

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
August 30, 2020

A duly called Special Congregational Meeting was held immediately following worship on the property and in the pavilion of the church following proper distancing protocol. The meeting was for the sole purpose of receiving and approving the Terms of Dissolution between the Rev Richard Oppelt and the Congregation as well as approving the Separation Ethics Covenant. Moderator Rev Brian Merritt, Interim Pastor at Hackettstown Presbyterian Church and COM Liaison to UPC opened the meeting with prayer at 11:15 a.m. A quorum was present, with others viewing the meeting on line.

Motion to approve the Terms of Dissolution between the Rev Richard Oppelt and the United Presbyterian Church, Flanders effective October 4, 2020, as prepared and approved by the Session of UPC. **Approved.**

Motion to approve the Separation Ethics Covenant which states that “after separation both the retiring pastor and the congregation will seek to act in ways that promote the health of the other. Both sides affirm that although the relationships of friendship continue after departure, the pastoral relations do not.” **Approved.**

The above documents will be sent to the Presbytery Committee on Ministry for their approval.

There being no further business, **Motion** to close with prayer at 11:20 a.m. **Approved.**

Attested to by,

Rev Brian Merritt
COM Liaison

Kathy Coogen
Clerk of Session