group gatherings.

We completed an important outdoor entryway project to protect the young students of Children's Circle Nursery School from the elements. Joy for the bathrooms! Now adorned with whales, butterflies, ocean waves, and forest scenes, they invite whimsy and imagination into the most unexpected places.

We also joyfully renovated the playground and installed a new structure, now named the **Max Stone Memorial Playground**, where children climb, swing, and play in Max's memory. Our family will forever remember your kindness in making this decision.

Behind every transformation is the tireless love and dedication of this congregation. Thank you to each and every one of you who gave your time, energy, creativity, and support to make these projects possible. This was a summer of action, and its impact will be felt for generations to come.

Beyond bricks and paint, the ministries of our church continue to flourish. Together, we:

- Offer a monthly grief group
- Share community and nourishment at our Wednesday potlucks
- Nurture our children and youth through Sunday School and Youth Group
- Support each other through choir, prayer shawls, caring ministries, notes, and presence
- Serve on local mission trips and provide support to neighbors near and far

Through outreach, we **remain a beacon of compassion** in the Greater New Bedford region. From our work with Habitat for Humanity, Holiday Hope, and Thanksgiving turkey donations, to Mobile Ministries meal preparation, our Food Pantry, and Thrift Sale, we are living out our call to love and serve.

This season has also brought deep transition. With heartfelt appreciation, we will say goodbye to Rev. Emily Kellar, our beloved pastor of nearly eight years. We are so grateful for the many gifts she brought to our community and we wish her and David every blessing during their next chapter. Her leadership has been a lasting gift. **At the writing of this report, we will celebrate Pastor Emily's ministry and send her and David off with love, joy, and immense gratitude on April 27.**

In this time of change, we have been uplifted by the guidance of Rev. Dr. Patty Kogut through the UCC's Southern New England Conference. As Moderator and Vice Moderator, Jonathan Gray and I have worked alongside Worship Ministry members Lisa Mellgard, Mike Gouveia, and Carol Flack to form an Interim Search Committee—leading to the exciting news:

Welcome Rev. Dr. Shannon Michael Pater, our new Interim Minister!

Beginning May 15, 2025, Shannon Michael will join us to walk with our congregation during this sacred period of discernment and discovery. With 30 years of ministry experience—and a life shaped by spiritual exploration, intercultural experiences, and deep compassion, he will bring rare gifts to our church at just the right time.

From Houston to Des Moines, Atlanta to Fort Worth, and even to the Himalayas during a global pandemic, Shannon Michael's journey has prepared him to guide churches like ours through meaningful transformation. His wisdom, warmth, and trauma-informed approach to ministry will enrich our journey as we prepare to call our next settled pastor.

As I step away from my role as Moderator, I do so with immense pride in what we have accomplished and with faith in what lies ahead. **This community—your generosity, resilience, and spirit—continues to inspire me every day.**

Thank you for the chance to serve you these past two years. And thank you for the eight wonderful years we've all shared with Pastor Emily—"Rev. EK" as my children have always called her.

May we move forward with hope, with joy, and with open hearts.

With deep gratitude,
Lara Stone
Moderator

Record of Statistics for the Year: April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025

In Memoriam

Nancy A. DeWolf	05/18/24
Nancy S. Purdy	07/01/24
Elizabeth A. Howe	09/07/24
Gloria B. Strain	09/15/24
Lois M. Tykodi	11/28/24

Baptized into the Christian Faith

Nicolas Joseph Soto	11/17/24
Benjamin David Pullo Breese	10/13/24
Nicholas Joseph Pullo Breese	10/13/24
Julian Andrew Adamides	07/28/24
Hallet Suarez Lima	03/30/25

Confirmation

4/13/25
Aaron Charest
Mariah Christianson
*Marisa Da Silva
Kristiana Santos
*Noah Felix
*Jonah Felix

**Also Baptized*

New Members

5/5/24	
Steve Abdow	Susan Abdow
Holly Babbitt Barrows	Dana Richard Barrows
Karen Caffrey	Ray Caffrey
Liz Carbone	Frank Carbone
Christine Fistori	Darlene Mendoza
Ellsworth (Chip) Mellor	Catherine Teves
Tara Thomas	Mark Vadnais

4/6/25	
Al Arthofer	Lisa Arthofer
Karen Kayser	Janet EB Williams

Current Active Membership total 340

MINUTES ANNUAL MEETING
May 5, 2024

CALL TO ORDER

Moderator Lara Stone called the meeting to order at 11:05.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM

Clerk Kathy Pappas declared a quorum.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Emily J. Kellar

Acceptance of 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes:

A motion (Sonja White) seconded (Fae Nason) to accept the April 16, 2023 Annual Meeting Minutes carried.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Rev. Kellar presented highlights of her Annual Report which included: the blessing of animals, a successful stewardship campaign, an end-of-life talk, the youth mission trip, the Council restructuring plan and revision of the by-laws. She continues to serve on Committee on Ministry for the Old Colony Association, to meet with her spiritual advisor and with the Pastoral Advisory Committee, to welcome visitors and new members. As her 7th year winds down, Rev. Kellar continues to feel called to serve this Beloved Community, as she is "here for this season of our lives."

TREASURER'S REPORT

Per Phil Guymont, 2023 was a strong financial year with income exceeding budget. Invested funds are \$2,135.663, a 3% increase over 2022. The investment increase as of 03/30/24 is \$62,599.

MODERATOR'S REPORT

Lara Stone reviewed elements of the January budget meeting which included approval of funds for the 4 major capital projects: sanctuary and Hay Hall painting and pew refinishing; side entrance drainage improvement; bathrooms refurbishing; removal of current play structure (completed) and purchase and installation of new one. As she works in tandem with Council and the membership, Lara expressed gratitude for these relationships, for the capital projects, our worship service including music, strong financials per the stewardship campaign, the Sunday School program, Children's Circle Nursery School, mission trips and the active fellowship and support of the congregation.

BY-LAW CHANGE PRESENTATION AND VOTE:

Jonathan Gray's slides enhanced his presentation of the update to the 2018 By-Laws edition. This update consists of both non-material and material changes.

- Non material changes included 100 plus edits to both format and style, to create term consistency and clarity to the document.

Annual Meeting Minutes – May 5, 2024 (Continued)

A motion to accept non material changes made (Cindy Mikkelson) and seconded (Andrea Vigus) carried.

- Material changes: Council will consist of four ministries: Worship, Finance, Religious Education, and Christian Outreach. The following committees will reside respectively within 2 ministries:
 - Finance Ministry (Property, Children's Circle Liaison, Stewardship, Investment, and Guild)
 - Christian Outreach Ministry (Fellowship, Caregiving).
 - Standalone committees: Human Resources, Nominating, and Pastor Relations Committee
- Discussion followed regarding ministry and committee membership. Members will be expected to serve three (3) year terms with a limit of two consecutive terms. Committee members will serve at the discretion of the individual member and the committee chair with no term limits.
- Change regarding Robert's Rules of Order: "In all matters of government not provided in these By-Laws, the Church will be *governed* by established Congregational usage and *guided* by Robert's Rules of Order in accordance with which no proxy or absentee ballots will be allowed."

A motion to accept material changes (Dan Perry), and seconded (Maddy McGregor) carried.

ELECTION OF CHURCH OFFICERS AND MINISTRY MEMBERS

A motion made (Kate Dabney) and seconded (Cecelia Roberts) to elect church leadership and ministry members as presented in the nominating slate carried.

CLOSING PRAYER/ADJOURNMENT @11:55

Rev. Emily J. Kellar

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Pappas

Annual Budget Meeting Minutes January 26, 2025

Opening Prayer - 10:58 am

Declaration of a Quorum - A Quorum is present

Call to Order - 11:00 am

Invested Funds

- Question what the investment decrease for 2024 invested funds.

2024 Capital Projects

- Summary of projects by Jonathan Gray
- Question from Pete Miller about projects not listed
 - Noted that the funds which are still available because the completed projects are under budget.
 - Additional funding is available for additional projects.

Presentation of the Budget & Vote

- Pledges do not currently cover the full expense of the church
 - We fund a tremendous CE program, have a full-time minister and office staff. We are truly blessed.
 - Difference is made up with a draw from invested funds
 - Additional funds came in from other funds, and various other sources including loose collections noted in the narrative
 - Pledge units are down year over year
 - Various things impact this including deaths and relocations
 - Difference between 2024 and 2025 is reviewed by church leadership
 - Preschool
 - Had a history of breaking even at best
 - 2024 saw a profit which is split as noted in the narrative between outreach, and some is returned to the Church budget and some directly to the preschool
 - This is due to the very hard work of various members of our church including Steve Roberts and Joe Sciuto
 - Breese family spoke about what a gift the preschool is to their family
- 2024 Actual Revenue vs Budget
 - Actuals exceeded budget thanks to bequests and other items noted in the narrative

- Expenses
 - 2025 Budget
 - Includes a 3% increase to staff
 - Outreach
 - Overview of yearly disbursement from a four-year fund and regular in-year disbursements
 - Property
 - Outlined various projects including clocks and heating systems
 - Christian Education
 - Nothing no concerns to report
 - Commentary
 - Adjustments made to reconcile prior period adjustment to normalize in-year reporting. Not all expenses are incurred in the same period as the offsetting revenue.
 - Draw on Investment and Projected Shortfall
 - There is a deficit projected which will be mitigated by a responsible draw on invested funds and projected growth
- Motion to accept budget as presented with a -96,332 operating expenses to be funded by the endowment
 - Moved David Seconded Margo
 - In favor Many
 - Abstention 0
 - No 0

Interim Search Committee Slate & Vote

- Question about the strategy for Settled Minister Q: Will we find a settled pastor or Designated term? (Cecelia). A: This is up to the church to determine at the time.
 - David Clarified that the DT had a lot to do with where the church was at the time.
- Motion Cecelia Second Kate Dabney
 - Y Many
 - A None
 - N None

Closing Prayer

- Remarks about the covenant and communication. Our members are bound by our communication covenant.

Adjourn - 11:37 am

Financial Report

2024 was another strong financial year for the Church. The 2024 Stewardship campaign received about 100 pledges equaling about \$212,000. This was approximately the same level as 2023. The actual collected was below budget, generally due to changes of circumstances for congregants. Some 2024 pledges were collected in 2025. We are thankful to all congregants for their generosity.

We are blessed to have significant invested funds that help fund Church operations and outreach activities. 2024 was another very good year in the market. The investment report follows this narrative.

There were 4 major projects during the year that were approved by the Congregation. These projects were – 1) re-doing the playground, 2) rehabbing the bathrooms, 3) fixing the drainage issues on the office side of the Church, and 4) totally re-painting the sanctuary, resurfacing the floors and pews, new cushions for the pews, and other related items, outlined in the Property Committee report below. These projects were funded by previously raised capital campaign funds and ERTC funds received in 2023 (\$125,000 of ERTC funds, plus the remaining \$80,000 of Capital Campaign Funds). There were also 2 donations totaling \$20,500 toward the sanctuary work.

The Congregation voted to use \$20,000 of the ERTC funds to donate to local non-profits through the Outreach Ministry over time. The Committee decided to use approximately \$5,000/year over 4 years to donate to local non-profit organizations.

Also following this narrative is a spreadsheet showing several years' financial results, and the 2024 results compared to the 2024 budget, as well as the 2025 budget.

Below please find that spreadsheet, the year-end 2024 balance sheet, the investment report, and the Property Committee report.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Roberts

Finance Committee Chair

Finance Committee members: Phil Guymont, Beth Hobbs, Steve Abdow, Dennis Burke, David Wyss and Lara Stone

Finance Ministry (Continued)

Schwab Investment Account

In accordance with Finance Committee guidelines, Church funds are invested in US Equities 40%, International Equities 20% and US Bonds 40%. Exchange traded funds (ETF's) are utilized to mirror the performance of these broad market segments.

Change in Account Value	2023	2024
Starting Value	\$1,661,325	\$2,073,064
Deposits & Withdrawals	169,701	(288,565)
Transfers	18,109	11,838
Change in Value of Investments	223,929	211,552
Ending Value on 12/31/22	\$2,073,064	\$2,007,889
Total Change in Account Value: including Deposits and Withdrawals	\$411,739	\$(65,175)

The Congregational Church of South Dartmouth

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
BayCoast	27,052.71
BayCoast Checking	119,582.84
Sanctuary Suppliesc	152.65
Vanco Services	-0.94
Total Bank Accounts	\$146,787.26
Other Current Assets	
Payroll Corrections	-0.02
Total Other Current Assets	\$ -0.02
Total Current Assets	\$146,787.24
Other Assets	
MA Cong'l Fund Account	13,433.84
Schwab Investment Account	2,056,738.67
Total Other Assets	\$2,070,172.51
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,216,959.75
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	5,570.00
Total Accounts Payable	\$5,570.00
Other Current Liabilities	
Direct Deposit Liabilities	-22,317.91
Payroll Liabilities	4,423.35
Federal Taxes (941/944)	4,024.17
Federal Withholding	-4,318.27
FICA/MC	-1,663.55
MA Income Tax	1,251.83
MA Paid Family And Medical Leave	131.59
MA Unemployment Tax	0.10
MA Withholding	-6,824.19
Overpayment for Bonus	3,120.00
Total Payroll Liabilities	145.03
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ -22,172.88
Total Current Liabilities	\$ -16,602.88
Total Liabilities	\$ -16,602.88

Finance Ministry (Continued)

The Congregational Church of South Dartmouth

Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2024

	TOTAL
Equity	
Restricted Funds	
Dr. Grace Boynton Memorial Fund	2,253.00
Max Stone Memorial Fund	58,756.03
Memorial Funds	37,498.00
Memorial Plant fund	1,523.00
Mission Trip Fund	1,127.00
Scholarship Fund	1,166.00
Total Restricted Funds	102,323.03
Retained Earnings	2,086,315.30
Net Revenue	44,924.30
Total Equity	\$2,233,562.63
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,216,959.75

Property Committee

The Property Committee has had an extremely busy year. Beginning with finding contractors who would totally refurbish our beautiful sanctuary and repainting Hay Hall and the hallways that connect them. The hardwood floors were refinished, Hay Hall, too, as well as the pews receiving a facelift. Add to that the beautiful and new pew cushions to complete the job. The new carpet on the chancel and in the narthex bring a calmness to the whole space. And thanks to the Guild for replacing the carpet on the staircases that lead to the balconies. New bathroom stalls are in place on the second floor as well.

There are a few projects outstanding such as the installation of new bathroom stalls in our downstairs bathrooms. The awning over the office outside entrance is also waiting to be completed. A bid has been requested to replace the backstairs leading from the CCNS and upgrade our accessible entrance.

Brian Fernandes and his crew created a new sidewalk leading from the parking lot to the side entrance and has finally eliminated the drainage issues that formed there. It also eliminated a small step up making the entry more accessible.

The clocks also received updated equipment to keep them accurately displaying the time of day. Our swing set was replaced by a new and improved playground unit.

Our church kids and CCNS kids are having fun! Thanks to Sophie Scuito for her help in picking out the color!!

These projects go above and beyond the routine maintenance and repairs that occur at the church. Additional work was done on our heating system as well. Broken windows were repaired. Mirrors in our bathrooms will be replaced. The stage curtains are also being replaced thanks to the Guild. Tree work was also done on the church property and parsonage in conjunction with the Green Team. Our fire panel was also placed with a necessary upgrade.

Projects slated for the upcoming year include cleaning out of the basement and our attic spaces. This it's important for proper ventilation/moisture control and fire safety purposes. We have also hired a new cleaning company to perform our weekly cleaning. This will help keep our property looking at its best.

Respectfully submitted, Cecelia Roberts Property Committee member

Outreach Ministry

Outreach Ministry

2024-2025 Members: Terry Cryan, Chair; Siobhan Bickmann, Liz Carbone, Kate Fentress, Christine Plante, Jan Tatelbaum, Sarah VanVleck

2025 New Member: Dana Dornbusch.

The Outreach Ministry achieved our goals through the kindness and generosity of our congregation as well as the organizing talent and time of Ministry members and other volunteers. These projects were successfully completed during the year:

Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity: On June 3, 2024, 12 volunteers joined other Habitat workers on the final construction phase for a two-family home in Westport. An additional 6 volunteers provided lunches for the full crew. This was the second year our church fielded a team to work on the house.

2024 PRIDE: Our church was one of several area churches that organized and staffed information booths at the 2024 PRIDE festival sponsored by the South Coast LGBTQ+ Network. We distributed information about the church as well as themed giveaways and candy!

Bikes Not Bombs: On June 22, 2024, a small but energetic team joined the Bikes Not Bombs staff to dismantle, package and load onto a truck 85 bikes. Bikes of all sizes were donated by church members as well as the general community.

Habitat Brush with Kindness: This was a successful partnership among three organizations: Buzzards Bay Area Habitat for Humanity, Coastal Neighbors Network, and our church. It was an inspiring day in October during which a large team of volunteers painted the entire exterior of a home. The owner was incredibly grateful and every team member expressed pride and satisfaction in being part of the project.

Salvation Army Turkey Drive: The Turkey Drive raised \$1,570, just \$25 less than last year, which was a record-setter.

Holiday Hope and LGBTQ+ Gifts: This year we increased the target number of Holiday Hope gifts from 50 to 75 – once again the congregation generously supported local children by donating gifts for them. Donations were also made to purchase gift cards for LGBTQ+ teens.

Compassionate Coalition for Women and Children: We were pleased this year to begin a partnership with Grace Episcopal Church of New Bedford, along with several other area churches, in support of Grace's existing program providing children's books and diapers to women and families in New Bedford.

FUNDING TO ORGANIZATIONS

Our church continued to support the following local, national and international organizations with funding from the congregation's offerings, donations and pledges:

Boys and Girls Club of New Bedford \$500

Club programs and services provide a stimulating and wholesome atmosphere for a diverse group of youth from 7-18 years of age. The Club places a strong focus on youth residing in public housing and disadvantaged neighborhoods. Services include homework help with tutors from UMass Dartmouth, a basketball league, Health Habits food program, summer programs and more.

Caregiving Ministry \$100

The Caregiving Ministry in our church requested funding to purchase supplies for necessity kits to be distributed at a New Bedford shelter. Caregiving does not have a budget; members of the ministry often donate supplies, such as yarn for prayer shawl projects.

Children's Advocacy Center of Bristol County \$1,000

The Center works to empower children and families to heal from the trauma of abuse and violence through community partnerships, education and the pursuit of justice.

Empower \$250

This organization's mission is to empower, support and connect young people who have experienced the loss of a parent. They offer events, mentorship and virtual programming for boys and girls up to age 24.

Hunger Commission-United Way New Bedford \$500

The commission is committed to helping our neighbors in need in the New Bedford area by providing food and fresh produce throughout the year.

Interchurch Council \$1,000

ICC's purpose is to foster cooperative Christian service and fellowship among churches and other interested organizations of the Greater New Bedford area. Projects focus on attainment of social, economic and racial justice. Our church is a member of the ICC and supportive of its many programs.

Link2Libraries \$500

This organization's mission is to increase children's access to books and improve their reading skills. Our funding is designated to support a new and developing Link to Libraries program in the New Bedford public schools.

Mercy Meals & More \$1,000

Mercy Meals and More provides a free healthy breakfast served at tables to clients in need. Clients can also get free donated clothing and books. Local student nurses offer a variety of screening tests and work in the foot clinic. We support both the breakfast program and the foot clinic.

Mobile Ministries \$1,500

Mobile Ministries' mission it to help our neighbors in need in the New Bedford area by reaching out to them and meeting them where they are. Our church provides funding and also staffs the Mobile Ministries food and clothing distribution truck on a weekly basis.

Outreach Ministry (Continued)

Nativity Preparatory School

\$1,000

Nativity Prep is an independent, tuition-free middle school for boys from low-income families in the New Bedford area. The school provides a challenging and supportive learning environment and high-quality education. Parents volunteer their time so that all parties have a vested interest in the school and their children's success. 100% of the school's funding comes from private sources.

Our Sisters' School

\$1,000

The school is a private, tuition-free middle school for girls from low-income families, similar to the Nativity Prep model. The mission is to educate and inspire girls to reach their full potential through small classes, personalized guidance and expanded school days.

PAACA Insight Youth Services

\$500

Insight is the youth services program of Positive Action against Chemical Addiction (PAACA). This program provides support services for young people affected by substance abuse and HIV and works with them to strengthen their coping skills, resources and educational achievement in order to help them overcome challenges in their lives.

Project MEMA

\$1,000

Making Education in Moshi Accessible (MEMA) seeks to enrich the lives of children by promoting education and healthy living in Moshi, Tanzania. Simple improvements (chalkboards, benches, and sanitary latrines and running water) have had a meaningful impact on the educational experience and outcomes. MEMA also sponsors several students through secondary school by paying their tuition and expenses.

Sharing the Harvest, YMCA

\$500

Sharing the Harvest is a program of the Dartmouth YMCA. Their objective is to alleviate hunger by growing and providing fresh produce for local consumption. They also seek to promote volunteerism and awareness of hunger in our area and teach volunteers about farming and nutrition. Food is distributed to area food pantries, soup kitchens and other food programs.

UCC International Emergency Fund

\$1,000

The UCC, through UCC/Disciples' Global Ministries and membership in worldwide church humanitarian organizations, is deeply involved in refugee emergency relief and creating durable solutions for refugees. Donations to the IEF enable the UCC to support specific refugee crises.

Youth Opportunities Unlimited

\$500

This is a New Bedford program which funds field trips and after school activities for children ages 9-16. The program offers extended summer programs which include reading challenges, gardening and cooking classes.

2024 TOTAL

\$11,850

Checks to these organizations were prepared and sent in late December.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Cryan, Chair

Caregiving Committee

The Prayer Shawl Ministry

The Prayer Shawl Ministry dedicates their talents, yarn and time to create gifts of love and comfort for the church family/friends, those in need of healing and for the greater community. The following are the report(s) of the ministry for February 2024 through January 2025.

- In total the ministry currently has 52 blessed shawls.
- In January shawls were given to the Women's Center and to the Sisters of Charity.
- In May necessity kits (a Ziplock bag with a bar of soap, toothbrush, toothpaste along with a knitted washcloth) were given to the New Bedford's Women Shelter and P.A.A.C.A. (Positive Action Against Chemical Addiction).
- Knitted hats were blessed by Pastor Emily. Hats were given to George H. Potter School, New Bedford public schools and 5 refugee families in Dartmouth.
- In March shawls and hats were given to Child and Family Services in New Bedford. They were very much appreciated.

There were no meetings for the months of July, August, November, December and January, February and March as there was no pressing business. The ministry was still conducting "labors of love," knitting away. The monthly meetings not mentioned above was business as usual in knitting and discussing projects in general.

This May of 2025 the ministry will oversee coordinating readers, greeters, coffee hour and flowers for those Sundays.

The Lay Shepherds

Lay Shepherd visits continue by telephone, cards and visits. All those church members eighty years and older receive a birthday card from the church. Cards of concern and of joy are sent to church families throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Teresa Choquette, Co-Chair and Carol Flack Co-Chair

Fellowship Committee

Members include: Michele Almeida, Deb Burke, Margie Pullo, Jody Wigfield, Lee Murray, Linda Lally and Beth Sjogren Miller

We organized an Ice Cream Social following church on July 21. This was enjoyable and fun for those in attendance.

Our committee organized the picnic for Rally Sunday September 8. It was attended by many people.

Our next event was the Soup Cook Off held after church in October. This was greatly appreciated and also well attended.

Our last event was the Christmas Cocoa and Caroling Party which was on church grounds outdoors with a warming fire.

Respectfully Submitted
Beth Sjogren Miller

Religious Education

Our By-laws: "The Religious Education Ministry is committed to serving God through programs including, but not limited to: Sunday School, the Youth Group(s), Confirmation, and Adult Education that deepen the understanding of the Christian faith and encourage all ages in our collective and personal faith journeys."

Recap of Rally Day went well! Fellowship did a great job with the cookout. A big thank you to Andrea Vigus for ordering the bouncy house. 30 children were in attendance! The crib room is up and running! Kaeli Vigus filled this position. She will be in the crib room from 9:45-11:15 weekly.

Overview of Sunday School program/teachers: Crib room- Kaeli Vigus/alt. Andrea Vigus, Preschool- Margie Pullo & Carol Flack, elementary-Beth Neto/alt. Karin Wood, middle- Jonathan Gray/alt. high school- Daphne Siegal, Confirmation- Beth Neto

Our amazing Confirmation Class consisted of Kristiana Santos, Aaron Charest, Mariah Christianson, Marisa da Silva, Jonah & Noah Felix. They participated in 2 outreach projects: Mobil Ministries on Oct.27th and Dec.7th. They created ornaments and sold them in December to purchase Blessing Bag contents to give out to the homeless. We also visited the Synagogue in February and got a tour, saw the Tora, and got to ask lots of questions! We met monthly and followed the UCC guidelines for Confirmation. They met with their sponsors for breakfast on April 23rd. They engaged in a great conversation about their faith! They were Confirmed on Palm Sunday, April 13th with their family and friends surrounding them with love!

We kicked off September with Fire Safety. Fire Chief Dave announced a fire safety plan to the congregation and discussed safest practices in case of an emergency. Teacher Training was complete. First Aid kits were updated and in the lower social hall/ hay hall & in the bride's room.

Birthday cards: Kristi Charest will send Birthday Cards to children on behalf of RE. College Freshman gift cards and notes were sent to Nathaniel Mello, Will Fairfax, Donovan Boyle and Pablo Medeiros. We gave Pastor Emily a box of greeting cards decorated by the children and stickers for her to send out as needed.

Adopt-A-Grandparent programing for 2024-2025

October 20th Painting Pumpkins with canvases

November 24th Pie making

December 8th Christmas Carols with Mark and Tara while decorating Gingerbread Houses

January:12th Snow Theme: snow tattoos, snowball toss, snow making, snow cones and snow globes.

February14th Valentines Party with pizza, games and crafts

March 16th Minute to Win It! Teams raced to complete tricky tasks. Tara donated her Minute To Win It already prepared games to play.

March 31st Thank You Breakfast Celebration with Adopt-A-Grandparents to culminate a great year together!

Youth Group: Pastor Emily and Jonathan Gray headed up Youth Group. Linda Mello and Beth Neto helped and participated when needed.

Youth Group Plan:

October: Youth Group and Confirmation will do a volunteer activity Mobil Ministries

November 3rd – Jeopardy Youth vs Church Council

December 1st – Trip to Dollar Tree and a Yankee swap

January 5th – Bowling

February 2nd – Valentine's cookies ~ make & deliver

March 2nd – March madness (Rock, Paper, Scissors)

April 6th – Olympics with JG, Master of Ceremonies

May – End of year Pizza & Sundaes

December: RE was responsible for coffee hour, readers, greeters, and flowers.

Kristi & Katie will update us on all thing's council. Karin Wood updated the group on two points she and Lara discussed. "Our Whole Lives" and a parent event to bring awareness of internet safety etc. given by the Children's Advocacy Center.

Sunday School Outreach included: Shoe Boxes for Sierra Leone for the months of November & December, Cupcakes for Clara in February to fund her education in Tanzania, "Blessing Bags" for the homeless, and South Coast Newborn Babys in need collection.

The Christmas Pageant was awesome thanks to Tara and Mark and their musical talents!

Children's Sunday, May 18th. Jonathan middle school group will do the Call to Worship, Unison Prayer, and offering, Daphne's High School class will each do a short sermon that reflects their learning from the Sermon on the Mount. Carol and Margie will keep the preschool kids on track and Tara will teach the kids a song to go with the theme "Let Your Light Shine." We will ask for musical talent as well.

Baccalaureate Sunday: The service will be held on May 25th at 10:00. The actual graduation will be held on June 1st at 10:00 at DHS. Finn Paradise is our only Graduate! RE will be responsible for the coffee hour celebration!

A special thank you to Kristi as she leaves the RE Team to follow her dream of being a star! The RE Team is a wonderful group of dedicated individuals that bring their time and talent to serve on this crucial ministry! Their thoughtfulness and enthusiasm is contagious! Thank you to Katie Christianson, Kristi Charest, Linda Melo, Karin Wood and Lisa Tufano. We look forward to welcoming three new members in September! Margie Pullo, Caroline Felix and Erin Ban!

Respectfully Submitted by Beth Neto

Worship Ministry

Worship Ministry

Your 2024 - 2025 Deacons:

Carol Flack	Mike Gouveia	Beth Hobbs
Susan McLaren	Lisa Mellgard (<i>Chair</i>)	Dan Perry
Jane Rioux	Joe Sciuto	Steve Sedgwick

What a year!! We accomplished so much this past year with the tremendous efforts of the deacons as well as with the involvement from the whole congregation. With amazing organization from Rev EK and Council, the decision was made to refresh our sanctuary. We had funds received from the government during Covid we could put to good use. All the details were carefully planned for painting, refinishing floors, new carpets, new pew cushions and cleaning. The idea was presented to the congregation and many hands volunteered for our “Move Out” day June 9th. We had to move all items from the Sanctuary, closets, choir loft and balcony either to storage or down to Fellowship Hall where we would worship while the work was being done. The deacons displayed great flexibility and resilience getting everything organized and moved and then continuing to support Rev EK for all the services in the new location. Fans, where are the fans?!?

Once we were comfortable in the new surroundings, we had to plan for and orchestrate the move back into the sanctuary. The move back happened on September 1st after the service. It was again a huge effort involving the deacons and many volunteers from the congregation. Chairs were hauled back up to the balcony, hymnals and furniture was put back in place and everyone admired the beautiful newly refreshed sanctuary. Then on Sunday September 15th, we blessed our refreshed worship space and dedicated our new playground. It was all a huge accomplishment that could not have happened without all the deacons and volunteers.

In the fall, we fell back into our routines and had very special services for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The deacons again beautifully decorated the sanctuary with Christmas decorations that were updated for the new colors. Special thanks have to go to Cecelia Roberts and Kate Ouellette for their efforts making the new decorations.

Rev EK gave us wonderful services that will be very special in our memories because we found out shortly after the beginning of the year that she will be leaving us. Pastor Emily let us know on January 22nd, that her work with us has reached the point where she feels it is time to leave. We are so sad to see her go, but deeply grateful for her incredible support and compassionate leadership for almost eight years which enriched our community and developed us into a new congregation.

At the heart of our faith community lies worship—a sacred space where we gather to celebrate with each another. We now embark on a new transitional relationship with Reverend Shannon Michael Pater as our Interim Minister. He will help guide us through the work of looking for a new settled pastor. The Worship Ministry will continue to help make our gatherings meaningful and memorable.

Honoring Departing Deacons

We bid farewell with deep gratitude to Michael Gouveia who has served as a deacon for 2 three-year terms. Your always gentle demeanor and willing contributions have been a gift and we are profoundly grateful for the countless hours you have devoted to enriching our worship experience.

Additionally, I would like to express my deep appreciation as I conclude my term as Chair of the Worship Ministry. It has been a privilege to serve with such gifted individuals and the most wonderful pastor of my experience, and I am confident that the deacons are in capable hands as Carol Flack assumes the role of Chairperson.

With deepest gratitude,

Lisa Mellgard
Outgoing Chair, Worship Ministry

The Guild

The Guild had a very active year supporting projects within our church, and out in the community.

The fiscal year started with our Spring 2024 thrift sale at the end of April, which was a record setter! We held our second sale in October, and it was also highly successful, and very productive.

We continue to be amazed and so very grateful for the donations, the many volunteers and the shoppers. We have camaraderie within our walls as we work together to organize all of the donations for our customers, and we have wonderful organizations which we can share our leftovers with. Those include: Mercy Meals, Mobile Ministries, Gifts to Give, Walt's Mobile Closet, Fresh Start, and the NBHS Student Support Project.

After all of the dust settles and we catch our breath, we have some remarkable funds to be able to help with church projects, gifts, and sending donations out into the community and beyond. This year we donated to: Outreach Ministry for Mother's Day Pjs Drive and the Bikes not Bombs drive.

We gave graduation gifts to our three graduating High School seniors. And also gifts of appreciation for Robin Lake and Pastor Emily at Christmas time. And a donation to help with Rev. Emily's send-off celebration.

We were able to write \$1,000 donation checks to Gifts to Give, Mobile Ministries, and to the Congo Church Hurricane Relief Fund. We donated \$500 gifts to Rise up for Homes and also \$500 for our Adult Mission trip to use to help re-stock the Back Bay Mission, Biloxi Mississippi food bank. In house, we invested \$3720 in new carpeting for the stairwells on the sides of the sanctuary. We purchased beautiful blue velvet fabric for \$2700 to have new curtains made for the Hay Hall Stage. The actual cost of production and hanging of the curtains will be in FY 25-26, which is already in process, and the Guild will cover entirely.

At Christmas time we undertook the project of updating our sanctuary decorations, adding lots of new bows, candles for the window boxes, and new lights for our garlands.

The other in-house major expenditure project we are very excited to reveal: the next phase of our multi-year rehab project - new furnishings for the library. In FY 23-24 we had the library painted and installed new carpeting. In FY24-25, we put a deposit down for 2 new sofas, 10 solid wood padded chairs for around the conference table, two leather swivel chairs, several end tables, and a leather ottoman. By the time you are reading this, we will have paid for all of the furniture, and it will have been delivered. The just about \$5,000 furniture balance paid will be shown in FY 25-26, since it has occurred after the 3-31-25 cut off.

All of these endeavors could not have happened without SO MANY volunteers who have made our semi-annual sales such a huge success!

THANK YOU! We couldn't do it without you! Thank you, for the donations to give us goods to sell. And Thank you for your help sorting, hanging, organizing, pricing, working the sale, making baked goods for the sale, cleaning up from the sale, packing leftovers, hauling donations. Whew!

While we are open for the sale itself, it takes NO less than 25 people to staff the building! That's a lot of help. If you haven't yet joined us, please do on our next sale in the fall!

We are looking forward to continuing to work together to share our raised funds to support our church within, and well beyond our doors.

Respectfully submitted,

The Guild Ministry 2024-2025

Cecelia Roberts- President

Kate Ouellette- Treasurer

Susan Choquette

Sonja White

The Guild Committee (Continued)

	<u>Guild Contributions</u>	
05/05/2024	Outreach Ministry- Mother's Day PJs Drive	500
06/07/2024	Outreach Ministry- Bikes Not Bombs	300
06/07/2024	Donovan Boyle- Graduation Gift	150
06/07/2024	Willard Hart Fairfax- Graduation Gift	150
06/07/2024	Nathaniel Paul Mello- Graduation Gift	150
06/25/2024	Lunch for painters	86.43
08/13/2024	Gifts to Give- Donation	1000
08/13/2024	Mobile Ministries- Donation	1000
09/13/2024	Olivierre's Carpet- New Stairwell Carpeting-Depost	2500
09/16/2024	Duxbury Free Library- Memorial Donation- David Kellar's Mother	200
10/04/2024	Olivierre's Carpet- New Stairwell Carpeting-completion	1220
10/18/2024	Cong. Church of SD- Hurricane Relief Fund	1000
10/18/2024	Rise Up For Homes/ Inter Church Council GNB	500
11/19/2024	Fall River Floral Supply- Christmas Sanctuary & Outdoor Ribbon Updates	184.7
11/26/2024	Morgado Landscape- 4 evergreen wreaths for exterior doors	51
12/17/2024	Christmas Sanctuary Décor Updates- Ribbons, String Lights,Batteries,Floral Pics, Windowbox C	229.69
12/17/2024	Holiday Appreciation Gifts- Rev.Emily & Robin	500
02/04/2025	Cardi's Furniture- Deposit for New Library Furnishings-	1625.73
02/10/2025	Stanley Interiors- Velvet Drapery Fabric for New Stage Curtains	2700
02/25/2025	Cong. Church of SD- Biloxi Food Pantry	500
03/25/2025	Cong. Church of SD- Rev. EK Send-Off Celebration	250
	<u>Total Contributions</u>	\$ 14,797.55
	<u>Guild Expenditures</u>	
04/16/2024	Thrift Supplies	79.32
04/16/2024	Signature Sign- New Thrift Sale Signs, Date changes	50
04/16/2024	Supplies for Pete Miller Building shelves for baker's rack in Room 10	30
04/13/2024	Gannet Classifieds- Southcoast Today Ad for Thrift Sale	53.68
09/16/2024	Signs for Thrift Sale	62.5
09/23/2024	Coffee Hour Supplies	59.53
09/30/2024	Supplies for Pete Miller Building shelves over coat racks in Hay Hall	99.49
10/18/2024	Coffee Hour Supplies	59.72
12/03/2024	Serve-Safe Test Certification- Cecelia Roberts	25
12/03/2024	Town of Dartmouth- Annual Kitchen License	300
03/03/2025	Signature Sign- New Thrift Sale Signs, Date changes	76
03/21/2025	Coffee Hour Supplies	53.96
	<u>Total Expenditures</u>	\$ 949.20
2024	Spring Thrift Sale- May 2024	
	Friday	4907.25
	Saturday	3097
	Thrift Sale Venmo Trans.	183
	Coin- Thrift	44.35
	Early Thrift	1084.5
	Late thrift	260
	Facebook Marketplace Sales	594.25
	Spring Sale Total	10170.35
2024	Fall Thrift Sale- October 2024	
	Friday	4494.2
	Saturday	2372
	Thrift Coin	62.87
	Early Thrift Sales	912
	Late thrift	365
	Facebook Marketplace Sales	595
	Fall Thrift Sale Total	\$ 8,801.07
03/21/2025	Misc. Facebook Marketplace Sales	\$ 259.00
	<u>Consignment Income</u>	
10/18/2024	Consignment Check- 10/13/23- 10/17/2024	626.3
03/21/2025	Consignment Check- 10/17/24-3/21/2025	443.55
	Consignment Total	\$ 1,069.85
	<u>Guild Total Funds Raised</u>	20,300.27
03/31/2025	Ending Checkbook Balance	\$ 17,655.82

Children's Circle Nursery School

Children's Circle Nursery School

Children's Circle Nursery School is thriving! We have seen a large increase in enrollment, which made both of our programs full this school year. Our students are also thriving in all aspects of our daily curriculum and routines. The children are embarking on adventures day-to-day through our monthly themes, art projects, literature, singing and dancing, and through the power of play! We allow the children to express their feelings and spark creativeness in their minds. There is not a time where you can't feel and hear the joy of children's laughter during the school day in our beautiful indoor and outdoor environment. Next time you are in the building, take a listen! You will hear us!

We begin our school year with our favorite tradition of gathering at the scenic Round Hill Beach for "Ocean Splash" to welcome the new school year. It's a great way to meet new friends and families outside of the classroom setting. We host various events throughout the year like our Open Houses to kick off the school year, A Halloween Parade, Thanksgiving Performance, A Christmas Carnival, Muffins with Mom, Easter Egg Hunt, and our Annual Art Show in May. We leave the beautiful artwork up for the weekend, so I hope some of you got to visit Room 10 to see all the art work the children have worked on this year. We then sadly say goodbye in June to our preschool graduates who are off to Kindergarten in the Fall and celebrate with the students who will be returning for another year. We are looking forward to the upcoming 2025-2026 school year, where we will welcome previous families back and welcome some new families as well. Our classroom enrollment is full for the upcoming school year. We are excited and looking forward to continuing to provide educational care to local families in our area.

Samantha Barrett

Director and Lead Teacher of Children's Circle Nursery School

Amy Bettencourt

Lead Teacher of Children's Circle Nursery School

The Congregational Church of So Dartmouth	Church Leadership Nominations
Shannon Michael Pater, Interim Pastor	2025-2026
<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION/YEAR TERM STARTED</u>
<u>Church Officers</u>	
Jonathan Gray	Moderator 2025
Lisa Mellgard	Vice Moderator 2025
Grace Wyss	Clerk 2024
Phil Guymont	Treasurer 2020
Beth Hobbs	Assistant Treasurer 2023
<u>Finance Ministry</u>	
Steve Roberts (Chair)	2021
Phil Guymont	2017
Beth Hobbs	2022
Steve Abdow	2023
Dennis Burke	2024
David Wyss	2024
Jonathan Gray	2025
Lara Stone	2025
<u>Worship Ministry (Deacons)</u>	
Carol Flack (Chair)	2022
Jane Rioux	2022
Beth Hobbs	2023
Susan McLaren	2023
Dan Perry	2024
Joe Sciuto	2024
Steve Sedgwick	2024
Michele Almeida	2025
Laurie O'Neil	2025
Andrea Vigus	2025

	Church Leadership Nominations
<u>Religious Education Ministry</u>	
Katie Christianson (Chair)	2024
Lisa Tufano	2022
Linda Mello	2024
Karin Wood	2024
Erin Ban	2025
Margie Pullo	2025
<u>Outreach Ministry</u>	
Sarah Van Vleck (Chair)	2022
Siobhan Bickmann	2024
Liz Carbone	2024
Kate Fentress	2024
Christine Plante	2024
Dana Dornbusch	2025
<u>Fellowship Committee</u>	
Beth Miller (Chair)	
Michele Almeida	
Elizabeth Breese	
Deborah Burke	
Linda Lally	
Pete Miller	
Margie Pullo	
Jody Wigfield	
<u>Human Resources Committee</u>	
Dan Perry (Chair)	
Melissa Lennox	
Jeff Stone	

	Church Leadership Nominations
<u>Caregiving Committee</u>	
Teresa De Jesus De La Torre Choquette (Chair)	
<u>Guild Committee</u>	
Cecelia Roberts (Chair)	
Susan Choquette	
Kate Ouellette	
Sonja White	
<u>Pastor Relations Committee</u>	
<u>Property Committee</u>	
Brian Fernandes (Chair)	
Pete Miller	
Kate Ouellette	
Ed Pimental	
Cecelia Roberts	