

**Barrington Congregational Church, U.C.C.
Barrington, Rhode Island**

2017 ANNUAL REPORT



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All church members are encouraged to attend the

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, June 11th, 2017

in the Sanctuary

immediately after the 10 a.m. worship service

Child care will be provided

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WARRANT
for the ANNUAL MEETING
of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC
Barrington, Rhode Island

The annual meeting of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, Barrington RI, is hereby called to take place on

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2107 in the Sanctuary **immediately after worship.**

The business to be transacted is as follows:

- ARTICLE I: To call the meeting to order.
- ARTICLE II: To receive and vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams, and delegates.
- ARTICLE III: To review and act on the proposed by-law amendments related to the Endowment Fund. (see below)
- ARTICLE IV: To request formal approval for the change to a calendar fiscal year implemented in 2016, and authority for the Clerk to make appropriate changes to the by-laws.
- ARTICLE V: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
- ARTICLE VI: To adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

Pat Cordeiro, Clerk

Proposed By-Law Changes:

Comment: Two paragraphs in the 2009 by-laws related to distributions from the endowment from and the treatment of certain gifts and donations were inadvertently omitted from the 2014 by-laws revision. Proposed additions to Section XII are Paragraphs i. and j. below which are taken from the 2009 by-laws with the addition of the underscored words in bold type face.

XII Finances

- i. Distributions from the Endowment Fund's assets are to be made only **under extraordinary circumstances** subject to such distribution being approved by the church membership as provided in Section XIII Properties and Borrowings Paragraph A, Real Estate. However, no funds designated as permanent gifts to the Endowment Fund are subject to distribution.
- j. Unless otherwise provided by the donor or family involved in memorial gifts, any funds or property gifted, bequeathed or devised to the church **over \$5,000** are placed in the Endowment Fund for investment.

Paragraph XII. i. above refers to XIII Property and Borrowings. Proposed additions to that section of the current by-laws are shown in Paragraph 2, underscored and in bold type face.

XIII Property and Borrowings, Paragraph A, Real Estate

Any sale, lease, mortgage, purchase or substantial improvement of any real estate, including buildings thereon, which is owned or is to be acquired by this church, is authorized in accordance with the following procedures:

1. The Moderator or the Clerk calls a joint meeting of the Church Council and the Finance Ministry Team by giving each member thereof at least seven (7) days prior written notice (either by post or e-mail) of such meeting and its purpose, and a majority of such members adopt a resolution at the joint meeting approving the transaction; and
2. The resolution approved in (1) above is submitted to the membership at **two** ~~a~~ special meetings called for that purpose, and a resolution authorizing the transaction receives the affirmative vote of two-thirds of those members present, entitled to vote, and voting **at each of the meetings scheduled at a two-week interval.**

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**MINUTES of the 2016 ANNUAL MEETING
of the BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held SUNDAY, JUNE 5TH, 2016**

Article I: Past Moderator Tom Strolla called the meeting to order immediately following worship. Pat Cordeiro, Clerk, read the warrant for the meeting. A quorum of the membership was present.

Article II: A motion was made and seconded to vote on the slate of nominees for officers, ministry teams and delegates, as posted in the BCCUCC Bridge and distributed during the meeting (Lee Miller moved, George Bolton seconded). The motion was passed unanimously. Moderator Strolla thanked the Membership team for their work on this slate of nominees for offices and ministry teams for 2016-17.

Article III: No other business was raised to properly come before the meeting.

Article IV: The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Lee Miller, seconded by Susan Rotblat-Walker.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Cordeiro, Clerk

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**MINUTES of SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING of
BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC
held JUNE 19TH, 2016**

ARTICLE I: The meeting was called to order at 11:00 A.M. by Acting Moderator Tom Strolla; he established a quorum. The Clerk read the warrant. Tom called the Search Committee to come forward and be recognized and thanked.

ARTICLE II: To act upon the recommendation of the Search Committee for a Senior Minister.
A motion was made to approve the recommendation of the Search Committee to call the Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo as Senior Minister (Lee Miller, Susan Rotblat-Walker). The vote of the congregation for approval was unanimous.

ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.
A motion was made to dissolve the Search Committee (Cheryl Muth, Lee Miller)
The vote to dissolve the Search Committee was unanimous.

ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:07 A.M. (Chris Brady, Paul Dennis).

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Cordeiro, Clerk

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**MINUTES for the ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING
of BARRINGTON CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, UCC,
held SUNDAY, JANUARY 29TH, 2017**

ARTICLE I: Moderator Steve Peck called the meeting to order at 11:06 A.M.

ARTICLE II: To review and vote on the proposed church budget for January 1—December 31, 2017

Treasurer Dick McWhirter reviewed the printed and published budget with the congregation. The budget as proposed is supported by the Finance Committee. Dick then commented on details of the printed budget; noted were hiring of Senior Minister, changes to pension contribution for Associate Minister, a 1.1% Cost of Living increase for staff, among other items. Dick also noted that the church has been notified of an upcoming anonymous donation of \$500,000.

Dick McWhirter moved to approve (Lee Miller seconded); motion was passed unanimously.

Tom Odjakjian asked about how much is in Endowment; \$1,000,000 at this time.

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ARTICLE III: To consider any other business that may properly come before the meeting.

Helen Schall asked if the new donation has to go to the Endowment Fund and feels that the congregation should have a voice in how the donation is distributed. Dick and Steve noted that the church has not received official notice of this donation, nor any monies, and so discussion on distribution needs to be postponed.

Steve Peck thanked Finance and Dick for developing and discussing this budget.

Reminder about the lecture this afternoon for 300th Year Celebration, Van Edwards presenting.


ARTICLE IV: To adjourn the meeting – (moved by Jim McCartney, seconded by Clyde Slicker); motion was passed unanimously. Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 A.M.

Respectfully submitted:
Pat Cordeiro, Clerk

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AFFIRMATION OF WELCOME

We believe that all people are blessed and loved equally by God. Following the teachings of Jesus we heartily welcome everyone into God's covenantal community. Whatever your race, ethnicity, age, socioeconomic or marital status, variety of thoughts and beliefs, physical or mental ability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression - whoever you are and wherever you come from you are welcome into the full life and ministry of our church.

	<p>Our Mission Statement</p> <p>The Barrington Congregational Church, United Church of Christ, is a Christian community that worships God, embraces all people, ministers to one another, works for justice and peace, and renders loving service to God's world.</p>
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SENIOR MINISTER

DALE AZEVEDO

*“Is your heart true to my heart as mine is to yours?
...If it is, give me your hand.” (2 Kings 10:15, ESV)*

Well, the 2017 annual meeting marks exactly nine months since I became your senior minister at BCCUCC. I would classify these months as a successful period of transition. It often takes a solid year for a new pastor and congregation to feel “at home” with one another and even a few years after that before the relationships settle down to being “the norm”. However, I feel we are off to a great start!

Most of my transition time has been spent getting to know you as individuals, families, staff, and a church community. You have been especially gracious to me when I have stumbled and quite supportive of my ideas and leadership. I thank you for that. Yes, there have been times of pushback and freedom for you to voice your discontent. But that is good. Open communication is important in all healthy relationships and I thank you for your willingness to speak up and share in honest dialogue with me (and each other) when we disagree. This is a sign that we are moving in the right directions by continuing to build deeper and more meaningful relationships. It is not easy to be the church today!

In addition to getting to know one another, we have put our efforts toward several ministries and projects that you can read further about in this report. I want to highlight a couple on which I worked closely. We have been focused on getting all our ministry teams up and running. Most are running well, but the Endowment Team had been inactive for some time. This winter and spring an ad-hoc Endowment Team (comprised of the remaining members of Endowment and other informed parties) met regularly revising our investment policy, making a recommendation for by-law changes, reviewing our investment strategy, and preparing for pending donations. We are in good shape for the new Endowment Team to take over following the annual meeting.

Another area of note is the recent work by the CEYM Team. Spearheaded by Amy Barkat and with the support of the Membership Team, CEYM has begun a process of reaching out into the community to increase the visibility of our Sunday School programs and all of BCCUCC’s wider ministries. This endeavor meshes well with our budding realization that for churches to be successful in our modern culture we need to do more than open our doors and invite people to join us. We need to be willing to work outside our walls, minister in the midst of the community, and partner with diverse local organizations (both secular and sacred) who share some of our core values or a common mission. This is an essential challenge going forward.

The last project I would like to highlight is one that is yet to really begin. This spring, Church Council voted to partner with the Center for Progressive Renewal and bring in a series of consultants who will work with us to assess our present situation and then devise and implement a course for our future. This is an exciting opportunity for everyone at BCCUCC to participate in defining who we are, what we believe, and where we are going. We are taking the summer to prepare for this work and plan on hitting the ground running in September. Check out the church’s website for more information on this exciting program.

Yours, in common ministry,

Dale

ASSOCIATE MINISTER

BRENDAN CURRAN

*“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works
and give glory to your God in heaven.” -Matthew 5:16*

I can't believe the 2016-2017 program year is already coming to a close. It has been a full year of shining our light together as a beloved community for our 300th year as a church. This has been a year of new beginnings and growth for us as a church. It's been an inspiring and enriching journey pastoring with Dale as he began his new ministry with us this year and it's exciting to envision how we will grow as we move forward together into the next 300 years.

It has been a year of change, visioning, and outreach for the church school. We continued to maintain exceptional church school programs offering Godly Play up to Grade 1. We continued to offer the “Connect” curriculum for grades 5 and 6. I worked closely with Andrea, our talented C.E. Coordinator, in implementing the new, “Deep Blue,” curriculum for the 2nd - 4th grade classes in the Fall of 2016. The Deep Blue curriculum's rotation model has stimulated a playful and interactive classroom environment where the kids learn Bible stories and lessons through art and cooking projects as well as games. The structure allows for volunteers to apply their own creativity to the teaching process as well. We also developed a new program for the 7th and 8th graders that focused on learning about the lives of great social leaders who were moved and inspired by the gospel. In all our programs we continue to try to foster learning through a process of inquiry and wonder. In the spring of 2017, with the help of a dynamic CEYM team, we devised an outreach strategy to connect with young families in the community. Our outreach strategy included my writing an op-ed article for the Barrington Times about our Church's open and affirming values and mission, tabling at the town's “Tough Tiger” event, and posting signs with information about the benefits of church school. We have seen growth in the church school as a result of our efforts and the church school year culminated in a joyful jubilation Sunday when we welcomed new members and baptized their children as part of the service. During our church school's culminating service the congregation also joined together in painting our rainbow welcome doors that will be displayed as a sign of our church's commitment to the gospel principles of social justice, solidarity, and inclusivity.

The Youth groups continue to offer enrichment opportunities for our young people. Our 7th and 8th graders participated in the OWL program this year which prepares them to make healthy relationship choices as they get older. Throughout the year the JYG met for monthly pizza and game nights and went on field trips to places like the Matthewson Street Church where they cooked a meal for the homeless. They also joined with Save the Bay in the spring for the annual shoreline clean-up in honor of Earth Day. The Senior Youth Group met regularly for lunch and discussion throughout the year. The year was full of learning opportunities, meaningful conversations together, and also planning meetings for our mission/service trip. This year for our mission trip we went to “H.O.M.E.” in Orland Maine. H.O.M.E. which stands for “Homeworkers Organized for More Employment,” is a cooperative run by and for people experiencing poverty in Orland, Maine. It was an educational experience for our youth and all who participated to learn about the cooperative model. Thanks to the generosity and support of the congregation and the youth group's fundraising efforts we were able to cover the cost of the trip for all participants and raise enough money for our construction project. While at H.O.M.E. we were able to purchase building materials for the cooperative and put up 40 sheets of drywall on a house the organization is building for a family in need. Toward the end of the year, several participants in the youth group took the initiative in building and planting a raised bed vegetable garden outside the church library with the

intention of donating the fresh vegetables they grow to Tap-in. It continues to be an inspiration to work with our church's bright and thoughtful youth.

In addition to my ministry with children and youth I've also been able to provide adult-ed opportunities and creative worship services like the Good Friday Walk during Holy Week. I had the opportunity to work closely with the Mission and Justice Team this year in forging meaningful connections in the wider community. Thanks to volunteers in our congregation we were able to host well attended community dinners that benefited social organizations aligned with our church's missions. Throughout the year the Mission and Justice Team focused on the theme of "peace," and partnered with community groups to host various speakers on social issues related to the topic. We also organized pot-lucks, and created learning opportunities about how to cope with stress and develop conflict resolution skills to foster truth and reconciliation. As part of this effort I was able to offer programs on contemplative prayer and meditation. I also organized interfaith worship opportunities like the Mother's Day Peace Service. In all these ways we continue to, "Be the Church," together, and act as a shining light in our community. It's a blessing to serve this beloved community as the associate pastor and I watch with joyful anticipation to see how we will continue to shine in 2017-2018.

Peace and Blessings, Brendan

SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR SENIOR MINISTER

LARRY ASHLEY

Upon the retirement of our long term Senior Minister, Reverend Doctor Jeffery Larsen in May 2015, the Church Council solicited the congregation for names of possible candidates for selection as members of a to be formed Senior Minister Search Committee. During the summer of 2015 as Search Committee names were being considered, our Interim Senior Minister, Rev. Sue Remick held a series of Cottage Chats where members would gather at various homes or at the church, and discuss our church and where we'd like to be in the future.

In September, with potential Search Committee members having been contacted and willing to accept their roles, the Senior Minister Search Committee was selected. At that time during a church service the congregation voted to approve the selection and charged the Search Committee members with conducting a search for the next Senior Minister for our church. The members selected for the Search Committee were: Amanda Colby (youth), Erik Ela, Alison Fodor, Bernie Hawes, Chris Morton, Helen Schall, Kathy Sullivan, Sam Sylvester, Matt Zeleznik (youth) and Larry Ashley (Chair).

The Search Committee held their first meeting on October 18, 2015 and met with Reverend Barbara Libby, Interim Conference Minister, Rhode Island Conference UCC, who provided guidance on the search process and answered many questions from the Search Committee members.

At our next meeting, also in October, the Search Committee established meeting dates and began discussion of creating our Church Profile. Our Church Profile is a compilation of important statistics, spiritual beliefs, possible direction of our church and what we sought from our next Senior Minister. The Profile was assembled using a variety of sources, but most importantly the input of our members was the most valuable component.

As the Search Committee was putting the finishing touches on the Church Profile in January 2016, we also created a Senior Minister Position Description (think of it as a job description) as well as a job posting soliciting interested ministers to apply for our Senior Minister position.

Our posting went up on the National UCC website in mid-February and included the following:

“...we are seeking a candidate who is up for the many challenges of leading a church in today’s changing society. If you are the well-grounded person who can lead us spiritually, inspire us individually and collectively, and have excellent preaching and church leadership skills, we would like to explore the possibility of sharing ministry with you.”

Applications from across the country started pouring in immediately and then the real work began. In order to facilitate distribution of the minister’s profile (their resume) we set up a Google shared drive where each member could access the profiles that were received each week. As part of our review, we would first thoroughly review the profiles individually and then collectively review and discuss each profile at our meetings. Further review was conducted on select candidates much of it using Internet research. It was important given today’s society, although not limited to, that a candidate have a web presence either with on-line sermons, blogs, newsletters or other types of media that their congregants could access no matter where life took them.

There were numerous profiles with wide ranges of experience from many walks of life and diverse backgrounds. It was challenging work and we were told early on that God would let us know when we found just the right person.

That “just the right person” sent in their ministerial profile during the ninth week of our discernment (early April) and we were immediately interested. We reviewed the profile as we did others; thoroughly. The more we looked the more we were interested. We contacted the candidate and made a journey to his church to listen to his service. We later interviewed the candidate twice and discussed his candidacy amongst the Search Committee and we felt that after eight months of work and searching we had the right candidate. In May of 2016 we made an Offer of Call to Reverend Doctor Dale Azevedo.

Candidate’s Sunday was held on June 19th, 2016 and after a well-received service conducted by Reverend Azevedo, the congregation voted unanimously to offer the position of our next Senior Minister to Reverend Azevedo.

Before Candidate’s Weekend, when we announced our selection to the congregation and invited everyone to join us for his Candidating service, we mentioned in our announcement letter that

“We feel this candidate is a gifted speaker and effective communicator, which along with his strong commitment to God make him a compassionate and caring pastor. He is strongly devoted to his family, has a warm personality and a good sense of humor.”

Reverend Azevedo, more commonly known as “Dale” started with us in September 2016. We couldn’t have selected a better candidate and we look forward to our future with Dale who truly does have a strong commitment to God, is compassionate and caring, strongly devoted to his family, has a warm personality, a great sense of humor and so much more. We are thankful to God for helping bring Dale to us as our Senior Minister.

Submitted by Lawrence N. Ashley, BCC UCC Search Committee Chair

HISTORICAL GROUP

TOM WEGNER

November 18th, 2017 will be the 300th Anniversary of the founding of our church.

In 2016, a group of interested people from the congregation started meeting and making plans to celebrate the occasion. The group currently consists of the following active members – Tom Wegner (chair), Chris Morton, Liz Rosenholm, Barbara Wuth, Susan Seader, Helen Schall, Marion Fodor, Kathy Block, Van Edwards, Diane Wilkins, Pat Rude and Bethia Rosner.



The goals set are to create a yearlong celebration of the 300th anniversary and to work on better archiving and displaying the church's historical records. The group meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month (not July or August) and are led by Tom Wegner.

Below is a calendar' for some of what has already taken place and continued plans for the celebration.

First quarter: ·

- Monthly "did you know" history facts/dates appear in the church bulletin and eBridge, this will continue until the end of the celebration.
- Calendars for 2017 with historic pictures of the church and significant dates highlighted ·
- Banner placed on the church grounds announcing the celebration ·
- T-shirts with celebration logo and theme "300 Years & Beyond" sold and will continue throughout the celebration ·
- Dec 2016. Jazz Concert that had previously been offered and sponsored by the Preservation Society and a dessert buffet for people to take advantage of was conducted and a portion of the proceeds donated to the historical group ·
- Jan 2017. Various historical pictures displayed during coffee hour
- 2nd concert in a year-long concert series with Atwater Donnelly. A portion of the proceeds were donated to the historical group
- February. Bibles dating from 1870, 1890, 1970 and 1992 were read from by the pastors during worship and put on display during coffee hour.
- March. The new weathervane was put on display at 2 coffee hours during the month

Second Quarter

- April – save the date cards sent to past ministers/interims for the Gala Brunch in November
- May – 3rd concert in our 4-part series of the Yale Whiffenpoofs. A donation was made by them to the historical group.
- May 21st – Birthday picnic sponsored by the historical group and provided free to church members following service. Grilled items, side dishes, cake, ice cream, bouncy house, etc.
- Plans began for the wrap up Gala Brunch in November 2017 with the selection of a venue, caterer, music, etc.

Future Quarters

- In conjunction with the Town celebration 2 Heritage Weekend with church tours, scheduled for June and Sept.

- 4th and final concert in the series with Elisabeth Von Trapp performing on September 24 at 4 pm in the sanctuary. 10% of proceeds will be donated to the historical group.
- November 12 will be the Gala Brunch at the Barrington Yacht Club from 12-3, buffet brunch, jazz music, etc. Tickets will go on sale over the summer. We are hoping to have attendance and support from the church counsel, other church groups, past ministers and the congregation at large.
- Working with Building & Grounds to coordinate the raising of the new weathervane, possibly the same day the town has its wrap up.
- Work with Building & Grounds to place a time capsule in the area where the new tree will be planted.
- Various displays during coffee hour of church historical documents, photo's, paintings, etc. with a plea to the congregation for the return of any items that they have borrowed over the years.
- Other events are being considered

Archiving Efforts

- Continue to look for a place to house the archive that is secure, where some items can be displayed, historians would have access to view documents/items on tables, chairs, computer for viewing items that have been digitally archived .
- Take an inventory and catalog what is currently in the church's possession, find out if anyone/any group has items outstanding,
- Find, display and archive any past time capsules
- Purchase a mobile display case

MODERATOR

STEVE PECK

This year has been one of new beginnings as we welcomed Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo and his family into our congregation. Church Council continues to meet monthly to discuss the business of the church. Throughout the year, our meetings tackled many issues and I am continuously amazed at the thoughtful, passionate discussion every meeting brings. In addition to the “everyday business” of the church, we have hired a consultant group to work with us this fall and into next year to help us look at where we are as a church community and where we may be headed. Much more information will follow surrounding this!

In addition, our many and varied ministry teams and committees continued the work that makes up this vibrant community. Included in each of their annual reports is the record of service and dedication of all who contribute to the success and well-being of ministries for the whole congregation.

Thank you to all of the members of this community who work so hard to continue the mission of our church and make this a lively and welcoming place. A time of transition is also a time of opportunity. I look forward to working together to move forward into the next phase of our church life.

See you in church, Steve Peck, Moderator

DEACONS

CHRIS BRADY

2016-2017 was another year of transition as we thanked Rev. Sue Remick for her service as our Interim Senior Minister, and welcomed Rev. Dale Azevedo as our settled Senior Minister. We, like the rest of the church, met Dale in June, but had to wait until September for him to start his ministry with us. The waiting period was reminiscent of Lent, only longer. Kim Zeleznik and Chris Morton joined the deacons in September 2016 and we thanked Liz White and Greg Voigt for their years of service as their terms were up. Susan Rotblat-Walker and Larry Ashley are leaving the deacons this June and will be missed greatly. Pat Rude is also leaving the team – she was our chair for two years. Thanks Pat, you did a great job.

In October 2016 we had our annual Deacons Retreat at Abby and Larry Ashley's home with an emphasis on food, fellowship and getting to know each other better. Dale led an exercise where we all brought an object that was representative of our faith journey.

We continue to support the Loaves and Fishes RI (formerly Mobile Loaves and Fishes) three times a year and also help out our friends and neighbors with funds from our Deacons' Fund that is collected on communion Sundays. As is our tradition, the deacons distribute plants at Christmas and Easter to homebound parishioners and to families who experienced a loss or major health problems. Other activities included: Valentines cards for homebound folks and college students, serving in the soup kitchen, and hosting coffee hour.

The deacons continue to play a leading role in worship, serving communion the first Sunday of each month and helping with baptisms. We read the passion story in the Tenebrae service on Maundy Thursday, which as always was deeply moving. We also had the privilege of coordinating Lay People's Sunday on April 23, 2017 with 10 different lay people helping to lead worship. That service coincided with Earth Day resulting in a dual themed celebration.

The deacons played a leading role in bringing the Rainbow Doors from Newman Congregational Church to BCCUCC for two months this winter. The doors were a highly visible expression of the extravagant welcome that Barrington Congregational Church and the UCC strive to embody. They garnered a lot of positive feedback and were particularly significant to our young people, who upon learning that they were leaving, decided we needed our own doors, which we painted on Jubilation Sunday.

We are excited about the coming year and feel like we and the church as a whole are hitting our stride after a year of getting to know Dale. We are looking forward to a strong year and working with our ministers to continue to grow spiritually as individuals and as a group.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH MINISTRIES TEAM

CAROL STRAKOSCH and ANDREA BULLARD

Christian Education & Youth Ministries team has finished this year with renewed energy and direction. Gathering Sunday and the beginning of the Church School year were discouraging, with few families in attendance but we had some exciting projects in the works; a new Deep Blue rotation curriculum for grades 2 through 4, a continuation of the Connect curriculum in grade 5 and 6 and NOOMA with a theme centered focus on PEACE and modern spiritual leaders in grades 7 and 8. The Our Whole Lives Program (OWL) was scheduled to align with the needs of the youth and was filled to capacity. Church School attendance has been sporadic throughout the year, but some new teachers have joined the roster and with some returning volunteers the classrooms were covered each Sunday.

Our planning for the year began with a meeting with Associate Minister, Brendan Curran and Christian Education Coordinator, Andrea Bullard to organize our monthly calendar of events. In September we held Gathering Sunday, which included the dedication of church school volunteers during worship, followed by an all-church Sundaes Sunday with ice cream and toppings for all. On September 25, Church School officially began with many returning teachers and some new volunteers; all were required to be screened as per safe church policy. Other programs, such as Junior and Senior Youth Groups, Confirmation Class and OWL also began organizing for participation. OWL classes were held as part of Church School participation, but met at more convenient times. CEYM hosted an Advent Arts Craft Fair on November 20. Andrea and Brendan worked with the children to make stars and prepare the actors and puppets for the Christmas Pageant. This intergenerational pageant included many youth from the Church and was a big success.

Later in the year, CEYM held the Lenten Lollapalooza Craft Fair and its' annual Easter Egg Hunt. This year we returned to the Lenten Lollapalooza so children could create Lenten crafts and pretzels in preparation for Easter.

Throughout the year we worked to include Children's Message updates about Rinchin, the child we sponsor through the UCC Global Youth Ministries Sponsorship Program. Our continued financial support is important to this child from India.

The CEYM team and the Youth Groups participated in the Pawtucket Soup Kitchen this spring on what turned out to be a wild day weather wise. Our enthusiasm sent out a record number of meals to other shelters and many individuals.

This year's Mission Trip went to H.O.M.E. in Maine with Brendan, Susan and Francis Seader, Greg Dubel, and nine youth participating. The trip was a success as reported by all participants. The group will report out to the Church community in June.

Church School registration showed that there were few students enrolled in the Godly Play Program and that the largest classes were registered in grade 5 and 6. We began a campaign to interest new families in discovering what we have to offer.

Working with the Membership team and the 300th Anniversary Committee the CEYM team began a "get the word out" campaign to introduce families to our church community and what we have to offer. CEYM worked together on some "marketing" ideas which included items to spread the word about what we stand for.

- "Be the Church" reusable grocery bags were created to distribute.
- Community "Office Hours" by the Associate Minister at The Coffee Depot were begun.
- A group of us attended the Hampden Meadow's Tough Tiger Race handing out the shopping bags and literature about upcoming events at BCCUCC.
- An Engagement and Marketing Calendar was created by CEYM member Amy Barkat and we are working to make ourselves more visible throughout the community. Our goal was to get three families actively coming to BCCUCC. By May we had six!
- Our Jubilation Sunday Project was to create our own set of "Rainbow Doors" to display in front of the church. To date the red, orange, yellow, green and blue doors have been painted. We will complete the violet door and apply the lettering to get our message out; "God's Doors Are Open To All".

- Kathy Sullivan is working on a “little Library” project to provide books in a White Church inspired structure near the bus shelter. Our members will keep it well stocked with books and literature about what is going on at BCC.

We will continue to connect to the community in as many ways as possible so that we can grow in many directions.

MISSION AND JUSTICE MINISTRY TEAM

ANN DORAN

Our theme for this year is “Envisioning Peace”, a short phrase we keep in mind as we work to make our congregation and community aware of the many needs, causes and social justice issues we face in uncertain times. Our M&J team has sponsored and/or supported many events and missions during the 2016-17 year, some of which are listed below.

- In honor and recognition of International Peace Day and to welcome our new minister, Rev. Dr. Dale Azevedo, we hung peace flags in the sanctuary. The flags were decorated by children and adults with symbols, pictures and personal messages of peace.
- Our traditional Thanksgiving food drive for TAPIN was a great success! Thanks to our generous congregation dozens of bags of instant mashed potatoes, stuffing mix and brownie mix were delivered in time for the holiday dinner!
- Another collaboration with East Bay Citizens for Peace and American Friends Service, featured Jeff Klein, a peace activist and author of articles and opinion pieces on US Middle East policies. His extensive travel to Israel and the occupied territories made his talk on the Israeli/Palestinian crisis a compelling presentation followed by Q & A. It was a well-attended event thanks to posters and promo in local newspapers.
- December brought the annual Mitten Tree and Giving Tree collections whose warm hats and gloves and gift cards were delivered to Amos House and the Women's Resource Center, respectively.
- A Visioning Peace Dinner, organized and expertly managed by Kathy Block, was held on December 4th as a community event to benefit English for Action (EFA). This non-profit creates opportunities for self-empowerment of immigrant families through English language and other educational programs to help with leadership and community building. The dinner was very well-attended by the congregation and friends, and we hope to do more with EFA. M&J members enjoyed assisting and participating in this event.
- Our 2016 year-end donations totaling \$1050 are listed here:
 - 250 - UCC's special fund for victims of Syrian violence in Aleppo
 - 150 - Pawtucket Soup Kitchen
 - 150 - Mobile Loaves and Fishes
 - 150 - TAPIN
 - 100 - RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
 - 100 - RI State Council of Churches
 - 100 - Save the Bay
 - 50 - Interfaith Power and Light

We also gave \$205 through a matching-gift campaign to the Woodside Church in Flint, MI; and we donated \$200 for care packages which Brendan carried to the Standing Rock pipeline protestors.

- Another Community Peace Dinner, again organized with ease and flair by Kathy Block, was held on a very cold and stormy night in February. EFA folks returned to give a little more information on their work with immigrant families, and despite the weather the attendance was better than expected. M&J members were pleased to assist with this event.
- “We’re All in This Together”, another co-sponsorship with EBCP and AFS was organized for March 19th as a potluck lunch and afternoon workshops followed by a sing-a-long. One could choose from 3 interactive workshops: Meditation (Being Peace in an Unpeaceful World) with Brendan; Bystander Intervention with Martha Yager, AFS; and Talking Across the Divide with Keith Morton, PC Professor and Barry Brown, Psycho-therapist. Everyone felt it was a real success.
- Thanks to Helen Schall we sponsored a very instructive and engaging Lenten Speaker Series:
March 5th - Kathleen Cloutier, Dorcas International, a refugee and immigration resource center
March 12th - Barbara Silva, Advocacy and Justice Commission at RI State Council of Churches
March 26th - Emily Jones, RI Interfaith Coalition to Reduce Poverty
- Co-sponsored with EBCP the showing of The Settlers, a powerful documentary about the controversial Israeli settlements in the West Bank. It was shown at the library in East Providence, where a pro-Israel group voiced respectful protest. They did not interrupt or interfere with the film showing.
- Earth Day celebration, April 23rd, once again saw the Sanctuary festooned with pink and white floral branches and lots of greenery.
- Some of us participated in the Mother’s Day Peace Walk to honor and commemorate the Mother’s Day Proclamation in 1870 by Julia Ward Howe. This declaration to establish an annual Mothers Day for Peace in the wake of horrific death toll during the Civil War. To benefit Project Undercover, an organization helping mothers in need, M&J donated \$200 worth of diapers.
- M&J continues to discuss aiding and supporting a Syrian family, introduced to us by Jennifer Ramirez, who encountered a couple of families through the Refugee Dream Center in Providence. The Bristol Congregational Church has already adopted one family and has made significant progress with the family’s housing, jobs, language. To help ease the debt incurred by their travel expenses, they set up a Go-Fund-Me campaign online and were able to pay off their debt in a month.

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS MINISTRY TEAM

PAUL DENNIS

This past summer (2016) the Fireside parsonage had some major work done to get ready for our new minister and his family. The upstairs bathroom was completely redone. All of the interior of the house and some of the exterior was painted. Also some of the kitchen cabinets were rearranged and the opening between the kitchen and dining room was restored to its original size.

A new weathervane for the church steeple was created to replace the damaged one and will be installed in conjunction with the church 300th anniversary activities.

New shrubs chosen by the Adhoc Landscape Team were planted in the front of the church. A new Redbud tree was chosen to replace the old Birch tree that needed to be removed on the terrace.

Preliminary work has been started on a project to create a new sidewalk along the back of the education building to improve access between the sanctuary and Fellowship Hall. This project will also address drainage issues in this area and allow better use of our beautiful river front location.

The B&G team is grateful for the dedication of our custodians Paul and John to the maintenance of our facilities and the help of church volunteers especially in the upkeep of our gardens.

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

BETH BUCKLEY and JOANNE ELA

*"...for I was a stranger and you welcomed me,"
Matthew 25:35*

Our first priority is to welcome visitors and members to worship services. We organize greeters for every Sunday service. We provide information for visitors and pens inscribed with the church address, email and phone number. New smaller brochures are being designed and will be placed in the pew racks so that more information about our church is available in the sanctuary.

As with other ministry teams we serve at coffee hour, participate in the soup kitchen and send a representative to the Church Council. Membership Nominating Team members wear bright green nametags to be easily identified to visitors and able to answer questions.

We maintain a Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall where information is available about our church. Photos of the newest members and confirmands are displayed there. New nametags can be requested, email addresses added, and there are sign up sheets to volunteer for various events.

The team is involved in hosting new members as they join the church family. In conjunction with Pastor Dale, the Membership Team meets with prospective members for info sessions about joining BCC. On New Member Sunday, we meet with the new members in the vestry for a photo and to sign the official membership record book. A corsage/boutonniere is given, and a reception is hosted at coffee hour with a "Welcome" cake. Photos and a short bio are posted near the Fellowship Hall entrance the following week. Five new members joined us in the past year.

In November we hosted a Senior Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. About 50 senior adults attended. Lovely musical entertainment was provided by Christine Wallis on piano and Pat Stoddard on handbells.

In May we welcomed 6 confirmands by hosting a breakfast for them and their families before the Confirmation worship service. We took individual photos, gave them boutonniere/ corsages, and river rocks gathered from the shore behind the church as tokens of their commitment to being confirmed and joining BCCUCC. At this time they signed the official membership record book.

In June, we will help the Women of Faith host a Senior Ladies' Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. Around 50 members and friends usually attend it.

The Nominating activity started in January with monthly meetings to assess the needs of the teams and officers for the coming year. Discussions have been held with team chairs and recruitment is an ongoing process.

MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM

PATRICIA STODDARD

The Music Ministry is an integral part of the worship life of our church, and continues to enhance the worship experience by presenting a variety of musical offerings throughout the year. In addition to singing every Sunday from early September through the 3rd Sunday in June, the vocal choir added special anthems for Christmas Eve, Easter and Music Celebration Sunday. They also presented a spirited rendition of “Order My Steps” at Rev. Dale’s Installation Service. The choir may be small in number, but are extremely dedicated to the ministry and sing beautifully. The Sing and Celebrate Choir, directed by Kate Colby, participated in several worship services during the year, and have added parts singing to their offerings. They have matured before our eyes over the past few years and bring their unique touch to the worship experience.

Organist and Choir Director Marina Zabinski freely shares her gifts, individually as well as with other musicians. Her improvisational skills at the piano are a wonder to hear and are a real treat. Greg Voigt continues to expand and share his repertoire throughout the year with his brass duets with Marina at the piano, and by supplementing congregational hymns with brass descants that he composes. In the absence of a full bell choir, Pat Stoddard offers bell solos to keep the sound of the bells present during worship. Guest Jazz String Bass player Dennis Pratt added a nice touch to last fall’s Consecration Sunday service. We appreciate all the church members who share their musical gifts with the congregation throughout the year, and encourage new participants in the coming year.

There were ongoing but intermittent issues with the organ over several months this year; we appreciate the congregation’s patience during this time. The problem was eventually identified and a new Digital Voice Modulation board was installed. The pedal board was also completely rebuilt and should remain in good working order for a long time. A generous bequest from a long time church member allows us to maintain our 20 year old combination pipe/electronic organ in good operating condition.

USHERING MINISTRY

BETHIA ROSNER

The Ushering Ministry team has 15 members at present – more would be most welcome –with two substitutes. There are 3 separate schedules each year: September thru January, February thru June, and Summer (July to Labor Day weekend). During September thru June, there are four (4) ushers scheduled to be on duty each Sunday. During the summer months, only two (2) ushers are scheduled for each Sunday.

The ushers prepare the sanctuary prior to the service by opening the shutters, lighting the altar candles, and preparing the microphones and hearing devices. During the service, the ushers provide microphones for announcements, present mementos – mugs, CD’s, and pens provided by the Members Team - to guests and/or visitors, collect the offering and present it at the altar.

After the service has ended, the ushers restore order in the pews, close the shutters, turn off sanctuary lights, lock the offering in the safe, and lock up the church building.

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM

CAROL LOUTTIT and AUDREY ROGERS

Members of the Chancel Team are Audrey Rogers and Carol Louttit, Co-Chairs, Bethia Rosner, Cheryl Muth and Liz Rosenholm. Chancel is responsible for the care and maintenance of the sanctuary, altar cloths, communion linens and silver. We also coordinate the donations of the weekly altar flowers and the subsequent distribution of these flowers to members and friends of the congregation who may be ill, bereaved, shut-in, or otherwise in need of remembrance.

Our income is provided by donations to the Chancel Fund from the congregation at Christmas and Easter. Weekly arrangements are provided by The Greenery in Warren at \$30/per vase and are paid for by the specific donor(s) for that Sunday. Our Easter altar flowers were provided by Quality Fruitland Florist (IN BLOOM) in Seekonk.

Chancel meets on the Saturday before each of these holidays to decorate the altar, as well as at Thanksgiving to decorate with the cornucopia and fresh vegetables which are then donated to TapIn. Any extra money in the Chancel Fund is used for anything that might enhance the worship service, i.e. sound system, hearing devices, etc.

We have seasonal arrangements of silk flowers provided by The Greenery, and they will be used when we are unable to get donations for any given Sunday.

We have been collaborating with Paul Dennis (Buildings & Grounds) on the selection of color and material for new pew cushions and a new curtain around the choir loft. Progress is underway for this to be done and funding will be provided by a generous anonymous donor.

Chancel is under the umbrella of the Deacons and assists them at coffee hour and with the soup kitchen. We do not have regular meetings but touch base with each other at coffee hour on Sundays and occasionally get together for coffee to discuss our obligations.

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

KATHY BLOCK

Jesus said "...feed my lambs.....take care of my sheep.....feed my sheep"

The Lay Visitation team calls on the homebound, those dealing with illness, recovering from surgery, those suffering from loss and grief, and those with restricted or limited mobility.

Our team extends the warmth of the congregation to those who are unable to participate in the full life of this church. We visit, we call, and we send cards.

Please call us or the church office if you know of someone who is in need of our caring, or if you would like to be part of this ministry. God equips all kinds of people. God doesn't call the equipped as much as equip the called!

The Lay Visitation team meets on the first Monday of the month (September – June) at 3:30 pm in the church library.

PASTOR PARISH RELATIONS TEAM

MARION FODOR

This year the five members of the PPRT welcomed our Senior Pastor Dale Azevedo in the Fall. We met quarterly at regularly scheduled intervals to listen to and support Dale as well as our Associate Pastor Brendan Curran.

The PPRT assists in fostering a healthy relationship between Pastors and the congregation in order to enhance the effectiveness of the church's mission. We are available to meet as requested

The PPRT received three professional goals from both Dale and Brendan for the coming year. We look forward to supporting them in their efforts.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM

SUSAN ROTBLAT-WALKER

In 2016 the Stewardship Ministry Team launched the New Consecration Sunday Stewardship Program. With Dale's support and guidance the Stewardship Team, which includes Bill Block and Kristen Westmoreland, implemented the program over a time limited period last fall. The program emphasizes the connection between our pledge commitments and our spiritual life.

The program was successful - we secured 135 pledges for a total of \$369,026. Allowing for shrinkage (accounting for those who cannot meet their pledge), pledge income for 2017 is budgeted at \$356,500.

We are grateful for the commitment of the congregation to the life-giving ministries of our church.



AUDITOR'S REPORT

ANNE BLACK

Annual Audit is still in process at time of printing.

ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM

DICK MCWHIRTER, KATE COLBY, BOB MASON

At the end of 2016 the general Endowment Fund's balance was \$1,068,784, Funds dedicated for a specified use were \$99,766, a total under management of \$1,168,550. Dividends to BCCUCC were \$47,000. Total return on investment was about 7.0%

One long term objective of the church has been to preserve and grow its endowment funds. To that end in 2012, the Endowment Team set a target to have \$1,717,000 in actual and committed funds by the church's 300th anniversary in 2017. We are pleased to report that with the impending receipt of 2 generous donations, we will have over this amount invested. As stewards of the church's assets, the endowment team recommends the continuation of this long-term approach. Currently proceeds from the fund are helping to carry us through as the church makes the inevitable adjustment to new leadership. But, in the future, a healthy endowment fund can be a vital support to the church's larger mission and can help ensure that mission will continue for another 300 years.

As to shorter term objectives, since the first of January an Endowment Policy intended to give the current Team and future Teams guidance was completed and received Church Council approval. Also, by-law changes were developed and approved by the Church Council that will be presented to the congregation for approval at the Annual Meeting. Our focus now is to review management of the funds to determine the best allocation of investments, including the expected additions, considering return on investment, risk and giving due consideration to the mission of our church.

Last but not least, our thanks to the late Lee Miller, Mr. Endowment at BCCUCC, for his long-time commitment to the building and management of the Endowment Fund. Lee's wisdom will be sorely missed.

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM

DICK MCWHIRTER

Number one task was to support the transition of Senior Ministers. Assuring that the end of Sue's tenure went smoothly, supporting the search team in developing the financial aspect of Dale's call letter and later making certain the terms of the call were implemented.

Developed and received congregational approval for the 2017 budget. The budget showed a deficit of about \$10,000, manageable given a surplus in 2016 but indicating the need for caution in our spending until we see the outlook for 2018.

The Team investigated online giving but deferred action until we can be surer of the costs and study the details of implementation requirements. A task for the rest of 2017.

Our thanks to Pat Stoddard for her support. And our thanks to Fred MacDonald, part of the team as Co-Treasurer, as he is retiring from that position as of the Annual Meeting. And a welcome to Barbara Wuth our new Co-Treasurer.

Dick McWhirter, Chair, for team members Rob Black, Tom Colby, Lynne Lehman, Sam Sylvester and Co-Treasurers John Loerke and Fred MacDonald

Summary of Financial Activity and Financial Position for 2016

Statement of Activities for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Operations</u>	<u>Capital Improvements</u>	<u>Endowment</u> ^{Note A}	<u>Total</u>
Revenues				
Pledges, Gifts and Offerings	\$378,720	\$19,594	\$0	\$398,313
Investment Income or Loss	47,092 ^{Note B}		105,162	152,254
Rentals	41,824 ^{Note C}			41,824
Other	<u>18,491</u>			<u>18,491</u>
Total Revenues	\$486,126	\$19,594	\$105,162	\$610,882
Expenses				
Staff	\$314,973			\$314,973
Office	11,892			11,892
Church Life/Christian Education	24,090			24,090
Buildings & Grounds	66,421			66,421
Capital Improvement	19,594	41,155		60,749
Missions	<u>30,184</u>		<u>49,680</u> ^{Note D}	<u>79,864</u>
Total Expenses	\$467,152	\$41,155	\$49,680	\$557,988
Change in Net Assets	18,973	-21,562	55,482	52,894
Net Assets 12/31/15	<u>82,507</u>	<u>56,014</u>	<u>1,113,068</u>	<u>1,251,589</u>
Net Assets 12/31/16	\$101,481	\$34,452	\$1,168,550	\$1,304,483

Statement of Financial Position for the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Assets				
Cash and Investments	\$209,609	\$42,952	\$1,168,550	\$1,421,111
Receivables and Other Assets	<u>14,272</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>14,272</u>
Total Assets	\$223,881	\$42,952	\$1,168,550	\$1,435,383
Deferred Income & Liabilities				
Funds for Designated Purposes	82,810	8,500 ^{Note E}	0	91,310
Other	<u>39,590</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>39,590</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>122,400</u>	<u>8,500</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>130,900</u>
Net Assets	\$101,481	\$34,452	\$1,168,550	\$1,304,483

Notes to the Financial Statements

- A The Endowment account balance is held in various funds subject, in certain cases, to terms significantly restricting the Church's use of the principal balance.
- B Includes receipts from Endowment Funds of \$47,000.
- C Includes nonrecurring parsonage rental income of \$14,400.
- D Includes disbursements to Operations Investment Income of \$47,000.
- E Includes reserves against possible flood damage and property insurance deductible payments of \$8,500.

2017 OPERATIONS BUDGET

<u>BCCUCC budget 2017</u>			
1	Income		
2	Pledges		
3	Pledges		367,500
4	Prior year		1,500
5	Shrinkage		-12,500
6	Total Pledges		<u>356,500</u>
7	Offerings and Gifts		18,500
8	Investment income		48,000
9	Rental income		<u>22,860</u>
10	Total Unrestricted Income		<u>445,860</u>
11	Designated for missions		4,650
12	Chancel, per capita		6,500
13	Total Restricted Income		<u>11,150</u>
14	Total Income		<u>457,010</u>
15	Expense		
16	Personnel		<u>319,998</u>
17	Buildings & Grounds		
18	Capital		16,500
19	C&E buildings		38,135
20	Parsonages		14,970
21	Insurance		<u>20,700</u>
22	Total Buildings & Grounds		<u>90,305</u>
23	Office		<u>9,750</u>
24	Church Life		
25	Christian Education		4,800
26	Chancel		4,500
27	Other teams		<u>9,200</u>
28	Total Church life		<u>18,500</u>
29	Mission-General Funds		
30	RICUCC		22,300
31	Other		<u>1,360</u>
32	Total Mission-General Funds		<u>23,660</u>
33	Missions-Designated funds		4,650
34	Total Missions		<u>28,310</u>
35	Total Expense		<u>466,863</u>
36	Surplus/(deficit)		<u>(9,853)</u>

2017-2018 SLATE OF NOMINEES FOR OFFICERS, MINISTRY TEAMS etc

The slate of nominees to fill the various positions on the ministry teams and to serve as church officers is presented below.

* indicates a vacancy yet to be filled.

Year# indicates which year the person will be serving: 1 = first year, 2 = second year etc. (For officer or ministry team positions - with the exception of deacons - there is a limit of 4 years serving in the same position).

Please note that under the 2014 By-Laws:

- Officers and delegates are elected annually and cannot serve more than 4 consecutive years in the same capacity.
- Members at Large and Ministry Team members serve for a one or two year term (except for Deacons) and cannot serve in the same capacity for more than 4 consecutive years.
- The Deacons serve for a three year renewable term.
- Those who serve on Deacons, Finance, Endowment, and Pastor Parish Relations Teams and all ministry team chairs are to be active or associate members of this church.
- Those who serve on Buildings and Grounds, Christian Education and Youth Ministries, Mission and Justice, Membership, and Stewardship ministry teams are to be active participants in the life of this church.
- The number that appears in parentheses after a ministry team’s name indicates the number of members in the group according to the 2014 By-Laws.

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<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Year#</i>
MODERATOR		
Steve Peck	2018	4
CLERK		
Pat Cordeiro	2018	3
CO-TREASURERS		
John Loerke	2018	6
Barbara Wuth	2018	1
HISTORIAN		
Tom Wegner	2018	2

<i>Office</i>	<i>Term Expires</i>	<i>Year#</i>
AUDITOR		
*	2018	
CHURCH COUNCIL MEMBERS AT LARGE (2)		
Larry Ashley	2018	2
Cheryl Muth	2018	1
DELEGATES TO RI CONFERENCE (2 + one youth)		
Larry Ashley	2018	1
Abby Ashley	2018	1
Brittany Muth (youth)	2018	1

MINISTRY TEAMS (listed alphabetically)

Term Expires Year#

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS MINISTRY

TEAM (8)

Paul Dennis	2018	4
Steve Cipoletti	2018	4
Louise House	2018	4
Jay Buckley	2018	4
Paula Rooks	2018	3
Paul Roberti	2019	1
Larry Ashley	2019	1
Bill Rooks	2019	1

CHANCEL MINISTRY TEAM (4)

Carol Louttit	2018	4
Audrey Rogers	2018	4
Bethia Rosner	2018	4
Cheryl Muth	2018	4
Liz Rosenholm	2018	2

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH
MINISTRIES TEAM (6 + one youth)**

Cathleen Joachim	2018	4
Betsy Resituyo	2018	4
Carol Strakosch	2018	4
Francis Seader	2018	3
Kathy Sullivan	2018	2
Catherine Muth	2018	2
Amy Barkat	2018	2
Mike Collins	2019	1
Sydney Zarlengo (youth)		2
AJ Maio (youth)		3

DEACONS (10 - 12)

The deacons serve 3 year terms and can serve for 2 terms (a max of 6 years)

Joe Judge	2018	
Jon Stabach	2018	
Tom Wegner	2018	
*	2018	
Stephanie Edwards	2019	2 nd Term
Chris Morton	2019	
Kim Zeleznik	2019	
*	2019	
Chris Brady	2020	2 nd Term
Susan Seader	2020	2 nd Term
Abby Ashley	2020	2 nd Term
*	2020	

Term Expires Year#

ENDOWMENT MINISTRY TEAM (4-6)

Dick McWhirter	2018	4
Bob Mason	2018	4
Kate Colby	2018	2
*	2019	

FINANCE MINISTRY TEAM (4-6)

Rob Black	2018	4
Tom Colby	2018	4
Dick McWhirter	2018	4
Lynne Lehman	2018	4
Sam Sylvester	2018	2
Craig Wood	2019	1

LAY VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM

This is a non-elected group of people.

Kathy Block	Joan Miller
George Bolton	Cheryl Muth
Rose Marie Bolton	Paula Rooks
Tom Macedo	Helen Schall
Nancy Martin	Clyde Slicker
Judy Miesner	

MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (8)

Beth Buckley	2018	4
Joanne Ela	2018	4
Moyne Cabbage	2018	4
Paula Rooks	2018	4
Trish Sylvester	2018	4
Liz White	2018	2
Bernie Hawes	2019	1
Libardo DeLaTorre	2019	1
Bill Rooks	ex gratia	1

**MISSION and JUSTICE MINISTRY
TEAM (4)**

Sharon Sylvester	2018	4
Ann Doran	2018	4
Ginger Stabach	2018	3
Phyllis Buckley	2018	2
Helen Schall	2019	1
Leslie Peck	2019	1
Pat Page	2019	1
Marlene Manchester	2019	1

Term Expires Year#
MUSIC MINISTRY TEAM (2)

Pat Stoddard	2018	4
Heather Williamson	2018	4

PASTOR-PARISH RELATIONS TEAM (5)

*This team is selected by the Moderator,
 ministers, and Deacons*

Marion Fodor	2018	4
John Muth	2018	4
Steve Peck	2018	4
Jane Tonn	2018	3
Kim Zeleznik	2018	3

Term Expires Year#
STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY TEAM (5)

Susan Rotblat-Walker	2018	4
Kristen Westmoreland	2018	3
Bill Block	2018	2
Duncan Maio	2019	1

USHERING MINISTRY TEAM (2)

Bethia Rosner	2018	4
Tom Colby	2018	3

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REPRESENTATION AT RI CONFERENCE

The following individuals from Barrington Congregational Church, UCC, served in the capacity indicated during the past year:

RI CONFERENCE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST (RICUCC)

Rev. Dale Azevedo	Member-at-Large, Convener of the RI Ministers' Association
Rev. Brendan Curran	Racial Justice Committee
Rev. Jennifer Geary	Outdoor Ministries (staff)
Steve Fodor	Church and Ministry Committee
Nancy Martin	Women of the RI Conference
Lee Miller	Investment Committee
Susan Rotblat-Walker	VP of Stewardship Development
Helen Schall	Hispanic Support Committee



MEMBER IN DISCERNMENT Gabrielle (Gabi) Sclafani Union Theological Seminary

FROM THE CHURCH RECORDS

June 7, 2016 – June 7, 2017

This report covers the 12 month period from early June 2016 through early June, 2017. The categories shown are also requested each December for the United Church of Christ Yearbook Report (see page ??).

NEW MEMBERS (6)

11/13/16

Dale Azevedo
Cindy Elder
Jane Peterson
Paul Roberti

5/21/17

Andrew DiOrio
Brittany DiOrio

CONFIRMATIONS (6)

5/7/17

Matthew Bowman
Amanda Colby
Elizabeth 'Liza' DeWitt
Zane Maio
Owen Voigt
Michael Zeleznik

LETTERS OF TRANSFER RECEIVED FROM OTHER CHURCHES (4)

Dale Azevedo
Cindy Elder
Jane Peterson
Paul Roberti

TRANSFER OF INACTIVE MEMBERS - OUT (2)

Jeff and Kathleen Larsen

MARRIAGES (2)

Nathan Lewis Bruschi and Roanna Yimei Wang

Rock B. Jocelyn and Shamila Kumar

BAPTISMS (4)

Infants and Children (4)

Charlotte Kennedy Imhoff
Amelia Forbes DeLaTorre
Hayden Marie DiOrio
Drew August DiOrio

Adult (0)

DEATHS

Members (11)

Lee Miller
Fan Benjamin
Randolph 'Woody' Woodruff
Isabelle 'Marty' Kee
Nancy Jencks
Nancy Mattis
Dorothy Muth
Joan Cole
Marcy Goss
Richard Fairfield
Barbara Spicer

Inactive Members (1)

Betsy Deason

Others (3)

Andrew 'Joe' Sherry
Matthew Vohr
Peter Scott

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ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 6, 2016 (a year ago): 324

Between June 7, 2016 and June 7, 2017 the following changes occurred:

Additions to Active Membership (17)

6 - Confirmation
6 - New Members
5 - Reinstated to Active membership

Losses to Active Membership (32)

11 - Death
21 - Other reasons (moved away,
were inactive, etc)

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 7, 2017: $324 + 17 - 32 = 309$

(see next page for further explanation)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

*reflecting changes in the membership that occurred
between January 1st and December 31st, 2016*

The membership statistics are collected at the end of each calendar year and reflect the changes that took place during that year. They are then submitted to the National Office of the United Church of Christ in the form of the Yearbook Report, and appear in the UCC Yearbook.

Active Membership as of 12/31/2016 was 304 (see following table for breakdown).

<i>From the Yearbook Report Form:</i>	
Statistics for January 1 – December 31, 2016	
Active Membership as of 12/31/2015	322
Additions during year:	
Confirmation	3
Confession of Faith	0
Letters of Transfer	4
Reaffirmation of Faith	5
Losses during year:	
Death	9
Transfer	2
Other removals	19
Active Membership as of 12/31/2016	304

Note: The information listed on pages 25 and 26 reflect those changes that took place between June 7th, 2016 and June 7th, 2017, as opposed to the information above, which is for changes between January 1 and December 31, 2016.

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Between January 1st, 2017 and June 7th, 2017 there were the following changes in ACTIVE membership:

- + 2 New Members
- + 6 New Members (by Confirmation)
- 3 Death of Active Members

ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP AS OF JUNE 7, 2017 is $304 + 2 + 6 - 3 = 309$

This agrees with the number of Active Members as listed on page 26 and also with what is in our database, Servant Keeper on 6/7/17.



All are invited to attend the

Annual Meeting

of the Barrington Congregational Church, UCC on

SUNDAY, JUNE 11TH, 2017

immediately following worship in the Sanctuary.

As always, church members are encouraged to make every effort to attend this very important church meeting.

Child care will be provided.

Coffee hour will take place in Fellowship Hall after the Annual Meeting.

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Financial Secretary: Patricia Stoddard

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