

Agenda for the Annual Congregational Meeting of College Avenue Presbyterian Church Sunday,
February 6, 2022

As Presbyterians, the leadership of our church is representational. The congregation elects elders to be the principal leaders. A pastor is considered a teaching elder (as opposed to a ruling elder) and also is part of the Session (or Board of Elders).

The session shall have responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness. (G-3.0201)

In common English, decisions relating to finances, human resources, ministry oversight, discipline and property are overseen by the Session.

And a few items must be decided by a vote of the congregation. Those things are the tasks that we gather together to do at our annual congregational meeting.

They include: (G-7.0302a)

1. Electing new officers (deacons and elders)
2. Electing a nominating Committee
3. Any changes to the Pastoral Terms of Call (or relationship with the pastor). This embraces the beginning and ending of employment as well as any change to compensation).

The congregation is made up of all members on the active roll of a particular church. All such members who are present at a congregational meeting are entitled to vote. (G-7.0301) For the meeting to be official there must be a quorum present, which shall be not less than one tenth of the members (and not fewer than three members). Our current membership total is 52 persons. So our quorum is 6. (we'll round up!) (G-7.0305)

Congregational Meetings are called for by the Session. (G-7.0303a)

They shall be limited to items specifically listed in the call for the meeting (G-7.0304).

At our meeting Sunday, February 2, 2022 we will be

1. Electing new officers (deacons and elders)
2. Dismissing with thanks the 2021 Nominating Committee
3. Electing a Nominating Committee for 2022
4. Receiving the budget for 2022 adopted by the Session
5. Matters relating to the Pastoral Relationship (in this case a proposed raise in salary).

Why do we do things like this? It seems so complicated compared to how we do things the rest of the year? We operate like this, in function of the Book of Order in view of living our life together in a way that is coherent with what we believe. God creates all of us in God's image, calls us all to be part of the Church of Jesus Christ, and gifts us through the Holy Spirit to live into together the great ends (or purposes) of the Church.

So the first order of business for the meeting is really for us to ask – and even share – where have you seen God at work among us? (or where we’ve joined into what God was already doing among us)

1. Nominating Committee Report and Electing New Officers

Following on at meeting on January 23rd the Nominating Committee proposes the following slate of officers for election to our Board of Deacons and Session (the Board of Elders).

Deacons

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
Marda Stothers <i>(1 year term) (1)</i>	Janet Majors <i>(2 year term) (1)</i>	David Kittams (1)
		Sarah Evangelista
		Albert Hussian
		Elaine Price

Elders

Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Class of 2024
<i>Already full</i>	<i>Already full</i>	Marge Harvey (1)
		Sharon Nelson (1)
		Jeff Trowbridge

At the Congregational Meeting we can vote on the entire slate, or move to vote individually.

2. Following the election of new officers, the 2021 Nominating Team will be excused with gratitude for their service. They include:

2021 Nominating Committee

Cameron Beatty,	Michael Evans	Louise Hirschman
Fredora Darmstadt (Deacon Rep)	Tina Faulkner	Sharon Nelson (Elder Rep)
Linda Davis	Marge Harvey (Elder Rep)	Elaine Price
		Jeff Trowbridge

3. We then will need to elect a Nominating Committee for 2022. At the Congregational Meeting our By-Laws state that we will elect 4 at-large members (who are not currently deacons or elders) and one alternate.

We’ll do this by voice nomination during the meeting on Zoom, following up with folks automatically to ascertain if they are willing to serve. Serving on the Nominating Committee involves 1.5-5 hours of during the year.

4. Receiving the budget for 2022 adopted by the Session

As per our constitution the Session makes and approves the yearly budget. (G-3.0205)

COLLEGE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BUDGET				
			Projected	Proposed
		2020	for 2021	2022
Income				
	Donations & Regular Giving	78,448	85,000	90,000
	Guest Contributions/Loose	20,052	26,000	20,000
	Total Tithes & Offerings	98,500	111,000	110,000
	Per Capita Net	90	0	100
	Rental Income	159,706	178,000	230,000
	Interest Income	48	18	21
	Misc. Donations	0	0	0
	Total Income	258,344	289,018	340,121
Expenses				
	Administrative Expense	16,175	17,399	16,930
	Facilities	60,578	98,973	112,900
	Salary & Wages	139,608	159,382	169,130
	Ministry Expenses	14,213	5,000	19,500
	Worship Expense	7,672	8,680	9,980
	Total Expenses	238,246	289,434	328,440

5. Matters relating to the Pastoral Relationship (in this case a proposed raise in salary).

Closing with prayer & gratitude.