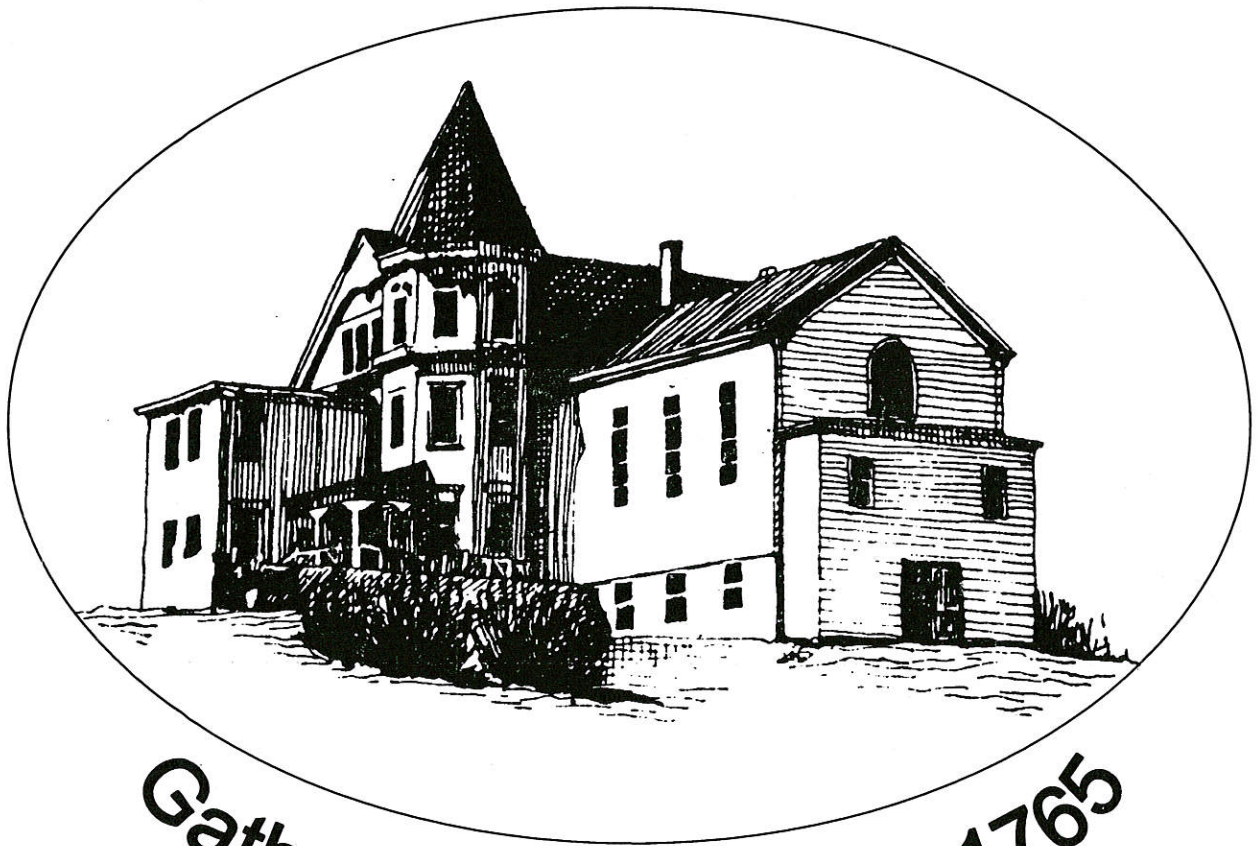


*The First Baptist Church
of Block Island*



Gathered October 23, 1765

*Annual Report
January 26, 2014*

**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2014 AT 11:30 AM**

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Martha Ball, Church Clerk
January 25, 2014

**First Baptist Church of Block Island, RI
Annual Report for the Year 2012 and
Business Meeting for the Year 2013
January 26, 2013**

There being twenty-one (21) members and associate members present, the meeting was called to order by the Church Moderator, Donna Corey at 11:30 a.m. It was noted a quorum was present.

Pastor Steve offered an opening prayer.

Minutes of the Last Meetings

January 29, 2012 , approval moved by Bill Penn, seconded by Paul Marte and so voted.

Consideration of By-Laws Revision - Patrick Tengwall, Exec Board Chair, summarized the proposed by-law changes proposed for action April 7, 2013.

The Reports following were printed and compiled by the Church Secretary prior to the meeting and available for review as well as being on hand as discussed.

Executive Board Annual Report - As presented.

Pastor's Report – Pastor Steve noted in particular he was hoping for someone to work on outreach to summer workers

Deacons' Report – As presented.

Trustees' Report – A great deal of work on the physical plant has been accomplished during 2012, highlight the roof and installation of solar panels with a boiler scheduled for next year.

Christian Education – The committee said they were ready for children to attend Sunday School but had had little success in reaching out and bringing them in and asked for any suggestions anyone might have.

Music – Adam Dydak thanked the congregation for their support of him and of the Ecumenical Choir.

Missions – \$4,654 in budget explained as a percentage of total.

Flowers – Mark reminded everyone of Grace Luddy's generous donation of the banners for Lent.

Fund Raisers:

Bill offered special thanks to Barbara for the smoothly run and financially successful fair; Cheryl said she was continuing to work on reorganizing Roll Call Dinner but noted that next fall she will be at her niece's wedding in Colorado and someone else will have to run the event.

The gathering gave Eleanor a round of applause for her successful effort bringing the quilt back to life.

Church Clerk – Reports have been filed, membership has remained virtually static.

Stewardship Committee –. Cindy reported that they were seeing increases in numbers and in total pledges and thanked everyone for their ongoing generosity.

Clayhead Pottery – As presented.

It was moved by Edith, seconded by Betty, all reports excepting nominating be accepted as presented. So voted.

Nominating Committee – See below.

Treasurer's Report – The Treasurer's Report for the year 2012 was accepted with thanks to Cheryl.

Acceptance of the 2013 Budget – The Budget as adopted by the Executive Committee was approved by acclamation.

Nomination Committee – The report of the nominating committee was accepted as presented.

New Other Business

It was moved by Bill, seconded by Edith, and so voted that the congregation empower the Executive Committee to serve as Search Committee for a new organist.

Donna led the assembly in a moment of silence in honor of departed members and friends.

Rev. Hollaway offered a benediction.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Ball
Church Clerk

February 21, 2013

Members present:

2013

Donna Corey

Cheryl Blane

Martha Ball

Barbara Temple

Becca Hollaway

Beth Gaffett Tengwall

Betty Lincoln

Bill Penn

Cindy Pappas

David Roosa

Edith Blane

Eleanor Garrett

Jo Dugan

Kay Lewis

Mark Koch

Marlee LaCoste

Patrick Tengwall

Paul Marte

Steve Hollaway

Judy Mitchell

Adam Dydak

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLOCK ISLAND, RI
SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING
April 7, 2013

There being twenty-three (23) members and associate members and two visitors present, the meeting was called to order by the Assistant Church Moderator, Doug Michel at 11:10 a.m. It was noted that a quorum was present.

Pastor Steve opened the meeting with a prayer.

Consideration of By-Laws Revision

See attached.

Motion was made by Kay Lewis and seconded by Adrian Mitchell to accept the revisions as presented. Motion was approved unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Ball
Church Clerk

May 18, 2013

**CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS OF THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
OF
BLOCK ISLAND, RHODE ISLAND**

THE COVENANT

Having been led by the Spirit of God to profess our faith in Jesus Christ, and having been baptized in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, we do now solemnly and joyfully affirm our covenant with God and with each other.

We pledge to serve Christ in the fellowship of this congregation. We shall endeavor to love one another, to remember one another in prayer, to share in each other's joys, and to sustain each other in times of distress. We aspire to be a fellowship of the concerned, where the lost may find Jesus Christ, sinners may find pardon, seekers may find meaning for their lives, and where all who come may find welcome. We shall strive to be responsible church members, through faithful attendance, study, giving and service.

We shall seek to be obedient to Christ in our daily living. Within our homes, in our labor, and while at leisure we shall strive for attitudes and actions which will reflect God's spirit working through us. Believing that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, we shall endeavor to avoid experiences and habits which defile the body and hinder our witness.

Bound together in a fellowship of faith with all who confess Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, we shall pray and labor for a spirit of unity among all Christians.

Believing that our call to be a church is a call to witness in the world, we dedicate ourselves anew as servants of the Lord of all life. Whenever people are in bondage to ignorance, poverty, fear or prejudice, we shall strive for justice, freedom, dignity and peace. Whenever people are separated by barriers of hostility and distrust, we shall be ministers of God's reconciling love. As we pledge our support to the work of our missionaries throughout the world, we commit ourselves to the mission to which God calls us all.

Acknowledging our human frailties (and ever seeking forgiveness), we profess our need of the Holy Spirit, and commit our lives to Jesus Christ, and through Him to the care, the judgment, the deliverance, and the mercy of Almighty God. Amen.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of this church shall be: "The First Baptist Church of Block Island, Inc., (Incorporated) in the Town of New Shoreham, Block Island, Rhode Island," also known as "The Harbor Church." – Organized in 1765.

ARTICLE II PURPOSE AND POLITY

The purpose of this church shall be the advancement of the Kingdom of God through Jesus Christ. It shall do this through the public worship of God, the preaching of the gospel, Christian instruction, inspiration, practice, fellowship and outreach – in accordance with the teachings of the Bible. We affirm the historic Baptist Principles of the American Baptist Churches in the United States and the American Baptist Church of Rhode Island.

1. THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

He alone is the ultimate authority in all matters of faith and life of the believer.

2. THE SUPREMACY OF THE SCRIPTURES

The Bible, which can be read and understood by all believers, is supreme over all man-made creeds, with the New Testament giving the highest and noblest teachings.

3. THE PRIESTHOOD OF BELIEVERS

Every person can contact God directly through Christ, and through prayer, without the aid of human priests.

4. BELIEVERS BAPTISM

Baptism is only for believers in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, and the mode is immersion, as taught in the New Testament.

5. REGENERATE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Church membership is only for believers by personal reason, understanding and decision.

6. SEPARATION OF CHURCH AND STATE

The state and government should protect all religions and religious groups, but should favor none, in any way, over another.

7. RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

Every person is responsible only to God for his/her religious beliefs and practices; so he/she should have the right to worship God, through Jesus Christ, as his/her own convictions and his/her conscience directs him/her to do so (as long as this is not to the detriment of others).

8. THE AUTONOMY OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Each local church is self-governing, choosing its own pastor/ managing and conducting its own affairs.

9. THE GREAT COMMISSION

The great obligation of every Christian is to practice and extend his/her faith, by constantly seeking to radiate it from his/her daily living, and to lead others into the Christian Way.

We believe in the ecumenical movement, and accept the privilege and the obligation to cooperate with other American Baptist Churches, and with other religious bodies having the same objectives.

The polity or governance of this church is vested in its members, who exercise the right of majority control in all its affairs, subject in legal matters to the laws of the State of Rhode Island.

ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Means of Membership

Membership in this church shall consist of those who have :

- (1) Professed their faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- (2) Been baptized (by whatever mode),
- (3) Expressed a desire to join the church and share in our mutual covenant and principles.

Members shall be admitted by vote of the congregation during a regular worship service of the church by any of the following

- A. Baptism – which shall be taken to mean immersion.
- B. Letter of transfer – which shall apply to a member of any other Christian church.
- C. Experience – which shall apply to a member of any other Christian church from which a letter of transfer of membership is not available.
- D. Profession of Faith – which shall apply to one never before a member of any church, and who, because of a physical or genuine psychological infirmity, is unable to be immersed and desires admission by this method.
- E. Restoration – which shall apply to a former member of this church, who has been deleted from the membership roll of this church.

Section 2 Details of Membership

- A. The date of receiving the Right Hand of Fellowship shall be the date of membership, during a service of worship.
- B. Upon request of another church, a letter of transfer may be granted by the Clerk to the church which the member wishes to join.
- C. The membership with this church shall cease on the date of the member's acceptance into the membership of another church, or on the date of the transmittal of a letter of transfer to another church, or by death, or by resignation.

- D. A member shall be considered active when he/she shows some interest in attendance, activity, and/or in support of the church.

Section 3 Associate Members

Persons who want to affiliate with Harbor Church but are unable to become full members because of commitments to other churches may become Associate Members while maintaining membership in another church. The requirements and privileges of membership shall be identical to full members. Associate members shall be admitted by vote of the congregation during a regular worship service of the church.

Section 4 Friends of the Harbor Church

Persons who wish to publicly affirm their support of Harbor Church and its mission without becoming a member may ask to be listed as Friends of the church. Such a person may indicate to the Pastor or Clerk the desire to be considered a Friend. This affiliation may be recognized during a worship service but does not require church action. A Friend is not a member and has no voting privileges.

ARTICLE IV BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1 "Member" shall be interpreted to include both members and associate members.

Section 2 All terms will begin, and the installation of new officers will occur, on the first Sunday following the Annual Meeting in January.

Section 3 The Diaconate Board

- A. Election of Members: This Board shall consist of at least nine members and not more than fifteen members. Three of these nine are to be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the Church for a term of three years. In addition, the Deacons in consultation with the pastor shall select annually at least two members or associate members from the summer congregation to serve as Deacons during the months they are on the island. A Chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected from the members of the Board each January. The Chair shall be a member of the Executive Board.
- B. The Pastor is an *ex officio* member of the Board.
- C. Term of Office: All Deacons may serve two consecutive terms; thereafter, it is recommended that a member not be re-elected until one year has elapsed.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the Deacons:
1. To promote the spiritual vitality of the church and outreach to the community, working with the pastor.
 - (a) To advise the pastor on the vitality of worship services and arrange for lay worship leaders and ushers
 - (b) To plan and conduct special studies and emphases related to spiritual life
 - (c) To work with the church secretary and pastor on publicity
 - (d) To contact worship visitors, inactive members, and other prospects for participation in the church, and to work with the church secretary to keep current membership and prospect lists
 - (e) To work with the pastor to plan prospective member classes and outreach events geared to attracting non-members.
 2. To oversee the administration of the two ordinances of the church, the Lord's Supper and Baptism.
 - (a) To prepare for communion services and assist the pastor in serving
 - (b) To prepare for baptismal services and care for any baptismal equipment and robes
 3. To administer the Deacons' Fund for the needy by means of a Benevolence Committee elected by the Deacons.
 4. To arrange for pulpit supply in the event of the pastor's absence or resignation.
 5. Through the Pastoral Relations Committee, to give feedback to the pastor on performance and respond to the pastor's concerns. The PRC shall provide a communication link between the pastor and the congregation.
 6. To meet monthly and at special meetings called by the chair or the pastor. Six members shall constitute a quorum.
 7. To nominate one deacon to the Nominating Committee annually.
 8. To report to the annual business meetings of the church.
 9. To appoint two members of the Pastoral Relations Committee who will serve together with one member appointed by the pastor. The committee will meet periodically with the pastor to give feedback and discuss any communication issues. They will conduct an annual review of the pastor's compensation and benefits and make a recommendation to the Executive Board as part of the budget process. Deacon appointees shall have three year terms; the pastor's appointee

shall have a one year renewable Term.

- E. The Diaconate Board shall meet monthly and at the call of the chair or pastor. Six members shall constitute a quorum at meetings.

Section 4 The Board of Trustees

- A. Election of Members: The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven members, with at least two elected at each Annual Meeting for a term of three years. The pastor and Church Treasurer shall be *ex officio* members of the Board. The Board will elect a member to represent the Trustees on the Executive Board.
- B. Term of Office: Members will be elected for a term of three year. Terms are renewable.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Trustees:
- a. To administer the general maintenance of all property belonging to the church.
 - b. To recommend the disbursement of trustee-restricted funds in consultation with the Church Treasurer.
 - c. To employ a suitable custodian and any other maintenance help/contractors that may be deemed necessary.
 - d. To arrange and contract for adequate and suitable liability and property insurance in consultation with the Executive Board.
 - e. To arrange for any short-term loans required for the general maintenance of the church's physical property, not to exceed \$10,000.
 - f. To make recommendations to the membership of the church for any major capital improvements necessary.
 - g. To report at the Annual Meeting a summary of the year's activity relative to the property.
- D. Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held monthly or at the call of the chair or the pastor, and a copy of the minutes will be given to the Church Treasurer.

Section 5 The Board of Christian Education

- A. Election of Members: The Board of Christian Education shall consist of a minimum of five members. Two members are to be elected at two consecutive Annual Meetings for a term of three years each, and one member is to be elected every third year for a three-year term. Terms are renewable. The Board will elect a Chair at its first meeting each year from its membership. The Chair will be a member of the Executive Board. The board may appoint advisory members to serve in addition to the above.
- B. The pastor and Church Librarian are *ex officio* members of the board.
- C. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education:
1. To provide supervision and administration of the church school with the co-operation of the pastor.
 2. To cooperate with the pastor in the work of Christian education, and in the appointment, training and the assignment of the teaching staff.
 3. To arrange for the keeping of records and recognition of attendance of the church school.
 4. To oversee other work with the children and youth of the church, including all young people's activities, Youth Group and summer children's Christian education.
 5. To coordinate all Christian education work within the church, and submit a proposed Christian education budget to the Executive Board for the coming year.
 6. To cooperate with the Board of Missions and provide missionary education.
 7. To support an adult Christian education program.
 8. To provide suitable Christian education materials for the library.
 9. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church.
- D. The Board of Christian Education shall meet as needed, or at the call of the chair or pastor.

Section 6 The Executive Board

- A. The Executive Board shall consist of the following persons:
1. The Chair* of the Diaconate Board.
 2. The Chair* of the Board of Trustees.
 3. The Chair* of the Board of Christian Education.
 4. The Chair* of the Board of Missions.

5. The Chair* of the Stewardship Committee.
**The Chairs may designate another member to represent their boards/committees in their absence.*
6. The Pastor.
7. The Church Treasurer.
8. The Church Clerk.
9. The Board shall elect a chair from within its membership at the first meeting of the Board following the annual meeting.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Executive Board:

1. To give direction to the church emphasis, coordinate church activities, prevent over-lapping of efforts, initiate new church-wide programs as needed, resolve any questions of areas of jurisdiction, evaluate planning and goal setting throughout the boards and committees of the church; in essence, to act on behalf of the church as a whole in the interim between church meetings.
2. To initiate, enhance and continually evaluate our ecumenical relations and activities.
3. To appoint chairs to organize annual fund raisers. To approve and oversee all stewardship and fund-raising programs and activities, including special church projects.
4. To handle negotiations with the pastor concerning continuing education, vacations, sabbaticals, housing, and other matters of this nature.
 - a. To receive the report of the Pastoral Relations Committee regarding the Pastor's compensation and benefits program and include its recommendations in the preparation of the annual operating budget.
5. To receive a quarterly report from the Church Treasurer, to oversee the general fund and investment of all church funds, and to submit a budget to the annual church meeting.
6. To work with the Board of Trustees in establishing and maintaining a viable insurance plan.
7. To hire the church secretary.

C. The Executive Board shall meet monthly or at the call of the pastor, the chairs of the Diaconate Board or Board of Trustees, or the Church Treasurer. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 7 The Board of Missions

A. Election of Members: The Board of Missions shall consist of a minimum of five members, including the pastor and four elected members. Two members are to be elected each year at the Annual Meeting for a term of two years. Terms are renewable. The Board will elect a chair each year from its membership. The Chair will be a member of the Executive Board.

B. It shall be the responsibility of the Board of Missions:

1. To become acquainted with the American Baptist Church's Mission Program at home and around the world and to inform the congregation about this program.
2. To develop the missionary concern and integrate mission stewardship into the Christian education program of the church.
3. To consider and recommend a Baptist mission goal as a part of our Christian stewardship in the outreach mission of the church.

4. To promote mission efforts in our community, nation and world as we are able.
 5. To promote and coordinate, with the Diaconate, the evangelism efforts of our congregation.
 6. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church.
- C. The Board of Missions shall hold periodic meetings to carry out these goals. Any special meetings may be called by the chairperson or the pastor.

Section 8 The Stewardship/Endowment Committee

- A. Election of Members: There shall be a Stewardship Committee consisting of four church members. Two members shall be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the Church for a term of two years, which may be renewed. At the first meeting of the year following the Annual Meeting, the committee shall elect a chair from its members. The chair of the Stewardship Committee shall be a member of the Executive Board.
- B. The Pastor and Treasurer (or Assistant Treasurer) are *ex officio* members of the Committee.
- C. The responsibilities of the Stewardship Committee shall be:
1. To oversee and promote a program for the education of the congregation in the area of stewardship.
 2. To oversee the solicitation of funds for the annual operating expenses of the church (the "General Fund").
 3. To oversee any capital or special fund drives as needed.
 4. To accomplish such other responsibilities as may properly be classified as stewardship.
 5. To submit an estimate of income to the Executive Committee for the annual budget.
- D. It shall be the responsibility of the members to oversee memorials, gifts and endowments:
1. To promote special interest in memorial giving (i.e. planned giving).
 2. To receive memorial and endowment gifts which are consistent with the memorial program of the church and to apply these gifts in consultation with the other Boards and Committees of the church according to the desires of the donor.
 3. To maintain memorial records. A Committee member shall maintain the memorial records.

Section 9 The Flower Committee

- A. Election of Members: There shall be a Flower Committee with a minimum of three persons. At least one member will be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the church for a term of three years. Terms are renewable. The Committee will elect a chair each year from its membership.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Flower Committee:
1. To see that flowers or suitable decorations are provided for each service held in the sanctuary of the church and to prepare flowers for special church occasions. It should encourage flowers to be given in memory of loved ones whenever possible and keep a record of such memorial gifts of flowers.
 2. To make proper distribution of the flowers supplied for the services of worship whenever possible, such as taking them to the sick and shut-ins.
 3. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 10 The Music Committee

- A. Members: There shall be a Music Committee to consist of one church member, the pastor, and the organist. The church member will be elected for a term of three years at the Annual Meeting of the church. Terms are renewable.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Music Committee:
1. To supervise the music for worship services of the church.
 2. To engage and be responsible for the work of the organist and any choirs within the limits of the music budget.
 3. To be responsible for the purchasing and care of any church music and for the care of any choir robes within the limits of the budget.
 4. To communicate with the Diaconate.
 5. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 11 The Nominating Committee

- A. The Nominating Committee shall consist of three members. Each year, the Deacons will nominate one member to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the church to serve for a term of three years.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Nominating Committee:
 - 1. To prepare the official list of the nominations for all officers, boards and committees (except the Nominating Committee) to be filled at the next Annual Meeting of the church, and any proper number of delegates for state and national councils and conventions as is advisable and allowable.
 - 2. To report this list of the nominations at the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 12 The Social Committee

- A. There shall be a Social Committee with a minimum of four persons, at least one to be elected each year at the Annual Meeting of the church for a term of three years. Terms are renewable. The chair shall be elected each year from the committee members.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Social Committee:
 - 1. To have supervision of the social affairs of the church (i.e. funerals, weddings, etc.)
 - 2. To have supervision of the kitchen facilities and supplies.
 - 3. To plan such activities among the church members, friends and the community that shall develop the spirit of good fellowship, in cooperation with the pastor.
 - 4. To report to the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 13 Auditing Committee

- A. The Auditing Committee shall consist of a minimum of two people to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the church for a term of one year. Terms are renewable.
- B. The responsibilities of the Auditing Committee shall be to audit all the financial records of the church and to report at the Annual Meeting of the church.

ARTICLE V OFFICERS

Section 1 The Pastor

- A. The spiritual leader of the church shall be the Pastor.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Pastor:
 - 1. To promote the spiritual welfare of the church.
 - 2. To preach and conduct the services of worship, unless otherwise provided for.
 - 3. To oversee and supervise all employees of the church as head of staff.
 - 4. In every possible way, to stimulate and oversee the entire work of the church.
 - 5. To be an *ex officio* member of all boards and committees upon which the pastor is not an official member.
- C. Tenure of Office
 - 1. The pastor's term of office shall be considered permanent but may be terminated by mutual agreement, or with three months' notice by 1) a majority vote of a duly constituted church meeting, or 2) by the written resignation of the pastor.
 - 2. If the pastor resigns, a church meeting shall be called within two weeks to consider and act upon the resignation.
- D. When the church has no Pastor:
 - 1. When a vacancy occurs in the pastorate of the church, the moderator will call a special church meeting to establish a Pulpit Committee. This committee shall consist of the moderator, one representative each from the Diaconate, the Board of Trustees, the Board of Christian Education, who shall be nominated by their respective

boards, and three members at large, who shall be chosen from a slate presented by the Nominating Committee. The Pulpit Committee shall be elected by the congregation.

2. This Pulpit Committee of seven members shall elect its own chair at its first meeting, and then invite the State Executive Minister, American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island, to meet with them.
 3. It shall be the Pulpit Committee's responsibility to select a pastoral candidate and present the candidate's name and qualifications to the church at a congregational meeting called for the purpose of having the congregation vote on a call to the candidate. If approved, the Pulpit Committee will then call this candidate to serve as the new Pastor.
- E. Recommendations for the incoming Pastor's salary, housing, pension and so forth, shall be made by the Pulpit Committee- to the Executive Board for approval; the Pulpit Committee will then negotiate these arrangements with the Pastor.

Section 2 The Moderator

- A. The Moderator of the church shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed.
- B. It shall be the Moderator's responsibility:
 1. To preside at all business meetings of the church membership.
 2. To call a church meeting when necessary.

Section 3 The Assistant Moderator

- A. The Assistant Moderator shall be elected for a one-year term, which may be renewed, at the time of the Annual Meeting of the church and his/her responsibility would be to assist the Moderator in his/her responsibilities. In addition, the Assistant Moderator would fill in for the Moderator in his/her absence or disability.

Section 4 The Church Clerk

- A. The Church Clerk shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Clerk:
 1. To keep records of all the business transactions of the church, as ordered in the church business meetings.
 2. To keep a record of the Dedications, Baptisms, Weddings and Deaths in the church.
 3. To keep a record of all the members, associate members and "Friends" of the church, both active and inactive. The records shall include addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses.
 4. To record all additions to or deletions from the membership rolls of the church.
 5. When voted by the Diaconate, to furnish and send letters of transfer, and seek letters of membership from the churches of prospective new members.
 6. To report to the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island the condition of the church when called upon to do so together with the help of the Pastor.
 7. To transfer to his/her successor any records pertaining to the office.
 8. To be responsible for the posting of all notices of the Church Business Meetings at the proper time in advance.
 9. To serve as secretary to the Executive Board.
 10. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 5 The Assistant Church Clerk

- A. The Assistant Church Clerk shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Church Clerk to aid the Church Clerk in the performance of his/her responsibilities, and fill the office in any absence or disability.

Section 6 The Treasurer

- A. The Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed. The Treasurer shall be bonded.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Treasurer:
 - 1. To have custody of and keep an accurate account of all funds and investments of the church, with proper bank accounts (for each) and report, as called on by the church, on the financial condition of the church.
 - 2. To have charge of any special funds or accounts, unless otherwise provided for, and keep separate general ledger accounts for each at the direction of the church.
 - 3. To make all payment of church money by check, in accordance with the appropriations made by the church, or upon the authorization of the Executive Board.
 - 4. To keep complete record accounts of all financial transactions of the church, to serve as *ex officio* member of the Board of Trustees and as a member of the Executive Board.
 - 5. To report at the Annual Meeting of the church, and to report quarterly to the Executive Board.
 - 6. Should the Treasurer be unable to perform the duties of this office at any given time, the Executive Board will temporarily appoint a replacement to execute those duties.
 - 7. To consult with the Trustees when investment decisions need to be made.

Section 7 The Assistant Treasurer

- A. The Assistant Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed. The Assistant Treasurer shall be bonded.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Assistant Treasurer:
 - 1. To receive and keep account of all Sunday morning offerings and to deposit same to the account of the First Baptist Church of Block Island and to see that a copy of the deposit slip is given to the Treasurer.
 - 2. Should the Assistant Treasurer be unable to perform the duties of this office at any given time, the Executive Board will temporarily appoint a replacement to execute those duties.

Section 8 The Church Historian

- A. There shall be a Church Historian, to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Church Historian:
 - 1. To confer with the Church Clerk, to provide historical information for special services and anniversaries and at such times as desired, by the church or Pastor.
 - 2. To keep a record of any singular or important activities or programs of the church which have historical significance and to report these to the Annual Meeting of the church.

Section 9 The Church Librarian

- A. There shall be a Church Librarian to be elected each year at the annual meeting of the church for a term of one year, which may be renewed.
- B. It shall be the responsibility of the Church Librarian:
 - 1. To maintain the church library and to receive additions of books and materials to be used for the Christian education program of the church.
 - 2. To arrange for displays and exhibits of the Christian education material from time to time.
 - 3. To record the withdrawals and returns of books and the materials to the church library.
 - 4. To encourage the development of reading habits of the church people.
 - 5. To serve as *ex officio* member of the Board of Christian Education.

ARTICLE VI MEETINGS

Section 1 Meetings for Worship and Christian Education

- A. Meetings for worship and Christian education shall be held on Sundays and at such other times and in such manner as may best accomplish the purpose of the church and of the Lord Jesus Christ whom it seeks to serve.

Section 2 The Communion Service

- A. The Lord's Supper shall be observed on the first Sunday of each month, when all Christians shall be invited to unite in this service, and at such other times as the Pastor and Diaconate may direct.

Section 3 The Annual Meeting

- A. The annual business meeting shall be held on a Sunday in January selected by the Executive Board to receive the reports of the officers, boards, committee and organizations of the church and to approve them.
 - 1. To elect officers, board members and committee members who shall be church members and associate church members.
 - 2. To submit and approve a budget for the current year.
 - 3. To transact any other business that may properly come before this meeting.

Section 4 Special Meetings

- A. Special meetings for the transaction of business may be called by the Pastor, the Moderator, the Church Clerk, the Diaconate, the Board of Trustees, or by written request of ten members/associate members.
- B. The annual calling of the roll of members, associate members and "Friends of the Harbor Church" shall be held on the Sunday nearest the 23rd of October.

Section 5 Notice of Meetings

- A. The call for a church business meeting shall be in writing at least seven days prior to the meeting to each resident member, associate member and "Friend of the Harbor Church" and shall announce the time, place and purpose of the meeting. At the regular service of the church on the two Sundays before the meeting is to be held, the time, place and purpose of the meeting shall be announced. A church business meeting may be held following worship on the second Sunday of its announcement.

Section 6 The Conduct of the Meeting

- A. All business meetings of the church shall be conducted according to the "Robert's Rules of Order."

ARTICLE VII QUORUM, RESPONSIBILITY AND VOTING AT BUSINESS MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Section 1 Quorum

- A. Ten members shall constitute a quorum at any business meeting of the church. If a quorum is not reached, another meeting date may be chosen and notice of that date given at the next Sunday service.

Section 2 Voting

- A. When necessary to vote on a matter, the custom is that those in favor say, “Aye,” and those against the motion say, “no.” If there is demand for a written ballot by one-third of the members present, such a ballot shall be taken. Two tellers will be appointed by the Moderator to count to count the votes.
- B. Only members of legal age may vote on legal matters. On all other matters all members/associate members of the church may vote.
- C. Absentee voting and proxy voting are prohibited.

Section 3 Replacement of Vacancies

- A. When a church office is vacant, the Nominating Committee will present a name to fill the office at a special church meeting. The candidate will be elected then for the remainder of the term.
- B. When a vacancy occurs on any board or committee, that board or committee is authorized to fill the vacancy until the next Annual Meeting.

ARTICLE VIII AMENDMENTS

These bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any regular business meeting of the church, if the proposed amendment has been posted in writing in the church bulletin for two Sundays.

ARTICLE IX REVIEW OF THE BYLAWS

These bylaws shall be reviewed by the Executive Board at least each ten years from the date of their adoption.

ARTICLE X ADOPTION OF THESE BYLAWS

All Constitutions and Bylaws of the First Baptist Church of Block Island, in New Shoreham, Rhode Island, adopted and in force prior to October 24, 2010, are hereby expressly repealed and invalidated.

These Bylaws shall be immediately effective upon adoption.

JANUARY 24, 1971

REVISIONS:

January 1973

January 1974

January 1979

January 24, 1985

July 20, 1997

January 30, 2005

April 30, 2006

Amended Section 3 Annual Meeting

Item A – Change January to October

Revised October 24, 2010

Revised January 29, 2012

Revised April 7, 2013

ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS, ASSOCIATE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

January 26, 2014

First Baptist Church of New Shoreham, RI

Martha Ball
Renee Batchelder
Sally Beatty*
Robert Benjamin*
Forrest Bezanson
Cheryl Blane
Edith Blane
Laura Michel Breunig
Carol Brown
Pamela Buol
Thomas Buol
Madeline Burns
Victoria Carson
Donna Corey*
Wendell Corey
Jeannette Davis
Lila DelPadre
Nathaniel DelPadre
Wendy Dixon*
Charlie Dodge
S. Willis Dodge
Josephine Dugan
Adam Dydak
Ann Fagan
Lewis Fagan
Evelyn Fairclough*
Dale Fox*
Dorothy Fox *
Eleanor McC.Garrett
Susan Gill*
William Gill*
Pamela Glen
Millard Harmon
Maegan Merrick Hobe
Rev. Steve Hollaway
Becca Hollaway
John Hopf
Sandra Hopf
Ellen Jacke*
Carol Kern*

C.C. "Sonny" Kern*
Kenneth Knapp*
Stephanie Knapp*
Mark Koch*
Charles LaCoste
Marlee LaCoste
David Lewis
Katherine Lewis
Keith Lewis
Betty Lincoln
Donald Littlefield
Lydia Littlefield
Jane Lohr
Carol Louttit
Phil Lower
Robin Lower
Debbie Lucchesi
Paul Marte*
Kathleen Martin
Rheba McKernan
Jeremy Merrick
Marcia Merrick
Barbara Michel
Doug Michel
Scott Michel
Adrian Mitchell
Judith Mitchell
Anna Mullen
Richard Mullen
Louvan Murray
Renato Nascimento
Fred Nelson
Muriel Nelson
Rev. Anthony Pappas
Cynthia Pappas
Helen S. Paquin
Richard Parent
Anna Pearce
William Penn
Blake Phelan

Lily Pike
Renee Rondinone
David Roosa
Judy Rose
Robert Rose
John Sargent
Karla Sargent
Robert Sawyer*
Nancylee Schwartz
Jane Scranton
Carol Silverman
Lloyd Smith*
Martin Tay
Barbara Temple
Beth Gaffett Tengwall
Patrick Tengwall
Carrie Todd*
Todd Tremble
Jean Valentine
Shirley Wagenseil
Eric Wagner
Alison Warfel
Morgan Rose Walsh
Melanie Blane Wilk
Tina Wileikis*
Kenneth Wiley*
Mayumi Wiley*
Penny Barnum Young*
William Young*

**Denotes Associate Members*

Friends

Carolyn Benjamin
Barbara Hall
Shirley Kessler
Barbara MacDougall
Micheline Weisbroat
Richard Weisbroat

Members/Friends deceased since January 2013:

Nadine Pearce (2013)
Charles Oriel (2014)

MISSION STATEMENT AND GOALS OF HARBOR CHURCH

MISSION STATEMENT:

“Joyfully, we are invited by the spirit of God to embrace, celebrate and minister to the hopes and hurts of our members, neighbors, and the larger community through Christ centered prayer, worship, teaching, sharing and caring.”

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:

1. To be an open and welcoming Christian community church.
 2. To increase our family of church participants.
 3. To encourage the spiritual growth of this family.
 4. To identify and respond to relevant personal and community issues.
 5. To seek to address the spiritual needs of all segments of the community.
 6. To proclaim and live the Gospel through ministries that are:
 - affirming and forgiving
 - accepting and compassionate
 - positive and encouraging
 - healing and renewing
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2013 ANNUAL REPORTS BY BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The reports on the following pages give a summary of
Board and Committee activities
from
January 1 through December 31, 2013

Executive Board Annual Report

2013

The Executive Board of the Harbor Church is comprised of representatives of the following boards and committees of the Church: the Deacons, the Trustees, Christian Education, Missions, and Stewardship. The Pastor, Treasurer, and Clerk also serve on the Executive Board. The Board's primary responsibility is to act on behalf of the church as a whole between congregational meetings. The Board meets monthly to hear reports from its members and to act on matters requiring resolution and coordination of the church's activities. Reports and minutes of the Executive Board's meetings are on file with the Church Clerk, who serves as the Secretary of the Executive Board.

Matters brought before the Executive Board during 2013 requiring action and/or approval are highlighted below.

Organist Search: The congregation's Annual Meeting in January 2013 charged the Executive Board with the role of search committee for a new organist/music director. In the winter and spring of 2013, the Board determined priorities, advertised for candidates and reviewed their qualifications. We found that there were a limited number of qualified musicians available to play for Sunday worship. After much discussion, the Board agreed that there would be no Director of Music or Organist, per se. Instead, the Pastor would coordinate a schedule using local musicians on a rotating basis as available. Experienced musicians would be offered \$100 a week, inexperienced musicians and students \$25. The Board acknowledged that the result would be a \$2,000 deficit in that budget item by the end of 2013.

In practice, Cameron Greenlee played for a majority of the summer and fall Sundays. Adam Dydak also played frequently. And although Carrie Todd had officially retired as of Easter Sunday, she continued to play in worship about once each month (with the summer off). Three of Carrie's students, Ali McCabe, Silas Monje, and Barbara Trujillo, also played some Sundays. We have all been blessed by the musical talents and dedication of this rotating ensemble of organists and pianists during 2013.

In late 2013, the Executive Board accepted Adam Dydak's offer to play on two or more Sundays monthly for a monthly retainer fee, for at least the first quarter of 2014. The Pastor will continue to coordinate the musicians' schedule during the new year.

International Workers' Center: The Executive Board approved the recommendation of the Board of Deacons and the Pastor to begin a new ministry reaching out to young international students working at island businesses during the summer months. The Board reallocated the "summer intern" budget line to help fund a paid coordinator and assistant along with other expenses. Both the Block Island Residents' Association and the Roosa Fund of Block Island Ecumenical Ministries gave grants to the church to support the outreach.

Raul Mickle, a long-time summer employee of several island businesses, was hired to staff the International Workers' Center several nights weekly from late May through early September. The Center met in the church basement, offering recreation, meals, fellowship, and support for the workers' practical concerns (including computer access, cell phone purchases, local information and advice). The Board has included the International Workers' Center in the proposed 2014 budget, recognizing that additional support will be needed to fully fund the program.

Preparation and approval of Church Budget for 2014. The Executive Board was also charged with creating the 2014 budget for the church, which task was successfully completed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick Tengwall

Chair, Executive Board

Pastor's Annual Report on 2013

This year saw the culmination of some projects begun last year. Solar electric panels and solar hot water heating came on line in January, reducing our electric bill by 25-38% each month. A new iMac was placed in the Sunday School room and connected to the Internet for use as a telemedicine facility connecting with psychiatrists at Butler Hospital, also beginning in July. As that program developed, the Mental Health Task Force, which had been using the church's tax number, aligned with the National Alliance for Mental Illness and set up a separate bank account using NAMI-RI's tax number. This program served as many as 16 clients. I received an award from NAMI-RI for promoting awareness of mental illness and working to provide services on island.

Two new ministry avenues opened unexpectedly. At the suggestion of last summer's intern (Kadin Williams) we investigated making the Rec Center a drop-in center for international student workers. We were able to hire the well-connected Raul Mickle as director and obtained a grant from the Roosa Fund. We had a good group of students five nights a week or more, had a weekly dinner with church members, and found students using Wi-Fi at all hours. We also learned of a group of Hispanics who had outgrown (at 30 participants) the room in the library they were using for Bible study on Thursdays. I invited them to meet in our sanctuary and they embraced the idea immediately. They now meet on both Thursday and Sunday evenings and are making a monthly donation to offset utilities.

The church became a center for conversation about substance abuse problems on the island after a tragic loss in the spring. Representatives of many island agencies and bodies gathered to share information, experiences, and ideas for reducing the risks to island youth and young adults. We had three "town meetings" at the church with 20-30 participants, followed by a public meeting at the school.

We've had a number of rich worship experiences over the course of the year, including a well-attended Easter sunrise service at Ocean View pavilion followed by a hot breakfast. We celebrated the 60th anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary on Pentecost. Guest preachers filled in while I was away due to my father's final illness, and Jim Wallis preached in August. Carrie Todd retired as organist after Easter, but I persuaded her to play at least once a month. We rotated duties among several organists and pianists. Worship attendance during the off-season continues to be a concern and is lower than in previous years.

Thursday night Bible study has held steady in participation and this fall added a supper before the study. The Common Ground Coffeehouse is celebrating its 4th anniversary. Participation varies from 10 to 40 depending on performers, weather, and other events. We had several very outstanding performances over the course of the year, and we discovered that just-released movies on Blu-ray are a popular draw in winter. Numerous Poetry Project events were held at the church, including packed houses for the 10th anniversary of the project in April.

I attended my first ABC Biennial this year in Kansas City and found it to be very inspiring and "simpatico." I've participated regularly in a South County pastor's cluster of ABCORI, the Providence Theological Circle, and the Heritage Center Board (the Baptist history body).

I wish to thank the church members for their understanding, flexibility, and consolation during the period of my father's illness and death, and for their willingness to allow Becca and me to get away from time to time for family visits and spiritual refreshment.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
BOARD OF DEACONS
ANNUAL REPORT
2013**

Members of the 2013 Board of Deacons, meet the First Wednesday of the month, these members are:

Patrick Tengwall, Chair; Judy Mitchell, Secretary; Barbara Temple, Treasurer; Martha Ball, Carol Kern, Sonny Kern, Betty Lincoln, David Roosa, Ellen Jacke, and Todd Tremble.

David Roosa resigned his position on the board, and Carol & Sonny Kern resigned due to health issues.

The Deacons have been very busy throughout the 2013 year:

- *Implementing changes in the by-laws regarding membership and the Deacons' duties.

- *Changes in the Benevolent Funds were made to collect monies for Helping Hands during the winter months and then re-addressing the Benevolence Funds in May when Helping Hands closed for the summer.

- *Have been helping with the coffee house every Friday night.

- *Making suggestions for better outreach in the community with personal invitations from the Deacons.

- *Have provided pulpit supply with following guest pastors: the Rev. Harry Bronkar, Rev. Anthony G. Pappas and the Rev. Dr. Don Rasmussen.

- *Have been involved with the International Workers Center and were grateful for the help of Raul Mickle, whom they greatly appreciated for his support this summer by supervising the recreational center.

- *Having Thursday night Bible study with supper being provided by the Deacons.

- *Participated in Lenten services including: Easter Sunrise service, a Maundy Thursday supper, and communion services.

- *Planning and helping with Christmas Open House, and Christmas Eve Candle Light Services.

- *Have been planning up-and-coming events to help members and non-members be aware of the love of Jesus Christ.

- *Are planning to host the Community Center Lunch Bunch.

*Re-evaluating members dropped in the past years, from the roll and encouraging them to actively participate in life of the church.

*Are willing to offer rides to church members and non-members during inclement weather (if members call the church).

*Have been available to members and non-members for prayer and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted
In Jesus Christ's Service,
Judy Mitchell, Secretary
January 11, 2014

Board of Trustees Annual Report
2013

The trustees had major projects accomplished throughout the year, along with the routine care of the building and the grounds.

We accepted the bid submitted to replace windows on the third floor with a grant submitted to the Champlin Foundation.

Solar panels were installed on the new south facing roof of the church with one panel installed on the lower level. The solar inverter was replaced. We are producing our own power without compensation for the excess. We are reducing our costs by 38% which changes according to fuel charges.

The old furnace has been removed and a new one installed.

Two new doors have been installed and refinished in the chancel.

The tower on the church had been struck by lightning. Repairs were carried out following this and the trustees will consider having a lightning rod installed.

The third floor was cleared of unused items which had been stored there for many years.

The recreation center was cleaned before turning it over to the Town for winter activities. Some of the furniture has been replaced, but there is a need to do some painting in the back room and to have a new floor covering installed. Also needed is a drop ceiling and a dehumidifier.

Furniture in the ladies parlor has been replaced with two settees, and the seat of the third settee has been recovered with new fabric. The large sofa is to be moved to the sunspace.

Specific areas in the church will now be cleaned by outside personnel.

A new dishwasher has been installed in the kitchen.

Board of Trustees: Edith Blane, Eleanor Garrett, Rev. Stephen Hollaway- *ex officio*,
Paul Marte, Marcia Merrick, Barby Michel, John Sargent and Cheryl Blane-*ex officio*.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Garrett

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORT
2013**

**Co-Chairs: Rheba McKernan
Barbara Temple**
**Members: Becca Hollaway
Lila DelPadre
Marlee Lacoste
Beth Tengwall**

Christian Education at Harbor Church usually consists of Sunday School, Youth Bible Study, Adult Education. and Vacation Bible School.

Our **Sunday School** teachers this past year were Barbara Temple (almost every week), Rheba McKernan, Lila DelPadre, Kathy Martin, and Cindy Pappas. Sunday School had to be discontinued in the Fall, due to the lack of students and teachers.

Becca Hollaway taught the **Youth Bible Study** virtually every Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m., with an occasional substitute. The program had to be discontinued in the Fall for the same reasons as Sunday School's discontinuation.

Vacation Bible School had to be skipped this summer due to the death of Rev. Steve Hollaway's father, due to the key role Steve plays in the production. We also had no summer intern from Princeton to be the front man for the show. Rheba McKernan saved the materials and scenery that was readied for VBS to use during August, 2014.

Pastor Steve Hollaway taught **Adult Ed** on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m., and was sometimes spelled by Patrick Tengwall, Gordon Smith, and Barbara Temple, . The topics were as follows:

Starting in 2012: Life of David based on 1 and 2 Samuel

Starting 2/21: *"Jesus and His World: The Archaeological Evidence"*

Starting 4/18: *"Invitation to John"* (disciple series with video)

Starting 7/25: Reconciling the Old Testament with the New Testament (CTarticle)

Starting 8/13: *The Power of a Whisper*", Bill Hybels DVD (hearing God)

Starting 9/19: *"The Case for the Psalms"*, N.T. Wright

Starting 12/5: Advent Bible study *"When God Comes Down"*

Reverend Hollaway also continued a discussion group at 11:30 Sunday mornings called **"Postscript"**, in which we discuss the sermon of that day and its implications to our spirituality and in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Temple

**HARBOR CHURCH MUSIC COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
2013**

Carrie Todd's retirement as Music Director and organist became effective Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013. She was honored for 40 years of faithful service and will continue to play monthly. The Executive Board was charged with the task of an organist search and chose to hire several rotating organists/pianists at \$100 per week.

During 2013, we were blessed with enjoying the talents of several organists and pianists playing for our services, including Carrie Todd, Adam Dydak, Cameron Greenlee, Walter Hilse, Gracious Audette, Barbara Trujillo, Silas Monje, Ali McCabe, Jake Douglas and Brianna DelPadre.

We were also graced with songs from flutist Debbie Howarth and violinist Heather Russo Littlefield, who have played here for years.

Becca Hollaway sang several beautiful solos, and Meghan Hennessy thrilled us once again with "O Divine Redeemer" by Gounod on January 13th. Martin Tay sang praise songs for us that he wrote on the spot, from his heart, and he played an African drum. Virginia Dare also played guitar and sang for us. Barbara Temple sang twice, once accompanied by John Henry Tripler on guitar. Rick Coffey and the Chancel Choir of South Church in New Britain, CT also shared their gift of music with us on August 4th.

We also enjoyed the talents of some musical artists who were here to perform at our Friday night coffee house and who agreed to stay over through our Sunday service, such as Ken Totushek, Mark Kelso, and Robert and Paulina Hill.

A barbershop quartet including Peter Greenman even stopped by at the start of a service to sing some spiritual music.

We also hosted the Block Island Ecumenical Choir's Thanksgiving program. Carrie Todd of Harbor Church was their Director during that service/concert.

We thank everyone for sharing their musical talents with Harbor Church and the Block Island Community.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Hollaway
Barbara Temple

**Board of Missions
Annual Report
2013**

This year we collected three mission offerings. The totals for those offerings were as follows:

America for Christ:	\$229.00
One Great Hour of Sharing:	\$255.00
World Missions:	\$276.00
Total Collections for 2013:	\$760.00

The Annual CROP Walk took place on August 4, 2014. Twenty-five percent (25%) of the amount collected was returned to the Mary D. Fund.

Part of our mission outreach is to Adult and Youth Retreat groups using our facilities. This year we hosted Zion Lutheran Church from Bristol, CT.

While the Helping Hands program is now a separate entity, the Harbor Church continues to provide space for food storage and distribution.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Gaffett Tengwall
January 14, 2014

Board of Missions: Becca Hollaway, Barbara Temple and Beth Gaffett Tengwall

**FLOWER COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2013**

Chair: Mark Koch
Members: Judy Rose
Jean Valentine

This past year, the Flower Committee continued having a memorial flower sign-up sheet in Fellowship Hall, so that our parishioners could remember their loved ones by providing beautiful flowers for a Sunday service. The names of the loved ones were printed in the bulletin, as well.

At Easter time , the four banners donated to the church by Grace Luddy and Mark Koch in 2012 hung in the sanctuary. Easter lilies were also sold and displayed until their owners took them home.

Pentecost geranium plants were sold, and then many were donated and planted in our outside garden. In the Fall, Mark Koch dug them up and stored them, to go back into the garden when it gets warmer once again.

Judy Rose's daughter, Jamie Rose, supplied us with gorgeous flower arrangements, for four summer months. Mark Koch provided flowers for the other eight months of the year.

Mark decorated the sanctuary for Christmas, with help from Bill Penn, Judy Mitchell, Adam Dydak, Betty Lincoln, Steve Hollaway and Todd Tremble.. The Nativity set donated in 2012 by Mr. and Mrs. Vanderveer of West Side Road graced the altar once again. Our Christmas tree was donated by Elva Derby in 2012 and decorated with the white angels made by Becca Hollaway and her artists. We also had our usual Christmas memorial poinsettia sale, and the flowers helped decorate the sanctuary until they were picked up by their owners.

Donations of \$50 apiece came in from Judy Mitchell and Sonny Kern, to help Mark with costs. He needs to be reimbursed, from the Flower Fund from donations, for the flowers he provides for the beauty of our sanctuary at least 32 times a year.

He also requests that there be more members on the Flower Committee, since Jean Valentine left the committee and moved to the mainland this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Koch/bet

FUNDRAISERS 2013

This year, we had five wonderful fundraisers to help out the bottom line:

Our July 27, the Annual Harbor Church Fair & Auction brought in \$13,318 thanks to the many members and friends who pitched in wholeheartedly with the Chairperson, Barbara Temple.

Judy Mitchell , Linda Spak, and Connie LaRue ably led the Roll Call Dinner on October 22, which was buffet-style, once again. It was wonderful seeing so many islanders coming to our church and enjoying the feast, which raised \$8,564.30!

Rheba McKernan brought back the quilt raffle this year, and she and her very artistic quilters, along with a team of ticket sellers, especially Bill Penn, brought in \$9,834 for the church!

The Stewardship Committee raised \$510 via a Strawberry Shortcake Fundraiser on Father's Day, June 16.

\$317 was also donated for the Camp Canonicus Fund this past year so that two of our kids could attend camp.

**CHURCH CLERK ANNUAL REPORT
2013**

During the past year we were pleased to welcome Forrest Bezanson and Wendy Dixon as new members of our church; Richard and Anna Rose Mullen were made members by transfer; Renee Batchelder and Robert J. Rose were reinstated as members. Robert Benjamin became an Associate member. We also welcome Carolyn Benjamin as a Friend of the Church.

Sadly, one church member was lost through death and we continue to hold the family of Nadine Pearce in our hearts and prayers.

Additional effort was made this year to remind everyone that Roll Call is not just a dinner, but also a traditional opportunity to stand up and be counted as members of the church.

As required, annual reports were filed with the American Baptist Churches of Rhode Island and the Secretary of State of State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

The Church Clerk also serves as Secretary to the Executive Board and records the minutes of their meetings. All minutes and reports are on file.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Ball
Church Clerk

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2013

Our 2013 stewardship theme was “Faith in Action” and the committee worked to underscore the concept throughout the year. We attempted to illustrate the many ways that our church and individual members express their faith through their actions on a daily basis. Good stewardship requires the careful use of our financial resources, but also calls us to share our time and skills to uplift the community. Gratefully, we acknowledge the many people in our church who give generously of their time and energy to support our congregation, the Block Island community and beyond. On a lighthearted note, during the summer, the committee had fun making up and bestowing “Stewardship Awards” as a way of keeping the “Faith in Action” theme in our hearts and minds.

As last year, committee members included Bill Gill, Sonny Kern, Cindy Pappas, Bill Penn, Will Young and Steve Hollaway, and Lew Fagan serving ex officio. We met regularly, developed the theme, sent out mailings, and each member had the opportunity to share his or her thoughts with the congregation during September, our Stewardship month. We all would love to be able to say that our efforts produced even better results than the 2012 drive.....but they did not. This year’s good news is that 39 families responded in faith, promising a total of \$69,434 for the 2014 season. Three were “new” pledgers. As compared to last year, this represents a 19 % decrease in our ministry supporters and a 14 % decrease in our pledged revenues. In spite of this, many of you substantially increased your pledges for 2014! Thank you so much!

These are challenging times---our congregation is aging, many of us are on fixed incomes, and we struggle to find ways to share our faith in a manner that will encourage our neighbors to join us. But—the Bible is full of illustrations on how God uses the small and seemingly insignificant to do His will! The Harbor Church occupies a central place in Block Island's history, and, I believe, its future. God has great things in store for us! The Stewardship Committee hopes that you will join with us to make 2014 a year without financial pressure so we are free to minister to Block Island and beyond.

The Stewardship Committee extends a heartfelt:

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT
2013

Moderator: Donna Corey
Church Clerk: Martha Ball
Church Treasurer: Cheryl Blane

Assistant Moderator: Doug Michel
Assistant Church Clerk: Rheba McKernan
Assistant Church Treasurer: Lew Fagan

BOARD OF DEACONS

3 year term Judy Mitchell, vacancy
2 year term Beth Gaffett Tengwall, Todd Tremble
1 year term Martha Ball, Barbara Temple, Patrick Tengwall

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

3 year term Edith Blane, Nathaniel DelPadre, Sonny Kern
2 year term Barby Michel, John Sargent
1 year term Eleanor Garrett, Marcia Merrick

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 year term Rheba McKernan, Becca Hollaway
2 year term Marlee Lacoste, Barbara Temple
1 year term Lila DelPadre

BOARD OF MISSIONS

1 year term Beth Tengwall, Becca Hollaway, Barbara Temple

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

3 year term Martha Ball
2 year term Sonny Kern
1 year term Karla Sargent

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

2 year term Cindy Pappas, Will Young, Bill Penn
1 year term Sonny Kern, Bill Gill, Lew Fagan (*ex officio*)

FLOWER COMMITTEE

3 year term Carol Kern
2 year term Judy Rose
1 year term Mark Koch

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

3 year term Penny Young
2 year term Karla Sargent
1 year term Rheba McKernan, Todd Tremble

AUDITING COMMITTEE

1 year term Donna Corey, Bill Penn

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Carrie Todd, Adam Dydak, Steve Hollaway

CHURCH LIBRARIAN

Becca Hollaway

CHURCH HISTORIAN

Martha Ball

Respectfully submitted,
Karla Sargent, Sonny Kern, Martha Ball

**Harbor Church
Social Committee
2013**

The Social Committee in 2013 consisted of Todd Tremble, Judy Mitchell, Rheba McKernan, Karla Sargent and Ann Fagan.

Todd was very active in providing suppers for the Bible study group, as well as bringing food for the deacons' suppers and the coffeehouse. We benefitted greatly from his marvelous cooking!

Judy Mitchell provided many soups and other dishes for the coffee house, as well as some suppers for the Bible study group. She also co-ran the Roll Call Dinner with an able group of gals.

Rheba McKernan, Karla Sargent and Ann Fagan stepped up to provide food for a few special events held by the church, including funeral collations.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Temple

**CLAYHEAD POTTERY
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Clayhead Pottery consists of Becca Hollaway and Rheba McKernan.

Earlier in the year, they brought in \$100 from their pottery-making ministry.

Later on in the year, Rheba needed to be at her new house in Florida, so the ministry was no longer active.

First Baptist Church December 31,2013 Investments

Washington Trust Bank:

CD -----	1,559.78
(Received from Est. Of Charlotte Damm)	
CD -----	20,172.18
(Set up from general savings)	
Mission Account -----	2,586.05
Memorial Account -----	8,166.86
Expense; for parlor furniture	-1,259.32
Balance in account	6,907.54

Morgan Stanley Money Mkt. Account

Opening Balance -----34,370.98

2013 Expenses.

Entech Eng ----- 12,470.86

Mark Larson (remove old boiler) ----- 1,200.00

Energy Efficiency-(install new boiler)----- 20,380.00

Entech Eng (repairs after lightning strike)----- 3,185.50

Money from C.D.Transfer into Money Mkt account +40,072.39

Transfer to General checking (may 2013) ----- 10,000.00

Balance 12-31-2013-----27,207.01

American Baptist Foundation: Value as of 12/31/2013

Acct # 1137 -----	151,444.32
(General fund money) This is a blended fund acct	
Acct # 1353 John & Mabel Thomas -----	77,824.86
(Principal amount is restricted)	
ACCT # 1366 Sunday school Builders-----	75,967.35
(Principal amount is restricted) new acct as of 1-1-2012	

The accounts at American Baptist Foundation have quarterly interest that is direct deposit into General working account at Washington Trust Co.

Acct # 1137 interest for year **7,002.80**
Acct # 1353 interest for year **3,598.64**
Acct# 1366 interest for year **3,512.76**

These amounts do change with the market; these are **Blended fund** accounts with a combination of stocks & bonds.

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget (Proposed)	Comments
Missions				
ABC/ABCORI	4,961	4,961	4,865	3% of budget
International Workers		5,320	1,000	2013 offset by 4400 gifts below
Missions total	4,961	10,281	5,865	
Building Expenses				
Maintenance	15,000	15,674	10,000	(11k in 2013 was lightning strike)
Sexton- special projects	2,000	2,220	2,000	
Electricity	4,400	4,921	4,400	
Fire Alarm	1,200	1,940	2,000	
Fire Extinguishers	700	749	600	2013 added 3rd floor strobe
Fuel Oil	7,000	10,014	8,600	2013 year-end delivery
Hospitality Supplies	1,250	380	600	Using fewer paper goods
Insurance	13,500	13,021	13,500	
Lawn, Dump, etc	2,500	3,149	2,500	
Propane	1,500	1,740	1,500	2014 shutting down 2 oven pilots
Sewer Use	1,800	2,363	2,300	
Water	2,800	3,140	3,300	
Building Expenses Total	53,650	59,311	51,300	
Pastoral and Worship				
Continuing Education	575	143	750	to allow for one conference
Deacons	175	89	700	Add monthly luncheon expense
Flower Fund	-00	538	500	Matched by designated donations
Medical Insurance	12,888	12,399	9,594	Savings through ACA exchange
Organist	3,120	4,565	5,200	Changed to \$100/wk
Pastor Salary	48,039	48,056	48,039	No increase
Pulpit Supply	600	450	600	
Retirement	6,604	6,708	6,600	
Social Security Allowance	5,052	5,035	3,675	
Summer Intern	1,750	-00	1,750	
Travel Expense	1,000	1,503	1,200	2013 included Biannual, 2014 incl. hospitality
Pastoral & Worship Total	79,803	79,486	78,608	
Administrative				
Admin. Secretary	12,480	11,494	12,000	No increase in wage
Copier	1,700	2,200	2,268	Lease amount on new machine
Equip. Repair/Replacement	100	64	100	
Music Supplies	100	173	200	Include copyright license
Office Supplies	2,500	3,034	2,500	
Piano/Organ Maintenance	1,000	1,215	1,200	organ maintenance contract
Payroll Service	550	614	600	
Payroll Tax Expense	950	576	500	
Postage	800	847	800	
Computers	100	825	200	(2013 replaced a laptop, rebate not shown)
Telephone/internet	750	2,606	1,070	2014 only 1 Verizon line, website, & Times
Administrative Total	21,030	23,648	21,438	

	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	Comments
Christian Education				
Camp Scholarships	-00	425	500	Designated gifts received 317
Coffeehouse	150	162	150	Designated gifts received 608
Congregational Development	750	764	500	Designated gifts received 176
Sunday School	400	439	-00	discontinued
Vacation Bible School	1,200	847	300	Can use 2013 curriculum on hand
Youth Ministries	250	11	-00	discontinued
Total Christian Education	2,750	2,648	1,450	
Bank charges				
Bank charges	-00	347	-00	
Fund Raising Expenses				
Fund Raising Expenses	4,000	3,518	3,500	
Total Expenses	170,194	182,757	165,661	
Anticipated Income				
Building Insurance Payment		8,068		
Building Use	3,500	8,221	9,444	Add 1800 from Hispanic fellowship
Fair and Auction	18,000	13,778	16,000	
Roll Call	9,000	8,564	8,700	
Quilt	10,000	9,394	10,000	
Flower Fund	-00	557	500	
New Fundraisers	5,000	515	3,000	
Misc. Donations	12,000	9,304	11,500	
Plate	13,000	10,339	17,500	\$5000 for former pledgers we think will give.
Pledge offerings	81,436	74,977	70,634	
Special collections	3,000	2,271	2,500	
Investment income	10,601	14,172	10,102	per AB Foundation
SSB Endowment income	3,513	included above	3,367	per AB Foundation
Total Income	169,050	160,160	163,247	
Surplus (deficit)	(1,144)	(22,597)	(2,414)	