

Nominating Committee Report

May 2018 Presbytery of Boston Stated Meeting

The Nominating Committee brings forward the following nominations:

Jean Olson, Ruling Elder Sudbury

1. Permanent Judicial Commission, class of 2024 (6 year term).
2. Committee on Preparation for Ministry, class of 2021 (first 3 year term).

Jean grew up in Walpole, MA, and has lived in Rochester, NY, Baltimore, and San Francisco. She returned to be near family when she retired and now lives in Concord, MA. She was a Professor of Pathology and was on the faculty at The Johns Hopkins University and University of California San Francisco. Jean joined the PCUSA in the mid-1980s. She was brought up in the UCC, and was ordained as a PCUSA ruling elder in 1992. She served several Presbytery committees of the Presbytery of San Francisco. Her service included the Committee for Preparation for Ministry, 6 years, chair 1 year, Committee on Ministry, 3 years, and a Presbytery Engagement Team. The Engagement Team aided a congregation in its discernment over whether to leave the Presbytery. They chose to remain. Jean was a reader for ordination exams over 5 years. She was elected as West Regional Convener to the Presbyteries Cooperative Committee on Examination for Candidates and has served that committee for four years. She is a member of the Presbyterian Church in Sudbury.

Paul Shifflet, Ruling Elder.

1. Trustees Investment Subcommittee class of 2021 (first 3 year term).

Paul is from Charlotte, NC. He moved to Boston during the summer of 2017 after obtaining his MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia. He is currently a member of Arch Street Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia and is actively seeking a church home in Boston. Paul was raised Presbyterian at First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte and is an ordained Ruling Elder of the Presbyterian Church (USA). While at Arch Street Paul served on Session and chaired the Finance Committee. In addition to leading the annual budgeting process, the Finance Committee was responsible for stewarding the church's approximately \$3 million endowment. Paul drafted the church's first Investment Policy Statement and, as a member of the Committee, advised the endowment's external manager on asset allocation decisions.

Paul is an Equity Research Analyst at Eaton Vance Management and is a CFA charterholder. He is responsible for the US Large Cap Value fund's investments in regional banks. He regularly collaborates with members of the firm's equity and credit analysts, and portfolio managers. Paul graduated from Haverford College in 2011 with a BA in Economics and an MBA from Wharton in 2017.

Elizabeth (Beth) Wieman, TE Hyde Park

1. Committee on Ministry class of 2021 (first 3 year term)

Beth has been a member of Boston Presbytery since 1987. She is currently the Pastor of Hyde Park Presbyterian Church. Before Hyde Park she served as the Minister of Christian Education at Church of the Covenant, and before that she was the Associate Pastor of Grace Church UCC in Framingham. She has served as Vice Moderator and Moderator of the Presbytery, chaired Budget, Nominating, and Committee on Church Support and Development, and currently serves on the Committee on Education for Ministry. Beth served as a Presbytery of Boston General Assembly commissioner to the 2006 Assembly in Birmingham. She also chaired the search committee that called George Magnuson to be the General Presbyter of Boston Presbytery. Beth lives in Boston with her husband Mark Leach.

Ben Black, TE First United Presbyterian Church of Cambridge.

1. Committee on Ministry class of 2021 (first 3 year term).

Rev. Benjamin Black is the pastor of First United Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, MA where he was called to serve in March. Prior to serving in Boston Presbytery, Rev. Black served for eight years as Pastor, Head of Staff for Forest Hills Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and was in his second term serving Pittsburgh Presbytery's COM. Recently, he had been the chair of an Administrative Commission that oversaw the unfortunate closing of a dying church with six members in East Pittsburgh that then worked with the leaders of the community to utilize the building by transforming it into affordable housing to stabilize and reinvest in the neighborhood. Rev. Black is excited to be living in New England, loves the outdoors and the ocean, and finding creative ways to praise God through loving neighbors. His wife Sarah and two girls Maddie, 4, and Hope, 3, live in Lynn, MA.

Yvonne Powell, RE Roxbury Presbyterian Church

1. Trustees, class of 2020 (first - partial 2 year term)

Yvonne Powell is a life-long member of the Roxbury Presbyterian Church where service has been central to her Christian walk. Over the decades, she has served as an ordained elder, ordained deacon and member of the RPC Board of Trustees. She has served as a Sunday School teacher, member of the church choir, and an officer of Presbyterian Women of RPC. As a past serving elder, she has represented Roxbury Presbyterian as a voting member of Boston Presbytery. As a past president of Presbyterian Women of the Presbytery of Boston, she served many, many years ago as an ad hoc member of Council.

As a younger woman, Yvonne earned a masters degree in management science (ScM) from the Sloan School of Management at MIT. As a retired African American woman, Yvonne brings a diverse work background in both the private and public sector to a position on Presbytery's Board of Trustees.

Meagan Manas Teaching Elder Clinton

1. Synod Assembly Commissioner class of 2020 (second 2 year term)

Meagan serves part-time as the pastor of The Presbyterian Church in Clinton. She is also the half-time Director of Internal Relationships at the Massachusetts Council of Churches. A 2008 graduate of Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, Meagan moved to Boston from New York City with her husband Dan in 2014 for him to begin a position in the English Department at UMass Boston. She has been involved with the Synod of the Northeast since 2012, when she served on the Synod Re-design Taskforce as part of New York City Presbytery. Meagan has formerly worked for the National Council of Churches, World Day of Prayer USA Committee, and was the Justice and Peace Staff Specialist for Presbyterian Women. Meagan and Dan live in Somerville with their two cats, Thor and Hawkeye. She enjoys reading, hosting dinner parties, and watching Star Trek re-runs.

Sarah Donovan Ruling Elder

1. Synod Assembly Commissioner class of 2020 (second 2 year term)

Sarah is a member of Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church where she serves as Session Clerk.

Motion (requires second)

That the Moderator be authorized to appoint, in consultation with the nominating committee, persons to the following positions:

1. Synod Commissioner Ruling Elder (2-year term)
2. Synod Commissioner Teaching Elder (2-year term)
3. Synod Youth/Young Adult Advisory Delegate (2-year term).