

Westminster Presbyterian Church
Akron, Ohio
Wednesday, July 1, 2020
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 1:12 p.m. on July 1 by email.

Elders (+ present, * excused, - absent)

Class of 2020	Class of 2021	Class of 2022
+ Michael Dunbar	+ Phil Fry	+ Rob Gilbert
+ Brad Hall	+ Nancy Keogh	+ James Gray
+ Shelley Koutnik, Treasurer	+ Becky Pool	+ Sandy Gruneich
+ Todd Willis	+ Don Rearick	+ Ginny Melver

Also present by email: Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator; Alec Works, Clerk of Session

New Business

The agenda consisted of two motions from the Worship Committee related to services and the coronavirus pandemic. Ten elders responded, all approving both of the following motions.

2020-152 MOTION prevailed to approve celebrating Communion during the virtual worship services at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 12th, and Sunday, August 9th. The congregation will be made aware of this opportunity via the Sunday update, the Sunday Bulletin, and the Script (for August 9). Parishioners viewing the service are encouraged to supply their own elements to be consumed during the service.

[Note: Communion services were not offered in April, May and June during the virtual services. This motion provides an opportunity for the elements to be blessed and congregants to celebrate together although physically distant.]

2020-153 MOTION prevailed to approve and create a Vocal Advisory Subcommittee of Worship. The subcommittee will present input and advise the Music Director on the latest guidelines, timing, and safety issues related to all musical offerings at the church, specifically regarding when WPC resumes in-person worship.

The Vocal Advisory Subcommittee will consist of five persons: Elizabeth Crabtree (Choral Director, grades 6-12, Northwestern Local Schools), Valerie Stewart (Vocal music and bands, grades 3-5, Canton City Schools), Paul Stewart (Director of Vocal Music, Miller South School for the Performing Arts), Laurel Labbe (Director of Choirs, Woodridge Local Schools, Peninsula), and Denise Milner Howell (Voice Faculty, The Cleveland Institute of Music). [Note: This action is in response to current medical advice which notes that the coronavirus may be more easily spread through singing.]

The e-meeting was adjourned by Pastor Hauerwas at 12:42 p.m. on July 3.

Alec Works, Clerk of Session

Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator