

Minutes of the MCCDC Congregational Meeting
Sunday, November 20, 2016

I. Call to Order

The 2016 Congregational Meeting of MCCDC was called to order at 12:40 pm. Rev. Elder Dwayne Johnson said that the quorum would require 23 members. The necessary quorum was established with 47 members of the congregation in good standing present.

II. Opening Prayer

Jaqueline Laughlin opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. Elections for the Board of Directors and Lay Delegates

Rev. Dwayne first laid out the terms of debate. Since the Congregational Forum on November 6, 2016 provided an opportunity for extended discussion, he invited members of the congregation to speak in favor or against each agenda item but limited debate to three speakers each.

Rev. Dwayne then called for the Board and Lay Delegate elections. There were five positions open for the Board of Directors: two 3-year term positions (serving through 2019), one 2-year term position (serving through 2018) and two 1-year term positions (serving through 2017). There were also three positions open for the Lay Delegates (serving through 2019).

Rev. Dwayne presented the candidates and asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were none, Elody Huttner moved to close the candidate nominations and Terry Neal seconded. The motion carried.

The following candidates were elected as new Board Members and Lay Delegates on the first ballot:

Board of Directors:

Lilah Blackstone: 46 votes

Jim Garner: 37 votes

Tim Helm: 44 votes

Knut Panknin: 47 votes

Bobbi E. Strang: 38 votes

Lilah Blackstone and Knut Panknin were elected to the 3-year term positions (2019), Tim Helm was elected to the 2-year term position (2018), and Bobbi Strang and Jim Garner were elected to the 1-year term positions (2017).

Lay Delegates:

Chocolatté Hatcher-Miller: 46

Cecelia Hayden-Smith: 45

Steve Jones: 45

All three Lay Delegates were elected to serve through 2019.

IV. Approval of Bylaws Revision

As there were no speakers in favor of or against the Bylaws revision proposal, Knut moved to adopt the Bylaws revision as approved by the Board of Directors on October 12, 2016 and as presented to the congregation at the Congregational Forum on November 13, 2016.

Steve Jones seconded and the motion carried with no opposing votes.

V. Approval of Budget for 2017

Rev. Dwayne asked for comments for and against the 2017 budget as proposed by the Board of Directors. As there were none, he asked for a vote on the budget as proposed and moved by the Board. By show of hands, the 2017 budget passed with one opposing vote.

VI. Approval of Written Reports (Pastor, Clerk, Board of Directors, Trustees, Treasurer, Lay Delegates)

Mark Kornmann moved to receive the reports as presented to the congregation, and Toni Grant seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Steve Jones moved and Donte Hunter seconded that the Congregational Meeting be adjourned. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:59 pm. Rev. Dwayne closed the meeting in prayer.