

## Special Congregational Meeting

February 8, 2025

President Todd Rothermel called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m. following the worship service.

Vicar Nikki Young provided an opening prayer.

President Rothermel gave an overview of how the meeting would be run. A show of hands by confirmed members who have both communed and made a contribution of record during the current or preceding showed that a quorum of 18 was present, as required by the constitution.

There was one core item on the agenda split into three distinct block votes from the assembly for adoption of the proposed Constitution (Synod reviewed and provisional approval provided).

- The first block consisted of the Constitutional Amendments. According to Chapter 16, these require a majority vote for approval, followed by a two-third ratification vote at the planned Annual Meeting on February 22.
- The second block consists of amendments to the bylaws. According to Chapter 17, these require a two-third vote for approval.
- The third block consists of amendments to the continuing resolutions. According to Chapter 18, these require a majority vote for approval. The amendments to the bylaws and the amendments to the continuing resolutions will go into effect upon the single vote ratification of the constitutional amendments on the planned Annual Meeting on February 22.

President Rothermel noted that the Congregational Council is recommending approval of all three blocks.

President Rothermel appointed the tellers as Georganne Geiser, Stieven Weidner, and Bryce Manthorne. There was no objection to these appointments.

President Rothermel gave an overview of the voting process by yea/nay verbal expression. In the event it is too close to call verbally, the congregation will vote by raised hands and tellers will count for the vote. In the event there is concern from the congregation of a split decision, tellers will provide blank ballots and vote in that manner.

A motion was made by Andy Van Dyke moved for the approval of the 2026 Constitutional amendments, seconded by Harry White. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Andy Van Dyke to approve the 2026 Bylaws, with the proviso that they take effect only upon the final ratification of the Constitution on February 22, 2026, seconded by Bryce Manthorne.

A motion was made by Andy Van Dyke to amend proposed Bylaw C11.02.01.e. The amendment changed the text to: 'The Treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of all the committees for which the Finance Board is responsible.', seconded by Scott Geiser. The amendment passed unanimously.

The original motion on the floor to approve the 2026 Bylaws passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Andy Van Dyke to approve the 2026 Continuing Resolutions, with the proviso that they take effect only upon the final ratification of the Constitution on February 22, 2026, seconded by Stieve Weidner. The motion passed unanimously.

No further questions or comments were presented.

President Rothermel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Stieven Weidner and seconded by Tim Mutter. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

President Rothermel offered the Benediction.