

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Monday August 7, 2017
Minutes of Special Session E-Meeting

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The special E-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, by email to all Session members and the Clerk of Session at 11:24 a.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
+Kyle Vuchak	+Ellen Daugherty	+Harriet Chapman
+Todd Willis	+Nancy Keogh	+James Gray
(vacant)	+Sue Wallin	+Ed Labbe
(vacant)	+Gert Wilms	+Alec Works (Clerk of Session)

Also present by email: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator.

Opening

Pastor Jon opened the meeting by email.

Quorum

The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

New Business

Pastor Jon presented a request formal request from Westminster visitor Matt Jarrell that he take part in his wedding ceremony in Cleveland on December 30. His fiancée is Catholic and the wedding will likely take place at a Catholic church. Pastor Jon included their e-mail exchanges on this topic for our consideration

Pastor Jon clarified that the wedding would not be held at Westminster. He noted that Presbytery leaves such decisions to local congregations and that he would sign the marriage certificate as a Christian pastor licensed to officiate at wedding ceremonies by the State of Ohio.

Assuming Pastor Jon has no personal objections to doing so, Alec Works moved, and Ed Labbe seconded, that Session grant approval for Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas to officiate at the wedding of Matt Jarrell and his fiancée as they have proposed. The motion passed; 8 elders responded, all approving.

2017-094 Motion prevailed to grant approval for Reverend Jonathan Hauerwas to officiate at the wedding of Matt Jarrell and his fiancée as they have proposed. Current plans are for the wedding to be held in Cleveland on December 30, 2017, likely at a Catholic church.

Pastor Jon introduced another motion on August 8 proposing the following time off schedule:

- Vacation - August 14, 15, 16, 17, and 20 (Sunday). I have lined up The Rev. Dr. Don Nichols to preach. He is retired and ordained in the United Church of Christ (Congregational). I will be in Akron next week and can respond to any pastoral emergencies. I am trying to take this vacation week before we ramp up for fall and winter. I apologize for the short notice.
- Vacation - August 28
- Study Leave - October 9, 10, 11, 12, and 15 (Sunday). I can name the preacher at our September Session meeting. The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby is currently available.
- Study Leave - November 15, 16, 19 (Sunday), 20, and 21. I can name the preacher at our September Session meeting. The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby is currently available.
- Vacation - November 26 (Sunday) I can name the preacher at our September Session meeting. The Rev. Dr. Sandy Selby is currently available.

Motion was made by Alec Works and seconded by Kyle Vuchak. The motion passed; at least 8 elders responded, all approving.

2017-095 Motion prevailed to approve the time off schedule as requested by Reverend Hauerwas.

The e-meeting was closed by Pastor Jon at 9:11 p.m. on Thursday, August 10, 2017.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator