

THE CHURCH OF THE COVENANT
Called Congregation Meeting
Sunday, March 26, 2017

A special meeting of the congregation of The Church of the Covenant was held in the sanctuary on Sunday, March 26, 2017. The purpose of the meeting was for the congregation to hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee, which had been tasked with presenting a slate of nominees for an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (APNC). The Rev. 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, if needed, distribute paper ballots and act as tellers for the election of the APNC. Gordon Core was appointed head teller by Dr. Broberg. At Dr. Broberg's request, John Depoe moved to adopt the meeting docket, Connie Hornickel seconded the motion, and the congregation unanimously approved the docket.

Dr. Broberg then introduced the chairperson of the Nominating Committee, Elder Pat Boyer. Pat reviewed her Committee's process over the past few months. She noted that the Nominating Committee had started its work in January 2017. The Committee had asked the congregation for names of people to be nominated for this new APNC, and the congregation responded with the following names: Terri Grantz, Harriet Johnson, Andy Kluczynski, Kim O'Donnell, Paul Phillips, Sara Smith, and Pat Sanders (alternate). Dr. Broberg asked those nominees who were present to stand. He pointed out that the congregation is responsible to elect the nominees to the APNC.

Dr. Broberg asked if there were any nominees from the floor. There were none. Ben Evans then moved that the slate presented by the Nominating Committee to the congregation (including the people listed above) be approved by the congregation. Charlie Bowers seconded the nomination, and the congregation unanimously approved the slate as presented by the Nominating Committee.

Next, Dr. Broberg asked if there were any questions or discussion about the matter at hand. Steve Johnson asked if there would be a Visioning Day, similar in manner to the ones we had held in the past. Dr. Broberg reviewed how this Visioning Day would work, using Rev. Bruce Stevens, executor of the Synod of the Trinity, to assist us in this transitioning process. He will meet with the newly elected APNC and then the Visioning Day will be scheduled, likely for some date after Easter. The information gathered from the congregation during the Visioning Day will be used to develop a new Mission Information Form (MIF), which will be used by the Personnel Committee to develop a new job description for the Associate Pastor position. The new MIF will be placed in the PCUSA's data base where it can be accessed by anyone who might be interested in learning more about our Church's Associate Pastor position. Dr. Broberg said that this process could last through the spring and early summer, and we should be receiving resumes in the late summer 2017.

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Steve Warren asked how long it would take until we have a new Associate Pastor, and Dr. Broberg replied that it would probably take 12-18 months.

Seeing that there were no more questions or discussion, Dr. Broberg asked that a motion be made so that the minutes of this meeting be approved by Session review and approval. Sara Smith made that motion, Karen Simonini seconded the motion, and the congregation unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Broberg noted that the business of this congregation meeting had be completed, and asked for a motion to adjourn. Kathy Hedges so moved, Cloteel Friesner seconded the motion, and the congregation unanimously approved the motion. Dr. Broberg concluded this special congregational meeting with prayer at 12:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jonathan M. Pachter

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session