

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Akron, Ohio  
Thursday August 24, 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 the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, by email to all Session members and the Clerk of Session at 9:02 p.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 first noted that the Nominating Committee has been seeking to fill vacancies for currently open elder and deacon positions. We had a special congregational meeting on June 25, 2017 to fill two of the four vacancies. At that time, Michael Dunbar was elected to serve as an elder and Stacy Franzmann as a deacon. Both still need to be installed, and Michael needs to be ordained to the position. [Clerk's note: During the June 27 Session meeting, we noted that this would be scheduled after other open positions are filled. This was intended to be as soon as practical in order that the new officers would be able to begin serving soon.]

Pastor Jon then reported that Nominating has now filled two additional vacancies (again one elder and one deacon). He promptly contacted all four of these individuals and determined that they can be present on Sunday, August 27. The congregation was provided with two weeks' notice of the meeting in the bulletins. Pastor Jon was also able to arrange to begin a congregational meeting after the closing hymn. Visitors would have the opportunity to exit. Then, following the election of one new elder and one new deacon, all four of those recently elected could come forward for the service of ordination and installation. We would then conclude the worship service with the benediction.

Following a call for a motion, Ellen Daugherty moved, and Gert Wilms seconded, a motion that we hold a congregational meeting on August 27, 2017 to elect, install and ordain new officers in the life of our congregation.

The motion passed; 8 elders responded, all approving.

**2017-097 Motion** prevailed to hold a congregational meeting on August 27, 2017 to elect, install and ordain new officers in the life of our congregation.

The e-meeting was closed by Pastor Jon at 10:03 a.m. on Saturday, August 26, 2017.

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Alec Works, Clerk of Session

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Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator