

**Minutes of the 283 Annual Meeting of the First Congregational Church of Upton, the 143 Church Conference of the Upton Methodist Church and the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of The United Parish of Upton held simultaneously on January 21, 2018.**

Meeting called to order at approximately 9:50am

Required number of United Parish of Upton members present (30)

Call to Worship: Beth Alletto, Leadership Council Chair

Responsive Reading, Acts 2:42-47

Opening Song: When Words Alone Cannot Express

Sharing Words of Welcome

Vital Conversation: District Superintendent, Rev. Rene Perez

Silent Prayer of Thanksgiving

Church Conference: Beth Alletto

- Lay Leadership/Nominations as presented in annual report – motion made 2nded, motion passed unanimously
- Personnel Report: Approval of Pastoral Compensation – motion made, 2nded, motion passed unanimously
- Leadership Council Report – Beth Alletto
- Pastor's Report – Pastor Lourey Savick
- 2017 Finance and Endowment Reports – Beth Alletto

Sung Response – When Words Alone Cannot Express

Silent Prayer of Affirmation, Confession, Preparation

Remembrance of the Saints: Dick Person, Kara MacDonald, Nancy Greenwood, Henry Hebb

Words of Assurance

Offering/Doxology

Communion Song and invitation to Communion: Pastor Lourey and Rev Rene Perez

Benediction, Rev Rene Perez

Dismissed and reconvened in lower vestry for 2018 look forward

Nominations for 2018 Slate confirmed: Ruth Whitmore, Financial Secretary, Jeff DiCiaccio, Personnel and Matt LaCross recognized as youth representative on Leadership Council

Miki Mitchell read letter of withdrawal of The United Parish of Upton from The Worcester Interfaith Hospitality Network. Financial commitment of \$2,000 will be contributed in 2018 but no further participation as host or financial support will continue. No objections raised.

Access for All-ReVision – Pastor Lourey

Proposed plans for reuse of church building space presented.

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Discernment ensued.

Motion made to vote. 2nded Motion passed.

Motion made to move forward with ReVision plan. 2nded. Majority of responses affirmative. Less than 10 nay. 6 abstained. Motion passed.

Presentation of 2018 Budget, Beth Alletto

Motion made to approve budget as presented. 2nded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned 1:30pm