

## **Standing Committee News**

*Next Meeting: Sunday, April 9, 2017 6:00pm Emerson Room*

On March 12, the Standing Committee met in the Emerson Room to hear regular reports, as well as to discuss our evaluation practices and the upcoming Leadership Workshop. In addition, some members arrived early to hold an informal discussion on additional topics, such as how to foster conversation between people with diverse political opinions. We welcome anyone interested to attend our next meeting on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Emerson Room.

### **Leadership Affirmation**

The Standing Committee good practices in leadership include a check-in during the first year of a recommended two-year chair term. This check-in provides an opportunity for the chair or the committee to request a change in leadership and would trigger a re-entry into a leadership selection process. At the March meeting, it was mutually decided that Kristin Haddad would remain as chair for a second year (through FY2018).

### **Annual Meeting**

The warrant for this year's meeting will be approved by the Standing Committee at its May 7, 2017 meeting. If you have any questions or ideas you would like to share about Annual Meeting, warrant articles, etc., please contact Kristin Haddad at [kristin.haddad@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.haddad@gmail.com) or 978.254.5012.

### **Leadership Workshop**

Mark your calendars! With the support of the Standing Committee, Rev. Howard Dana will facilitate a leadership workshop on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at 6:00pm in the Emerson Room. This will be a chance for committee chairs, as well as parishioners interested in getting more involved in a leadership role, to work together to grow their relationships and leadership skills.

**We Want to Hear from You!**

Standing Committee members are always eager to talk with First Parishioners. Please reach out to any of us at coffee hour, at an event, by phone or by e-mail to discuss your First Parish experiences. You can find the contact information for each Standing Committee member, along with meeting agendas, governing policies, meeting minutes and reports at <http://firstparish.org/wp/connection/committees/standing-committee/>

Best Regards,

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