

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
SPECIAL SESSION MEETING - Sunday, August 4, 2013

ELDERS PRESENT: April Betzner, Donna Carlisle, Sue Denmead, Shirley Desmond, Debbie Evans, Terri Grantz, Linda Grimm, Elsie Hall, Steve Johnson, Stacy Phillips, and Brian Teagarden

STAFF PRESENT: Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg, Rev. Emily Miller and Janet Nevin.

A special meeting of the Session was held on Sunday, August 4, 2013, in the dining room of the Church of the Covenant. The purpose of the meeting was to consider the report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). Dr. Stuart Broberg called the meeting to order with a prayer at approximately 12:20 p.m.

Dr. Broberg introduced the chairperson of the APNC, Elder Steve Johnson. Steve reviewed his Committee's process over the past months. The Committee reviewed over 40 resumes and personnel information forms, representing people of all genders and experience levels. From that list of over 40, it narrowed the list to 8, and then got written or recorded sermons to review from the eight. Then the APNC further refined the list by selecting three people who most closely matched the congregation's wishes for the Associated Pastor, as stated during Visioning Sunday and on the related surveys. Three interviews were held, two in person and one via Skype. 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.

Dr. Broberg pointed out that the APNC was providing this report to the Session as a courtesy before presenting this information to the congregation, which votes on the call.

Brian Teagarden made a motion to schedule a congregational meeting for Sunday, August 18, 2013, starting after the conclusion of the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service, to hear and approve the APNC's report, and vote on the call. Sue Denmead and Stacy Phillips jointly seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the motion was approved unanimously by the Session.

Dr. Broberg noted that Pastor Emily was the enthusiastic choice of the APNC and that the staff was very excited. He said that a letter will be sent to the congregation on Monday, August 5, 2013, advertising the congregational meeting on the 18th. Then assuming the congregation approves the call, the Washington Presbytery must approve the call at its September 2013 meeting.

A motion to adjourn was approved by consensus. Pastor Emily closed the meeting with prayer at 12:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Pachter

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