

Minutes of the MCCDC Congregational Meeting
Sunday, December 17, 2017

I. Call to Order

A Congregational Meeting of Metropolitan Community Church of Washington DC (MCCDC) was called to order at 12:45 pm. By the Rev. Elder Dwayne Johnson. He announced that 35 members of the congregation in good standing were present and that we have a quorum to conduct business at this meeting.

II. Opening Prayer

Rev. Dwayne opened the meeting with a prayer.

III. Board Motion on the FY 2018 Budget

Rev. Dwayne read the Board's motion for consideration by the congregation. The Motion states:

Motion: The Board moves to approve a short term continuation of the budget at 2017 levels through February 11, 2018. During this time, the Board will continue to communicate with the congregation on the proposed sale of the adjacent M Street lot and the proposed 2018 budget.

Rev. Dwayne invited our Treasurer, Tim Helm, to present information about the motion. Tim shared that since the last congregational meeting, the Board had met and discussed the budget and the proposed sale to the adjacent lot on M Street. The Board decided to recommend that the church continue with the authorization of the FY 2017 budget levels through February 11, 2018, when another congregational meeting will occur. Between now and then the Board will engage with the congregation to have fuller conversations about the propose sale of property and continue to explore options and address concerns shared with the Board. It will also allow time for the Trustees to consider the proposal.

Rev. Dwayne then opened the floor for comments about the motion. He indicated that we would take three comments in favor of the motion and three comments in opposition.

Brian Scott indicated he was in favor of the motion, but he had a question about the "year-to-date" reports in the weekly bulletin on collection and how that relates to projected offering in the budget. Tim explained that the amount in the bulletin reflects only plate offerings collected. He also noted that church staff have done a good job of keeping expenses in line with revenue.

Rev. Robin Gorsline addressed the congregation on a technical matter noting that the title "Assistance Pastor" in the budget document should be "Associate Pastor."

Dale Mayden-Baskerville spoke in favor of the motion and felt it was a reasonable request until the church comes to a clear path forward on this issue.

There were no other members indicating an interest in speaking. Rev. Dwayne then called for a vote on the motion by a showing of hands. Most, if not all, of the members present raised their hand expressing support for the motion. There were no hands indicating opposition. Therefore, the motion was approved.

IV. Adjournment & Closing Prayer

Cecelia Hayden-Smith moved to adjourn the Congregational Meeting. Greg Snyder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm. Rev. Cathy Alexander closed the meeting in prayer.