

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
Akron, Ohio  
Minutes of Annual Congregational and Corporation Meeting  
Sunday, March 26, 2022 - FINAL

Also present: The Reverend David Aber, Interim Pastor; Alec Works, Clerk of Session

The Annual Congregational and Corporate Meeting of Westminster Presbyterian Church was called to order by Moderator the Reverend David Aber at 11:38 a.m., following the morning worship service. Copies of the Annual Report were made available before the worship service. Alec Works, Clerk of Session, noted that a quorum was present. [Note: based on current membership as of February 28, 2023 of 270, a quorum is 10%, or 27 members. Alec counted over 40 members present.] Pastor Aber then opened the meeting with prayer.

Pastor Aber explained that there were no formal actions to be taken. [Terms of call for an interim pastor are and were approved by Session, not the congregation. The Session had also previously approved the 2022 budget and minutes of prior congregational meetings.]

Session had previously nominated Jim Cole for the Celtic Cross Award, sponsored by the National Association of Presbyterian Scouters (NAPS), recognizing his service to the Boy Scouts of America and this church over many years. Pastor Aber presented the framed award to Jim.

As Treasurer, Jim then noted the financial reports as included in the Annual Report and addressed questions from the congregation. The Rowley fund is down \$405,000 due to funding the steeple repair and renovation. The largest increase in the 2023 budget was for increased programming for Discipleship. There is a projected deficit for 2023, reflecting full staffing for the year (including a regular pastor) and current pledged contributions. Regarding the projected deficits over the past several years, Jim could only speak for the current budget, noting the loss of some large contributors due to deaths and moving out of the area.

Sharon Easterling, chair of the Pastoral Nominating Committee, presented a status report. She thanked members of the committee for their dedicated work and reported that they have narrowed down their search to a few prime candidates.

After a call for the following motion, it was moved seconded and approved:

**MOTION C-2023-04 prevailed to accept the 2022 Annual Report and to adjourn the meeting.**

The meeting was adjourned in prayer by Pastor Aber at 11:54 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Alec Works, Clerk of Session

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The Reverend David Aber, Moderator