

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Friday, December 28, 2018
Minutes of Session E-meeting - FINAL

Be adaptive, engaging, generous, inclusive and relevant. Be faithful. Be Westminster!

The e-meeting of the Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by the Moderator, the Reverend Jon Hauerwas, at 1:37 p.m.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
+ Ellen Daugherty	+ James Gray	+ Michael Dunbar
+ Nancy Keogh	+ Ed Labbe	+ Brad Hall
+ Gert Wilms	+ Alec Works, Clerk of Session	+ Shelly Koutnik, Treasurer
(vacant)	(vacant)	+ Todd Willis

Also present by email: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator.

Opening and Quorum

Pastor Jon opened the meeting by email at 1:37 p.m. on Friday, December 28, 2018. The presence of a quorum was confirmed and declared.

New Business

Westminster member Fran Keller died on December 26, 2018. Pastor Jon met with her daughters the morning of December 28 regarding the funeral service. Diana (Fran's daughter) and Arthur (Diana's husband) Richards are members of Westminster. They have a son, Brandon, who grew up at Westminster. Brandon and his wife Ashley have two children, Ashdon Wright (2 years old) and Aubrynn Anne (2 months old). Although Brandon and Ashley are not members, the family would like to have the children baptized as part of the funeral service on January 5, at which Pastor Jon will preside.

Pastor Jon noted that much of the language of a funeral service speaks of being "baptized with Christ in his death" and notes that "our baptism is now complete in death." He does not object to the request. A motion is needed to address the family's request. In response to a question, Pastor Jon said he was not aware of a present Westminster policy addressing this situation.

A motion was made and seconded that afternoon. By Saturday morning, eight elders had responded, all approving the request.

2018-220 MOTION prevailed to approve the request for Pastor Hauerwas to baptize Ashdon Wright Richards and Aubrynn Anne Richards, children of Brandon and Ashley Richards, as part of the funeral service for member Fran Keller on Saturday, January 5, 2019 at the church.

The E-meeting was closed by Pastor Jon on January 1, 2019 at 3:27 p.m.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator