

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Friday, February 3, 2017
Minutes of Special Session E-Meeting

Be adaptive, engaging, generous, inclusive and relevant. Be faithful. Be Westminster!

The special E-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas by email to all Session members and the Clerk of Session at 2:03 p.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2017	Class of 2018	Class of 2019
+Mary Johnson (by phone)	+Ellen Daugherty	+Harriet Chapman
+Kyle Vuchak	+Nancy Keogh	+James Gray
+Todd Willis	+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 with prayer.

Quorum

The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

New Business

Pastor Jon presented a request from members of the family of Nicholas Rusanowsky, deceased, that they be permitted to hold a memorial service at Westminster Presbyterian Church. Mr. Rusanowsky was most recently a member of New Covenant Community Church (PCUSA), which is currently undergoing renovations. He had been a long time member of Westminster.

2017-014 013 - **MOTION prevailed** to allow the funeral of Nick Rusanowsky to be held at Westminster as requested on February 18, 2017.

Closed in prayer on February 6 at 2:09 p.m. The Clerk noted 9 of 11 Session members responded, all approving.

Follow-up

On February 9 at 6:34 a.m., Pastor Jon informed the members of Session by email that, based on ongoing conversations with the Rusanowsky family, they were requesting that the pastor of New Covenant Community Church be permitted to lead the memorial service at Westminster.

2017-014.1 013.1 – **MOTION prevailed** that Westminster make available our facility (including the sanctuary, fellowship hall, and kitchen) for a funeral/memorial and reception for Nick Rusanowsky on Saturday, February 18 at a time to be determined by the family. Given that New Covenant Community Church, where Nick was a member, is part of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and New Covenant is currently unavailable due to renovation, we support New Covenant's pastor in officiating a memorial service for a member of the New Covenant community in our sanctuary. The standard organist fee for Jim Mismas will be required, and additional fees will be at the discretion of the Properties Committee.

The follow-up e-meeting was closed in on February 11 at 6:43 a.m. The Clerk noted 8 of 11 Session members responded, all approving.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator