



CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – MARCH 10, 2024

Members Present: Approximately 265 individuals in the sanctuary; 23 online (via Zoom); for a total = 288.

Quorum: Yes; 86 needed for quorum; 288 present.

Officials: Pastor Mike Jones – Moderator; Signe Pagel – Clerk of Session; Steve Shimp – presenter of information on Terms of Call for Sheldon MacGillivray.

Purpose: By Session action, a Congregational Meeting was called to present the recommendation of the Senior Pastor Search Committee to approve Sheldon MacGillivray and his Terms of Call, to authorize the elders to appoint someone to present our congregation's choice of Sheldon MacGillivray at the next meeting of Presbytery, and to disband the Senior Pastor Search Committee.

Call to Order: Pr. Mike Jones called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m. The Clerk of Session stated that a quorum was present. Pr. Jones opened the meeting in prayer and followed that with an articulation of the agenda for the meeting (see "Purpose" above).

Committee Presentation: Steve Shimp – chairperson of the Senior Pastor Search Committee – noted that the committee was unanimous in its recommendation of candidate Sheldon MacGillivray as pastor of New Hope church and talked through a chart displayed on-screen (see attached document) of the recommended Terms of Call for Sheldon MacGillivray. He noted that, in the congregational vote to be taken, a vote in favor of MacGillivray will also be a vote in favor of his Terms of Call.

Shimp explained that, if the congregation votes to approve MacGillivray, the transition schedule will be:

- He will be here next weekend to meet with staff and to look for housing.
- He will deliver a sermon at New Hope on April 21.
- Employment will start on May 15.
- Presbytery will officially approve the call of MacGillivray at its meeting on May 17.
- MacGillivray's first worship service as New Hope's senior pastor will be on May 18.

Questions/Discussion: Pr. Jones opened the floor for questions. The lone question asked was for clarification of the term SUTA/FUTA; Shimp explained that the term refers to the state and the federal unemployment tax paid by an employer.

Vote: Members of the congregation voted by paper ballot. Ushers collected the ballots, and the Clerk of Session supervised the counting of the ballots and reported the total to the moderator, Pr. Jones.

Announcement of Vote: The moderator announced to the congregation that the recommendation of the Senior Pastor Search Team to call Sheldon MacGillivray was approved, and the result received rousing applause. (The actual count was not announced: 260 yeas; 3 nays.)

Motion: Jim LaRue made the motion, seconded by Stephanie Goldman, that the elders appoint someone to represent the congregation of New Hope at the meeting of Presbytery on May 17 to present MacGillivray for Presbytery approval and that the Sr. Pastor Search Committee be immediately disbanded. Motion carried.

Close of Meeting: Pr. Jones thanked the Sr. Pastor Search Committee for their diligence and service and, and Elder Bill Enslin closed the meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted:

Pr. Mike Jones, Moderator
Signe Pagel, Clerk of Session