

**Westminster Presbyterian Church
Congregational Meeting
April 15, 2007**

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

The moderator, the Rev. Larry Hayward, called the meeting to order at approximately 12:05 p.m. and opened the meeting with prayer.

Reading of the Call to the Meeting and Establishment of a Quorum

Paul Van de Water, clerk of Session made the following announcements:

On March 28, 2007, the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, April 15, 2007, at 12:00 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to elect an associate pastor nominating committee. Oral and written announcements were made on April 1, April 8, and April 15.

The required quorum is one-tenth of the church's membership (85), and a quorum is present.

The minutes of the congregational meeting of February 11, 2007, were approved by the Session on February 28, 2007.

In accordance with Section G-7.0307 of the Book of Order, the Session will approve the minutes of this congregational meeting at its next scheduled meeting.

Establishment of Position

The moderator introduced Spencer Dickerson, chair of the Personnel Committee, made the following statement:

At its meeting on March 28, 2007, the Session, at the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, voted to request permission of the National Capital Presbytery's Committee on Ministry to establish a position of Associate Pastor at Westminster Presbyterian Church and request permission for Westminster to elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee to select a replacement for the current Director of Children's Ministries. To ensure the broadest possible search, the committee will consider both ordained and non-ordained candidates. If a non-ordained candidate is selected, he or she will be hired as Director of Children's Ministries. If an ordained candidate is selected, he or she will be hired as an Associate Pastor. As the first order of business, the congregation is being asked to approve the establishment of an additional position as associate pastor.

MSC: To approve the establishment of an additional position as associate pastor, as recommended by the Session.

Affirmation of EEO/AA Policy

The moderator then introduced Bobbie Whittier, liaison to the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry, who explained the Presbytery's equal employment opportunity/affirmative action policy.

MSC: To affirm the Presbytery's equal employment opportunity/ affirmative action policy.

Ms. Whittier then gave a summary of the search process.

Election of Associate Pastor Nominating Committee

At its meeting on March 28, 2007, the Session directed the church Nominating Committee to recommend nominees for membership on the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee. Carol Skiba, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the committee's recommendations.

The moderator asked for nominations from the floor, and none was offered.

MSC: To elect the proposed slate of nominees to the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee—Steve Cloud, Jennifer Larrison, Elizabeth O'Brien, Lou Ruffino, and Melynda Wilcox—by acclamation.

Closing Prayer and Adjournment

The moderator closed the meeting with prayer at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul N. Van de Water
Clerk of Session

Larry R. Hayward
Moderator