

Bonhomme Presbyterian Church

Annual Congregational Meeting

May 17, 2020

Live Streamed 9:45 AM

Opening the Meeting:

Following prayer, the Moderator introduced a video from Rev. Dr. Dana Allin, Synod Executive of ECO. Following the video, the Clerk affirmed a quorum was present. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Robby Cella, Associate Pastor of Discipleship and Mission.

The purpose of this meeting was to:

1. Approve a Resolution to Dissolve the Relationship between Senior Pastor Phil Hargrove and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church;
2. Elect Church Officers; and
3. Report on Refreshing our Focus.

1. A Resolution to Dissolve the Relationship between Senior Pastor Phil Hargrove and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church

Moderator explained that the motion enables our Church to support and care for Pastor Phil in this time of Transition. The text of the Resolution follows:

Resolution to Dissolve the Relationship between Senior Pastor Phil Hargrove and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church

Introduction

A Pastoral call is a triune call of concurrence among the Pastor, the congregation and the Presbytery, trusting that this agreement is also agreeable to the Holy Spirit.

In that now it seems agreeable to the Holy Spirit, Senior Pastor Hargrove, the Session and having no objection from Presbytery leadership, and the Synod Executive, the Session is now asking the congregation to concur with a resolution to dissolve the relationship between Senior Pastor Phil Hargrove and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church. The congregation is acting in love by letting Pastor Hargrove move on, trusting that he was brought to Bonhomme for a season and that he is in God's will for his life and in no way nullifies any good work done there through his ministry with us.

Resolution

The Session of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church resolves that the relationship between Senior Pastor Phil Hargrove and Bonhomme Presbyterian Church should be dissolved as of this day of May 17, 2020.

Motion

Elder Cliff Van Ittersum moves that the resolution as read by the moderator be adopted by the Covenant Partners of Bonhomme Presbyterian Church. The motion is seconded by Elder Chad Schrieber.

2. Election of Church Officers

Elder Cliff Van Ittersum, Chairman of the Church Nominating Committee, explained process of electing officers and the role of officers in the ministries of the Church.

Elder Van Ittersum moved that the following Covenant Partners be elected to their respective positions:

For the Office of Deacon

Clair Allyn
Kim Bailey
Vicki Carius
Marge Carlson
Lynn Duncan
Cathleen Gotsch
Valerie Hall
Susan Jensen

For the Office of Elder

Mary Bruning
Steve Cox
Steve Ecker
Jim Keim
Mary Oldfield
Andy Seers

For the office of Bonhomme Foundation Trustee

Deb Hawley
Leslie Hood
John Stephenson

Results of the Voting

Due to the COVID-19 virus, the voting was conducted after the meeting using a combination of on-line and paper ballots. For a ballot to be valid the individual casting the ballot had to attest that he or she is a Covenant Partner of BPC and attended the Meeting of the Congregation via streaming video or in person.

The Clerk of the Session counted both online and paper ballots and reported that all candidates presented above were elected to the office to which they were nominated. Clerk also reported that the motion to approve the resolution was adopted.

3. Refreshing our Focus

Pastor Robby Cella and Pastor Don Everts presented the results of many weeks of effort by themselves, other Session Members, as well as other Covenant Partners. The title of the presentation was, "Refreshing our Focus."

Leadership Update

Pastor Don Everts outlined three Leadership Updates:

1. Pastor Everts updated his schedule for the next few months explaining he will delay his sabbatical for a time to enable him to add some limited leadership capacity to BPC as we seek our next Senior Pastor.
2. Session together with our ECO denomination will find and hire a Transitional Pastor to help us until we find and hire our next Senior Pastor.
3. Hiring a Transitional Pastor can take three or more months. During this interim period, while Session seeks and hires a Transitional Pastor, Pastor Jim Capps will serve as a Short-Term Transitional Pastor for the next three months.

Closing the Meeting:

Following prayer, the Moderator adjourned the meeting.

Submitted Respectfully:



Stephen H. Lucas
Clerk of the Session
June 16, 2020