

Westminster Presbyterian Church  
Akron, Ohio  
Tuesday, December 21, 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 11:49 a.m. on December 21 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**

Pastor Jon reported that he received a call this morning from Amy MacNeil, the daughter of John Zimmermann. She told him that her father is actively dying from Covid-19 in South Carolina and is not expected to survive more than one week. Following his death, they anticipate transporting his remains to Akron where Hummel will be handling the arrangements. Amy said that her father is 89 now, and previously served as a deacon, elder, and trustee at Westminster. She has asked if he could officiate at his funeral service at Hummel and a graveside service at Rose Hill. Amy said that it would be a small service, with no more than 15 in attendance. She indicated that her father has been in quarantine on account of his diagnosis and that the family has not been able to visit with him in person since December 1. Pastor Jon noted that he officiated at the funeral for John's spouse, Lavonne Zimmermann, several years ago.

Since John is not presently a member of Westminster, Pastor Jon is bringing this request to Session. He is willing and able to officiate given the smaller group that will be in attendance (so long as all will be wearing masks).

Nine elders initially responded, all approving the following motion.

**2020-224 MOTION prevailed** to approve having Pastor Hauerwas officiate at the funeral service and graveside service for John Zimmerman, at times to be determined.

[Clerk's note: Before adjourning the meeting, Pastor Jon reported that John Zimmerman passed away earlier that day and that the services would be held at the convenience of the family.]

The e-meeting was adjourned by Pastor Hauerwas at 6:38 p.m. on December 23.

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Alec Works, Clerk of Session

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Pastor Jon Hauerwas, Moderator