

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
February 9, 2014**

The 144<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was convened by the Moderator, the Rev. Calum I. MacLeod, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 9, 2014 in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Mr. MacLeod opened the meeting with prayer.

**Report of the Clerk of Session**

Sam Evans, Clerk of Session, determined that a quorum was present.

Mr. Evans announced that the minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 10, 2013, were available for review on the website or by calling the Pastor's Office. A motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the 143<sup>rd</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

The Moderator called on Elder Rebecca Nilsson, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the committee's report.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Ms. Nilsson summarized the committee's process and thanked members for their service. On behalf of the Committee, she then moved the following candidates for election as Elders:

Class of 2017

Molly Baskin	Armon Haagen
Luke Beasley	Jen McCrea
Phil Calian	Molly McGaan (youth, 1 year term)
Lesley Conzelman	Hilary Richardson
Eloise Foster	Robert Ryder
Debbie Frisch	Laura Sterkel
Christopher Gentry	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as Elders was **adopted**.

Ms. Nilsson moved the election of the following candidates to the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2017

Elana Aavik (youth, 1 year term)	Pamela Greanias
Carole Bekken	Brett Klotz
Marla Cichowski	Mira Lee
Andrew Costello	Tom Monroe
Rachel Duch	Kenneth Nicholson
Lise "Kat" Evans	Menno Scholten
Jim Garner	James Sinclair (youth, 1 year term)
Christopher Gernand	Kent "Sandy" Travis
Sandra Glenn	Susan Van der Meulen

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as members of the Board of Deacons was **adopted**.

Ms. Nilsson moved the election of the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2014 Nominating Committee:

Susan Boggie	Judy Kerch	Roger Wilson
Lynne Driver	Mark Meyer	
Kim Grady	Ken Ohr	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as members-at-large of the 2014 Nominating Committee was **adopted**.

The Moderator welcomed all candidates elected to their offices for the coming term and thanked Ms. Nilsson, the members of the Nominating Committee the Rev. Hardy Kim, and Don Allerton as staff for their work.

#### **Recognition of the Chicago Lights Board**

The Moderator called on Stacy Jackson, Executive Director of Chicago Lights, who stated she looks forward to electing new members of the Board of Directors at their meeting in the spring. She thanked the members of the Board whose terms will expire, stating that their productive work contributed greatly to the success of the Chicago Lights initiatives in the past year:

Emily Bradley  
Marilee Hopkins

Carol Lobbes  
Missy MacLeod

Ann Mellott  
Ken Ohr

#### **Report of the Pastor Nominating Committee**

Elders Juli Crabtree and Doug Grissom reported that the Committee, in unanimous agreement, had identified a candidate to present as Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, to which the congregation gave a lengthy round of applause. The Committee will ask the Session to call a Congregational Meeting for March 2, 2014 to present the candidate. The Moderator expressed his appreciation to the Committee for their faithful work and to Laura Ericson, who provided staff support.

The Moderator asked for a motion to recess the Meeting of the Congregation to convene a meeting of the Corporation. A motion was made, seconded, and **approved** to do so.

#### **Meeting of the Corporation**

Patsy Habicht, President the Board of Trustees, convened the meeting of the Corporation. A motion to approve the minutes of the annual meeting of the corporation held on February 10, 2013 was made, seconded, and **approved**. Church Treasurer Marilee Hopkins reviewed the 2013 financial report and the Capital Projects Financial Summary, which were distributed to the congregation. Ms. Hopkins stated the audit would be available in June and the 2014 proposed budget will be presented to the Trustees and Session in February for approval. Ms. Habicht thanked Ms. Hopkins and Marty Sherrod for their stewardship of church finances and extended appreciation to all who support Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

Ms. Nilsson was invited to report on behalf of the Nominating Committee and placed in nomination the following persons for the Board of Trustees:

#### **Class of 2017**

Mike Ban  
Elizabeth Foster  
Heidi Jeffery

Katie Johnson  
Robin Moncrieff  
Chris Pfaff

Marv Roelofs

Ms. Habicht asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion to close the nominations and elect the present slate was **approved**.

Ms. Habicht asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and reconvene the meeting of the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and **approved** to do so. The meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

The Moderator reconvened the meeting of the Congregation of Fourth Presbyterian Church, and handed over the chair to the Rev. Joyce Shin, who called on Elder Marc Miller for a report from the Personnel Committee.

#### **Report of the Personnel Committee**

Elder Marc Miller, Chair of the Personnel Committee, noted staff transitions and anniversaries, and recognized the work of the members of the Personnel Committee throughout the year. Special thanks were given to the House Staff, who received a standing ovation from the congregation.

Elder Miller then referenced the transition plan that commenced four years ago with the announcement of John Buchanan's retirement and the subsequent departure plan for Executive Associate Pastor and Acting Head of Staff the Rev. Calum MacLeod. Elder Miller stated:

At a special meeting on January 21, 2014, the Session unanimously approved the following motion to be presented at today's annual congregational meeting: the Session of Fourth Presbyterian Church, with concurrence of the Rev. Calum I. MacLeod and the Presbytery of Chicago, **moves** that the congregation grant the Rev. Calum I. MacLeod an eight month sabbatical leave, effective from February 24, 2014, to October 31, 2014, during which time he will not perform pastoral duties for members of this congregation or at facilities owned by this congregation. Following the sabbatical leave, effective on October 31, 2014, the pastoral relationship between the Rev. Calum I. MacLeod and this congregation is dissolved with affection and gratitude.

The motion was **seconded** and the Rev. MacLeod spoke of his gratitude and love for the congregation and community of support, with special thanks to his wife Missy and stepdaughter Maddy. Speaking in support of the motion and with deep appreciation for Calum's ministry were Elder Andy McGaan on behalf of the congregation; Chicago Lights Executive Director Stacy Jackson; Clerk of Session Sam Evans; and Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of Chicago Bob Reynolds.

Referring to dissolving the pastoral relationship with Calum as a bittersweet moment, Acting Moderator Shin stated there will be opportunity to celebrate Calum's ministry in coming weeks and asked for a vote on the motion. The motion **carried**. Calum was joined in the chancel by Missy and Maddy. Elder Evans spoke of their involvement with Fourth Presbyterian Church and presented them with a gift.

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to adjourn the meeting, which was closed at 1:20 p.m. with the singing of "Be Thou My Vision" and with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sam Evans, Clerk of Session



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Calum MacLeod, Moderator