

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago
February 13, 2022**

The 152nd Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was convened by the Moderator, the Rev. Shannon Kershner, at 11:15 a.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2022, in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kershner opened the meeting with prayer.

Clerk of Session

Jared Light and Allison Youngblood, Co-Clerks of Session, offered remarks and reflection. The Co-Clerks expressed gratitude to the congregation for their support and involvement in Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

Approval of the Minutes

Co-Clerk Allison Youngblood determined that a quorum was present. Co-Clerk Youngblood announced that the minutes of the 151st Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 14, 2021, 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 151st Annual Congregational Meeting of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

Report of the Pastor

Rev. Shannon Kershner offered deep gratitude to the congregation and thanked the staff of Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights for their faithful and tireless work through the trenches of ministry and mission. It has indeed been another intense year of trying to make faithful decisions about how to both lead and do the work of the church in the midst of unsettled days. Rev. Kershner thanked all who served as congregational leaders, including Deacons, Elders, Trustees, members who served on church councils and committees and the congregation. Willingness to adapt quickly and move forward boldly with trust made all the difference.

Rev. Kershner thanked the congregation as it is the people who make the church and are the living, breathing body of Christ on earth. Rev. Kershner thanked everyone for what they have done to maintain connection with each other and establish new connections with new people in the faith community. Thank you to those individuals who have gathered to participate and worship with us online and created a house church throughout this pandemic through our communal worship online. It is that kind of ingenuity and proactive discipleship that inspires. Rev. Kershner expressed gratitude for being the pastor of this church.

Rev. Kershner introduced and called on Trustee Betsy Zeiger, Chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the committee's report.

Nominating Committee Report

Trustee Betsy Zeiger reviewed the process for the Nominating Committee to select individuals for election of lay leaders as officers. Chair Zeiger introduced the members of the Nominating Committee and reviewed the guidelines for officers.

On behalf of the Committee, she then moved the following candidates for election as Elders:

Class of 2025

*Alan Bath
Arlene Raine
Cynthia Casteel
Eric Wu
Frederic (Rick) Artwick
Jessica Wang
John Clum*

*John Marr
Laura Fairman
Lisa Stracks
Rachel Letcher
Susan Boggie
Anna Calkins/Youth
Sophie Nunziati/Youth*

Elder Zeiger moved the election of the following candidates to the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2025

*Akiko Ikeda
Carol Bekken
Craig Endicott
Decima Panitch
Gini Lloyd
Julia Roberts
Laura Lee Larson
Liz Gilbert
Madelyn Jansma*

*Michele Mohammadi
Ron Reschke
Sally Sharp
Stacia Edwards
Susan Graham
Susan Wulczyn
Tim Schellhardt
Henry Devermann/Youth
Ryan Kershner/Youth*

Elder Zeiger moved the election of the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2022 Nominating Committee:

*Hope Daniels
Joe Fong
Karen Muller
Luke Beasley*

*Mark Nelson
Michael Belsley
Nicole Spirgen*

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor Elder, Deacon or Nominating Committee. There being none, the motion to close the nominations and elect the candidates as Elders, Deacons, and Members at-large of the 2022 Nominating Committee was **adopted**.

Rev. Kershner welcomed all candidates elected to their offices for the coming term and thanked Trustee Zeiger and the members of the Nominating Committee for their work.

Recognition of the Chicago Lights Board

Rev. Shannon Kershner welcomed Ms. Cindy Hull, Treasurer of the Chicago Lights Board to offer a presentation. Ms. Hull reflected on the work and the impact of Chicago Lights over the past year.

Report of the Personnel Council

Rev. Shannon Kershner welcomed Mr. Jim Kulich, Co-Chair of the Personnel Council to present the Personnel Council report.

Mr. Jim Kulich, on behalf of Ms. Arlene Faulk, Co-Chair, and fellow council members, offered the annual report from the Personnel Council and conveyed their deep appreciation for the dedication, adaptability, creativity, and teamwork all our staff have shown throughout these unpredictable and changing times.

Mr. Kulich reviewed the work of the Associate Pastors and thanked Rev. Shannon Kershner for leading us in navigating contemporary Chicago life. Mr. Kulich reviewed the sabbatical policy to allow clergy a time of personal and spiritual renewal. We are grateful for the Lilly Foundation grant that will allow Fourth Church to invite special guest preachers in Rev. Kershner's absence.

Mr. Kulich reviewed the personnel transitions since the last meeting. Rev. David Handley served us with great dedication as Interim Minister for Pastoral Care and completed his time of service in January. We are also grateful to Rev. Jeff Doane for taking on the leadership of these ministries as we work to find and call a new Associate Pastor. For operations, we continue to work to fill a number of vacancies in this challenging hiring environment and appreciate the patience and grace of our membership interactions with church staff as they work to handle the expected and the unexpected work. Mr. Kulich acknowledged all the members of Fourth Church and Chicago Lights staff.

The Moderator, Rev. Shannon Kershner stated that, when we gather for these annual meetings, we are meeting as both a congregation and as a corporation. It is time to enter the corporate portion of our agenda, and Rev. Kershner asked for a motion to recess the meeting of the congregation and to convene a meeting of the corporation. It was moved, seconded, and **adopted**.

The Moderator introduced Ms. Anne Voshel, President of the Board of Trustees.

Meeting of the Corporation

Ms. Anne Voshel, President the Board of Trustees, convened the meeting of the Corporation. A motion to approve the minutes of the 151st annual meeting of the corporation held on February 14, 2021, was made, seconded, and **adopted**.

Ms. Voshel thanked the congregation, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, for their financial support over the past year.

Treasurer Robert Doak reviewed the 2021 financial report and the 2022 financial budget as approved by the Boards of Fourth Presbyterian Church, which were distributed to the congregation. Mr. Doak thanked the congregation for their support of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Ms. Voshel thanked Mr. Doak for his work as Treasurer over the past year.

Ms. Voshel introduced Trustee Betsy Zeiger, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

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

Class of 2025

*Anne Stelle
Blake Anderson
Jeanne Griffin
Kathryn Burkhardt*

*Ranjan Daniels
Tom Hawkins
Wayne Oberschelp*

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

With no further business, Trustee President Voshel asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and the meeting of the Congregation. There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to adjourn the corporate and congregational meetings at 12:15 p.m. with the singing of “The Church’s One Foundation” and with prayer by Rev. Kershner.

Respectfully submitted,

Shannon J. Kershner, Moderator