

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**  
**ROCKY HILL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Minutes of meeting on Thursday, November 19, 2009

Present: Michael Bower, Louise Butts, Neal Cox, Sarah DeGiovanni, Gail Hall, Bill Hoffman, Pat Howland, Laura Pawlich, Dave Sageman, Val Triblets, Lynn Webster, and Barry Wilcock

We opened the meeting in the Fiorilli Room with a prayer led by Bill Hoffman. Next we participated in “getting to know each other better” exercise that was outlined in an earlier email from Gail Hall. We each discussed or answered the following items and questions:

1. What is your religious heritage?
2. What one thing (other than sleeping) occupies most of your time?
3. Tell us about your family.
4. Why are you a member of this church? How long have you been a member?
5. Anything else that you would like to contribute.

**COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION**

Next we discussed the roles described in our November 8 meeting with Rev. Barbara Libby and Rev Ineke Mitchell. The following volunteered to serve in these roles:

- Chair, Bill Hoffman
- Secretary, Dave Sageman
- Corresponding Secretary, Gail Hall
- Chaplin, Barry Wilcock
- PR person, Laura Pawlich

In addition, Sarah DeGiovanni offered to help with PR, Pat Howland offered to help with Chaplin activities, and Val Triblets agreed to be our Librarian.

**BUSINESS**

**Church Profile** – We recognize that this is our first major deliverable; most had already reviewed that blank form available from the CT Conference website. There was a discussion about whether we should review previous RHCC profiles; we were advised against doing so at our November 8 meeting. Although differing opinions were presented, for the time being we agreed to proceed without reviewing previous RHCC profiles. We also talked about the need to get input from the congregation, especially the need to get input from the youth of the church.

**Meeting Schedule** – It was agreed that Thursday is the best evening for the committee to meet. And while we will try to meet twice a month at the beginning of our work, we will only meet once during December because of all the other church activities scheduled. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday December 10 at 7:00 PM. Also, we decided to hold our next meeting in a more informal setting, and Lynn Webster volunteered to host us at her home.

**Committee Installation Service** – After reviewing our calendars, we decided that either December 6<sup>th</sup> or 13<sup>th</sup> would be a good date for this service. Gail Hall will pass these dates along to Rev. Barbara Libby.

**Policy about Contacting Associate Pastor** – One of the items distributed was a policy suggested by the CT Conference to deal with the situation that an Associate Pastor expresses interest in a vacant Senior Pastor position.

**Additional Action Items** – The following are some additional actions items:

- Prepare a short note for the Church Mouse – Laura Pawlich
- Bring Copy of RHCC Constitution to next meeting – Dave Sageman
- Bring copy of current church “Vision” to next meeting – Michael Bower
- Bring copy of previous church “Vision” to next meeting – Bill Hoffman

Our meeting was closed with a prayer led by Barry Wilcock.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Sageman  
Secretary