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A SECOND LOOK | JANUARY 2019

IN SESSION: News from the December 2018 Session Meeting, by Nancy Hughes, Clerk of Session

At its December 10 meeting, Session . . .

- Accepted the recommendations of the Personnel Committee regarding 2019 staff compensation.
- Continued work on congregational by-laws.
- Looked at a sample Child & Youth Protection Policy provided by the moderator, for further review. Such a policy is now required by the Book of Order.
- Discussed how to recruit members to help with the Mission Review. It is hoped that members can be enlisted to make flexible, short-term commitments to work on the Mission Study.

In accordance with the Book of Order (G-1.0501), and the by-laws of the church, the Annual Meeting of Congregation of the Second Presbyterian Church in the City of New York, will be held on Sunday January 27, 2019, in Carnegie Library following worship, for the purposes of: receiving annual reports, electing church officers, and other business as may properly come before the Congregation.

FROM THE PASTOR

Happy New Year to one and all!
December was a beautiful month at Second Pres, and I hope you enjoy the photos on the next page.

I have just returned from a week at the Mexican-US border, working with asylum seekers under the auspices of Sanctuary Caravan, a campaign to offer welcome and support to migrants. The project includes a clinic in Mexico, helping people prepare to present themselves to California Border Patrol; US citizens who accompany those crossing the border, to witness and wait for them to be released; and volunteer networks to help them connect with organizations and resources that offer safety and support.

As a faith leader, I served as an accompanier, and the most profound part of my work was praying with and for people as they prepared to cross into our country. They were so grateful for the prayers, and I promised them that I – and my church – would continue to hold them in our prayers. I look forward to sharing my experiences with you and, meanwhile, my thanks to the Session for approving the trip, and to you all for your continued prayers.

Grace and peace, Rev. Lindsay

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TIDINGS OF COMFORT AND JOY: CHRISTMAS 2018

