

Annual Report Addendum

For Calendar Year 2025



Second Congregational Church
Cohasset, Massachusetts

Litany for Commissioning the Transition Team

Invitation for members to come forward: Connie Afshar, George Baumgarten, Rick Kirkendall, Kate Mullally, DeeDee Perry, Marsha Silvia, Doug Thompson

Focus Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12: 4-12

Litany Response:

One Voice: There are different gifts.

Many: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

One Voice: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit.

Many: To be used for the common good.

Address to Transition Team

Friends, you have committed yourselves to a significant leadership task on behalf of the entire congregation of Second Congregational Church of Cohasset. In recognition of the importance of your work, we pause to express our gratitude and to remind ourselves that you do not undertake this task alone; you will be guided by the power and presence of the Holy Spirit, the prayerful support of the members of this church, and the resources available through the United Church of Christ through the Association and Conference.

Covenant Litany with the Transition Team:

Team Voices:

We, who are serving on the Transition Team promise to faithfully perform the vital task of developing the church profile that will be used for searching for a new pastor. We pledge, with God's guidance and your prayers, to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout all our deliberations. We will endeavor:

- To establish a harmonious working relationship within our team;
- To maintain consistent attendance at our Team meetings;
- To be open and patient listeners to the congregants' hopes and dreams as we consult with you, the members, in the development of a description of our church community and the style of pastoral leadership we seek;
- To maintain appropriate confidentiality in sharing the process of our deliberations, protecting the privacy of contributors;
- To seek decisions arising out of a process of consensus, that will build a firm foundation for the effective future mission and ministry of this church.

Many:

We pledge, as a gathered community of faith, to be patient with you and to respect your need to practice confidentiality regarding input to the Team's deliberations, while being transparent in terms of the process to which you adhere. We recognize that the work of the Team in accumulating the data needed will entail much effort and time and we pray for you and offer our support and encouragement throughout the process. May God's wisdom, patience and grace be upon us all.

Closing Prayer

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Motions for Annual Meeting

Motion 1. I move that, as an exception to the “Article IX Election of Officers and Committees” of the SCC By-laws for this year’s nominees, that elective members of any committee with six or more years of continuous service be eligible for election to the same committee.

Motion 2. I move that, as an exception to the “Article VIII Officers” of the SCC By-laws for this year’s nominees, that elections to the Board of Deacons may allow for up to 12 members comprised of any combination of Deacons or Deaconesses.

From the By-laws of Second Congregational Church (amended February 2023)

“ARTICLE IX ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

The Current Nominating Committee shall appoint the Nominating Committee for the following year. The Nominating Committee shall consist of five Church Members.

All officers and committees shall be elected in such manner that the Church may determine and shall serve until their successors are elected and qualified.

At each Annual Meeting the following shall be elected:

For One Year: A Moderator; a Clerk who shall be sworn; a Treasurer; an Assistant Treasurer; a Financial Secretary; an Assistant Financial Secretary, and two delegates and alternates to the Pilgrim Association and State Conference. A Nominating Committee consisting of five persons, to which only one existing member may be re-nominated for one successive term.

For Two Years: Two Deacons; two Deaconesses; two Trustees; two Finance Committee Members; two Christian Education Members; two Music Committee Members; two Outreach Committee Members; two Church Growth Committee Members, two Flower Committee Members and an Historian.

No elective member of any committee shall be eligible for election to the same committee after serving continuously for six years, until at least one year shall have elapsed.”

Officers and committee members are elected in accordance with the SCC By-laws.

Office / Committee ¹	Name ^{2 3}	Email or Phone	Served continuously since Annual Meeting in ⁴	Term ⁵	Expires at Annual Meeting in ⁶
Moderator	* George Baumgarten	geobaum@comcast.net	2017	1	2027
Clerk	1 <i>OPENING</i>				
Treasurer	* DeeDee Perry	dwpemail@gmail.com	2026	1	2027
Assistant Treasurers	* Marsha Silvia	marsha.silvia143@gmail.com	2026	1	2027
	* George Baumgarten	geobaum@comcast.net	2026	1	2027
Financial Secretary	* Ruth Nedrow	ruthnedrow@yahoo.com	2024	1	2027
Asst. Financial Secretary	* Carolyn Laudien	carolynlaudien42@icloud.com	2026	1	2027
Historian	* Ann Pompeo	annchatpomp2002@yahoo.com	2017	1	2027
UCC DELEGATES 1-year term	* Jack Creighton	jrcsnet@icloud.com	2025	1	2027
	1 <i>OPENING</i>				
BOARD OF DEACONS: DEACONS 2-year term; 6 officers	Jack Creighton	jrcsnet@icloud.com	2025	1	2027
	Bob MacNeill	ocmi@verizon.net	2023	2	2027
	Herb Marsh	(774) 606-6853	2018	5	2027
	2 <i>OPENINGS</i>				

¹ All individually elected offices, Deacons, Deaconesses, Trustees and the chair of Christian Education are Church Officers and must be Church Members. For all other positions, any person may be nominated.

² An asterisk (*) before a name indicates those nominated and standing for election at this year's Annual Meeting.

³ A caret (^) after a name requires an exception to the Bylaws allowing those who have exceeded their term limits to be nominated and stand for election at this year's Annual Meeting.

⁴ "Served continuously since Annual Meeting in" indicates the calendar year of the Annual Meeting when first elected to this position. Those serving since "2025", for example, started their service when elected at Annual Meeting in February 2025.

⁵ "Term" indicates the current term in this position.

⁶ "Expires at Annual Meeting in" indicates the calendar year of the Annual Meeting when the current term expires. Those with terms expiring "2027", for example, will serve until Annual Meeting in February 2027.

Office / Committee ¹	Name ^{2 3}	Email or Phone	Served continuously since Annual Meeting in ⁴	Term ⁵	Expires at Annual Meeting in ⁶
BOARD OF DEACONS: DEACONESSES 2-year term; 6 officers	Connie Afshar	connieafshar@gmail.com	2021	3	2027
	Kimberley Majury Albanese	kimberleyalbanese@gmail.com	2025	1	2027
	Elizabeth Laas	elizabethll@gmail.com	2025	1	2027
	Patty Mazules	patty_j@verizon.net	2023	2	2027
	Kate Mullally	kate_mullally@hotmail.com	2025	1	2027
	* Ruth Nedrow	ruthnedrow@yahoo.com	2024	2	2028
	Ann Pompeo	annchatpomp2002@yahoo.com	2025	1	2027
FINANCE COMMITTEE 2-year term; 6 persons + Pastor & Treasurer	Werner Diekmann	wadiekmann@gmail.com	2025	1	2027
	* Michael Doherty	twomeds@verizon.net	2026	1	2028
	* Liz McLoughlin	ehmcloughlin@gmail.com	2026	1	2028
	DeeDee Perry	dwpemail@gmail.com	2025	1	2027
	<i>2 OPENINGS</i>				
BOARD OF TRUSTEES 2-year term; 6 officers	* Bob Cunningham^	rwc567@aol.com	2018	5	2028
	Rick Kirkendall	hellorick@aol.com	2025	1	2027
	Phil Lehr	phillehr@lbinsure.com	2015	6	2027
	Herb Marsh	(774) 606-6853	2025	1	2027
	Steve Parnell	parnellsteve@comcast.net	2025	1	2027
	<i>1 OPENING</i>				
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE 2-year term; 6 persons	* JoAnne Lehr	jlwido@aol.com	2026	1	2028
	* Susan Pritchard	susan.pritchard667@gm.com	2026	1	2028
	<i>4 OPENINGS</i>				
MUSIC COMMITTEE 2-year term; 6 persons	* Lynne Blanchard^	lynneb@netzero.net	2020	4	2028
	* Pam DeLorenzo^	pdelo2002@yahoo.com	2018	5	2028
	* Brian Hill	brianh@bahillcorp.com	2024	2	2028
	* Linda Indek	walktertours@comcast.net	2024	2	2028
	Kate Mullally	kate_mullally@hotmail.com	2025	1	2027

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FLOWER COMMITTEE 2-year term; 4 persons	Judith Bucher	jbvdl@comcast.net	2025	1	2027
	* Karen Kirkendall	hellokaren@aol.com	2026	1	2028
	2 OPENINGS				
OUTREACH COMMITTEE 2-year term; 6 persons	Debbie Anderson	deband52@yahoo.com	2021	3	2027
	Gary Anderson	gka922@yahoo.com	2021	3	2027
	* Tana Carlson	tcarlson1@aol.com	2023	3	2028
	Steve Parnell	parnellsteve@comcast.net	2021	3	2027
	* Marsha Silvia	marsha.silvia143@gmail.com	2022	3	2028
	1 OPENING				
CHURCH GROWTH COMMITTEE 2-year term; 6 persons	Brian Hill	brianh@bahillcorp.com	2025	1	2027
	Jack DeLorenzo	johndelorenzo@comcast.net	2025	1	2027
	Liz McLoughlin	ehmcloughlin@gmail.com	2025	1	2027
	3 OPENINGS				
NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1-year term; 5 persons	* Margo Cheel	mcheel@me.com	2026	1	2027
	* Rick Kirkendall	hellorick@aol.com	2026	1	2027
	* JoAnne Lehr	jlwido@aol.com	2025	2	2027
	* Doug Thompson	dougthomp2@gmail.com	2026	1	2027
	1 OPENING				

