

**CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2014**

OPENING

The annual congregation meeting of The Church of the Covenant was called to order with prayer offered by Rev. Dr. Stuart Broberg at 12:15 p.m. in the Covenant Center. The main purposes of the meeting were to: 1) review the Statistical Report; 2) receive the 2013 Audit Report; 3) receive the Session-approved 2014 Operating Budget; 4) approve the terms of call for the pastor and for the associate pastor; and, 5) receive the Annual Reports from the Session's Committees.

Moderator Rev. Dr. Broberg declared a quorum present. He also noted that Matt Camlin had been named the moderator of the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery. Next, Peg Flynn moved and George Camlin seconded a motion to approve the docket for this meeting, and the motion passed unanimously.

REVIEWING THE 2013 STATISTICAL REPORT

Jonathan Pachter, Clerk of Session, reviewed the results of the 2013 Statistical Report. He noted that our data showed the congregation had grown in 2013 by 38 people when compared to 2012.

CORPORATE PORTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sue Denmead moved and Fred Boni seconded a motion to temporarily adjourn the ecclesiastical meeting in order to convene the corporation meeting and that President of the Corporation, Elder Chuck Neff, will preside at the Corporation Meeting. At this time, the corporate portion of the congregational meeting began.

Dr. Broberg asked Finance Committee Chairperson Brian Teagarden to provide an in-depth analysis of the 2014 Operating Budget (previously approved by Session at the regular January 2014 Session meeting). Mr. Teagarden quickly reviewed the status of the 2013 year-end finances at the Church. He said that we ended the year with an approximate \$13,000 deficit, but that all bills were paid in full, including our Missions and per capita obligations. Mr. Teagarden noted that the 2014 Operating Budget (\$814, 400) included a slight deficit at the Session's to insure that we met our Missions tithe (10% of the annual pledged income estimate of \$52,700). The 2014 Operating budget represents a slight increase over the 2013 budget. Dr. Broberg said that our congregation has always been generous and giving and feels there will be no problems meeting the budget goals approved by the Session.

Dr. Broberg and Mr. Teagarden answered questions about the 2014 Budget, and reviewed the issues surrounding the budget deficit in 2013. Seeing there were no additional questions or comments, a recommendation to receive the 2014 Operating Budget came from committee. Sara Smith seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Kelly Smith read the letter report from the 2013 Audit Committee. The letter stated that the Committee had performed both selected and random audits of the Church's financial records, and found those records to be in good order. The Audit Committee had no recommendations.

George Camlin moved to adjourn the corporate part of the annual congregational meeting and to reconvene the ecclesiastical part of the meeting. Brian Teagarden seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The ecclesiastical part of the congregational meeting resumed.

ECCLESIASTICAL PORTION OF THE CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Dr. Broberg called on Sue Denmead from the Personnel Committee to answer any questions about Dr. Broberg's terms of call. Dr. Broberg asked Jonathan Pachter, Clerk of Session, to moderate the meeting while he moved to a different room to allow for free discussion of his terms of call. Dr. Broberg's terms of call were reviewed. There were no questions or comments on the terms. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of the terms of call, Chuck Neff seconded that motion, and Dr. Broberg's terms of call for 2014 passed unanimously.

Rev. Emily Miller's terms of call were reviewed next. There were no questions or comments on the terms. The Personnel Committee recommended approval of the terms of call, Steve Warren seconded that motion, and Rev. Miller's terms of call for 2014 passed unanimously.

Dr. Broberg was asked to come back into the Covenant Center at this time, and he resumed being moderator of the meeting.

RECEIVE ANNUAL REPORTS FROM SESSION COMMITTEES

Dr. Broberg briefly reviewed the annual reports from the Session's Committees. Questions and discussion followed. After some discussion, a motion was made by George Camlin and seconded by Joe Chuck Neff to receive the 2014 Session Committee reports as provided to the congregation. The motion was approved unanimously by the congregation.

APPROVE THE MINUTES PENDING SESSION APPROVAL

A motion was made by Sue Denmead and seconded by Bob Wagner to approve the minutes of the Congregation meeting pending Session review and approval. There was no discussion on the motion. A vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNING THE MEETING

A motion to adjourn was made by Darla Pepper-Miller, seconded by Dennis Myers, and approved unanimously by the congregation. Dr. Broberg adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

[Jonathan M. Pachter](#)

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session