

Notice of Congregational Meeting
Sunday, May 24, 2020 at 11:45 a.m.
via Zoom

We will hold a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 24, 2020 via Zoom. The Zoom meeting will open at 11 a.m., and we will have a general fellowship time until 11:30 a.m., and the congregational meeting will start at 11:45 a.m.. This arrangement should allow people plenty of time to enter the Zoom meeting and get comfortable with any technical issues.

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

1. Elect new officers
2. Dissolve the called pastor relationship with Don Ludwig (see explanation below)

New Officers

The Nominating Committee is putting together a slate of nominees for elders and deacons. Anyone who would like to serve in either role is encouraged to contact any member of the committee. The members of the Nominating Committee are Karen Butler (Chair), Matt Schulze, Linda Ingala, Greg Jones, Sue Kozak, Jean Collins, and Michele Greenwood.

Dissolution of Don's Call

Don is not leaving us! But for financial reasons, we do need to revert his status from called pastor back to stated supply pastor. When we went through the process to convert Don's status from supply pastor to called and installed pastor, we thought we could do so without changing the financial relationship between Don and the church. Our intent was to publicly affirm the positive import that we have felt through our relationship with Don and imbue the relationship with the greater permanence that a called position would have. In late 2018, Presbytery approved the change, and in January 2019, the congregation approved the terms of call. Unfortunately, we have now been informed that our understanding was incorrect and that we are currently out of compliance. All called and installed pastors must receive full health and retirement benefits through the Board of Pensions, regardless of whether they work full time or part time. As a part time (25% FTE) supply pastor, we had not previously been required to provide such benefits. The financial cost to the church would be 37% of Don's salary, retroactive to January 2019, and the cost would be ongoing. Session recommends that the church dissolve the call and change Don's status back to that of associate supply pastor. Don is graciously willing to agree. We have discussed the issue with the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry (COM), and COM has approved the change, pending congregational approval.

Information for Joining the Zoom Meeting

Topic: Congregational Fellowship Hour and Congregational Meeting
Fellowship Hour Time: May 24, 2020 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Congregation Meeting: May 24, 2020 11:45 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://zoom.us/j/99968511478?pwd=UmdXanVCRnF4cEZGMmxNbmhLdWpadz09>

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