

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday April 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DECLARATION OF QUORUM

Kim Clayton

After the closing hymn in the 11:00AM worship service, Moderator Kim Clayton called to order the Congregational Meeting for the purpose of hearing the Pastor Nominating Committee's report and recommendation regarding the call of a new senior pastor to Trinity Presbyterian Church. Note: the online Zoom option to attend the meeting was opened at 11:50AM during the closing hymn. Amy Krause (Clerk of Session) declared a quorum of in-person and online congregants for conducting this business. Attendance was strong in total!

REPORT FROM THE PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE (PNC)

Jim Blitch

The PNC is a committee of nine persons nominated from the congregation and selected by the Nominating Committee. Jim Blitch (Chair) introduced the members of the committee: Jim Blitch, Laura Bynum, Ben Curran, Cindy Ferguson, Sarah French, Bill Jordan, Catherine Kraft, Jon McRae, and Reid Willingham.

Jim thanked the many individuals and many groups/committees whose contributions paved the way for the successful work of the PNC. Jim also shared summary comments about the work of the PNC, the teamwork and process of the PNC, and the ultimate unanimous decision by the PNC to recommend the candidate to the congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

After Jim's comments concluded, ushers handed out brochures about Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon and paper voting ballots to those in the sanctuary. Slides with information about Rev. LeMon were shared on-screen with those gathered on Zoom.

All other members of the PNC then spoke from the lectern about the following topics:

Jon McRae: Search process for candidates

Laura Bynum: Comments about Rev. LeMon's experience

Bill Jordan: Comments about Rev. LeMon's education

Reid Willingham: Comments about Rev. LeMon's family

Ben Curran: Comments about Rev. LeMon's faith

Cindy Ferguson: Comments about Rev. LeMon's fit

Catherine Kraft: Terms of call + summary quote about Rev. LeMon

MOTION FROM PASTOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Jim Blitch

MOTION: The Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) moves that the congregation approves the nomination to call Rev. Rebekah Close LeMon as the next Senior Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Moderator Kim Clayton asked if there was a second for the motion...and there were many! Kim asked if there was any discussion or questions surrounding the motion. A few comments of gratitude and appreciation for the PNC and Rev. Kim Clayton's good work were made. Several questions from the congregation were fielded by the Moderator and the PNC chair.

Kim called for a vote and explained that the Presbytery of Greater Atlanta prefers a ballot vote rather than a voice vote. Kim reminded the congregation that each member of Trinity Presbyterian Church may vote. Kim then explained the process for voting on the motion. In the sanctuary, the ballots are for individual votes and are not to be completed by couples. The online Zoom participants are to vote electronically through a Zoom poll

and their count will be brought to the narthex by the Assistant Clerk and added to the in-person congregation votes.

With the help of the ushers and the Assistant Clerk to collect all ballots/votes, the Clerk tallied the in-person ballots and online votes and delivered the combined results to the Moderator.

Moderator Kim Clayton announced that the motion passed in overwhelming and near-unanimous fashion! 398 YES votes. 1 NO vote. The excitement in the building and online was clear!

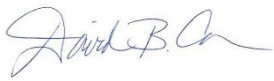
After thanking the PNC for their dedicated work, Kim invited the congregation to Williams Hall immediately following the congregational meeting for refreshments and to see a short video with a message from the new Senior Pastor and the PNC.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Kim Clayton

Kim Clayton adjourned the Congregational Meeting with prayer at 12:53PM, and the worship service finished with a triumphant postlude.

Respectfully submitted,



David Carr
Assistant Clerk of Session



Amy Krause
Clerk of Session



Kimberly Clayton
Moderator of Session