

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
Called Congregation Meeting
Sunday, August 18, 2013

A special meeting of the congregation of The Church of the Covenant was held in the sanctuary on Sunday, August 18, 2013. The purpose of the meeting was to hear and act on the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). Dr. Stuart Broberg called the meeting to order with a prayer at approximately 11:57 p.m.

Dr. Broberg noted that due notice of this meeting had been provided to the congregation by announcement from the pulpit and in the Sunday morning Bulletin, by letter, and by e-mail. He also noted that a quorum was present. Dr. Broberg advised that the ushers would distribute and act as tellers for the election of the Associate Pastor. At Dr. Broberg's request, Joyce Camlin moved to adopt the meeting docket, Bill Braun seconded the motion, and the congregation unanimously approved the docket.

Dr. Broberg then introduced the chairperson of the APNC, Elder Steve Johnson. Steve reviewed his Committee's process over the past months. Steve recognized the other six members of the APNC: Dottie Bowers, Joe Donham, Hugh Crawford, Jeff Legler, Eric Meyers, and Leslie Zajdel. Steve also noted that the congregation's wishes for what they wanted to see in an Associate Pastor were a major factor in how the APNC carried out its duties. From an initial list of 40 candidates, the APNC narrowed that list down to three. Three interviews were held, two in person and one via Skype. Steve said that the Rev. Emily I. Miller was selected by the Committee as the best qualified person for the position of Associate Pastor for The Church of the Covenant.

Steve Johnson then moved that The Church of the Covenant approve the call of Rev. Emily I. Miller as Associate Pastor at the listed terms of call. Dr. Broberg declared that Emily I. Miller's name, submitted by the APNC, is in nomination and is properly before the congregation. He also noted that no second is needed since the motion came from the congregation. At this time Rev. Miller and her family were asked to leave the sanctuary until the vote had been concluded.

Rev. Craig Kephart, executive presbyter of the Washington Presbytery, next provided greetings from the Presbytery. He reviewed the oversight role of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry in our APNC process. He certified that the APNC process was open and thoughtful, and that the APNC had made a good choice. He advised that Rev. Miller still must be approved by the Presbytery.

Next, Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the motion. There were none, and he asked if the congregation was ready to proceed with the election of the Associate Pastor. Hearing yes, the vote was held, the ballots were collected by the ushers, and the tellers counted the votes three times. The tellers provided Dr. Broberg with the results of the election which were 94 Yes, 1 No. At this time Rev. Miller and her family were brought back to the sanctuary. Rev. Miller and her family were advised of the congregation's affirmative vote, and she stated that she was very pleased with the vote.

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Stephanie Silbaugh moved and MaryAnna McNeil seconded a motion to dismiss the APNC with the thanks and gratitude of the congregation. There was no discussion and the congregation unanimously approved the motion.

Betty Braun moved and Nancy McCreight seconded a motion to have the members of the APNC sign and prosecute Rev. Miller's call at the September 9, 2013 Session meeting. There was no discussion and the congregation unanimously approved the motion.

George Camlin moved and Shirley Howe seconded a motion stating that the minutes of this congregation meeting be approved pending Session review and approval. There was no discussion and the congregation unanimously approved the motion.

Debbie Evans moved and Jack Wharton seconded a motion to adjourn this congregation meeting. There was no discussion and the congregation unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Broberg closed the meeting with prayer at 12:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Jonathan M. Pachter](#)

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session