

# **THE CHEVY CHASE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

Washington, DC 20015

Annual Congregational Meeting

March 26, 2023

The Annual Congregational Meeting of The Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC was held Sunday, March 26, 2023 in Sanctuary and via videoconferencing software following the single 10:00 a.m. service.

## **Call to Order and Opening Prayer**

The Moderator, the Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert, opened the meeting with prayer at 11:05 a.m.

Elder Erik Woodworth, Clerk of Session, read the call of the meeting:

*The Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church, Washington DC, is hereby called for Sunday, March 26, 2023, at 11:00 a.m. after worship. The purpose of this meeting is to receive reports; elect Elders, Deacons, an Auditor and the Congregational Nominating Committee; consider changes in the Terms of Call for the Pastors; and consider any other business that may rightly come before it.*

*By Order of Session*

*February 21, 2023*

This call had been declared during regular worship services for two Sundays. Since the attendance was 74 in the Sanctuary, a quorum (51 required) was declared present.

**MSC** - to adopt the docket.

## **Annual Report**

The Annual Report for 2022 includes reports from the Pastor, the Clerks of Session, the Session Committees and the Board of Deacons. The Moderator summarized highlights from the 2022 Annual Report.

**MSC** – to receive the 2022 Annual Report

## **Recognition of Extraordinary Service to the Congregation**

The Moderator, with the assistance of Chris Hersman who handed out the inaugural “Calvin Awards”, recognized several members of the congregation for their service to the Congregation throughout the past year:

- Dick Riegel and Ken Beam – serving as Interim business managers.
- Susan Dentzer and Susan Brooks– for best adapted song in a Stewardship Campaign
- The following people for unfailing service and devotion to CCPC:
  - Christy Schmidt
  - Erik Woodworth
  - Mary Strauss

Lynn Johnston  
Rita Hadden  
Deanna Troust and IRJ team

Finally, Zoom awards were distributed to those who have taken turns every week volunteering as Zoom service operators and ushers, including Peter Cherukuri, Connie Rhind Robey, Stephanie Rust and Eleanor Woodworth.

### **Approval of the previous year's Minutes**

Clerk of Session Elder Erik Woodworth noted that minutes of the 2022 Annual Meeting of the Congregation and Corporation had been received and approved by Session.

He proposed a motion to give Session the authority to approve the minutes of this meeting:

**MSC** – to give Session authority to approve the minutes of this Annual Meeting of the Congregation and the Corporation, and to have those minutes included in the minutes of an upcoming regular Session meeting.

### **Report of the Congregational Nominating Committee**

Elder Mary Strauss of the 2022-2023 Congregational Nominating Committee, addressed the congregation and acknowledged the Committee:

Mary Strauss (Chair, 3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Trish Boggs (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Steve Eichenauer (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
Bill Hoffman (3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
Fred Schafrick (3<sup>rd</sup> year)

Sigrid Lade (Deacon representative)  
Tom Lutte (Session representative)

Acting for the committee, Mary Strauss placed in nomination the following:

#### **Elders – Class of 2026**

Kelsi Corkran (10094)  
Nancy Gwinn (10094 - 2nd Term)  
Ron Wick (9558)  
Erik Woodworth (10240 - 2nd Term)

#### **Youth Elder – Class of 2024**

Sawyer Massey (10291)

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Moderator called for a motion that nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot to elect these people to the office of Elder 2026 and Youth Elder for the Class of 2024.

**MSC** – to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the above to the office of Elder (Class of 2026) and Youth Elder (Class of 2024).

Mary Strauss then placed in nomination the following people to serve as Deacon for the Class of 2026:

**Deacons – Class of 2026**

Karen Bartice (10144)  
Brad Hunter (9774 - 2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Robert Garman (10253 - 2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Margaret Garman (10254 - 2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Laura Kolar (10259)  
Sigrid Lade (9306 - 2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Mike Miller (10283)  
John Silson (10260)  
Mary Strauss (10157)

**Youth Deacon – Class of 2024**

Harrison Ertz (10275)

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Moderator called for a motion that nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot to elect these people to the office of Deacon.

**MSC** - to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the above to the office of Deacon (Class of 2026) and Youth Elder (Class of 2024).

Mary Strauss then placed in nomination the following people for the 2024 Nominating Committee:

**Congregational Nominating Committee 2023 – 2024**

Susan Brooks (9837 - 1st year)  
Trish Boggs (8177 - 3rd year)  
Steve Eichenauer (9497 - 3rd year)  
Chris Ertz (9831 - 1st year)  
Carol Lukaczer (10011 - 1st year)

The Moderator called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, the Moderator called for a motion that nominations be closed and that the Clerk cast a unanimous ballot to elect these people to the Nominating Committee for 2024.

**MSC** – to cast a unanimous ballot to elect the above to the Congregational Nominating Committee of 2023-2024.

The Moderator thanked the 2022-2023 outgoing Nominating Committee

The Moderator recessed the Congregational Meeting at 11:25 a.m. in order to hold the Meeting of the Corporation.

The Congregational Meeting resumed at 11:35 a.m.

**Report of the Personnel Committee**

The Moderator asked Christy Schmidt, Chair of Personnel Committee, to moderate this portion of the meeting, and at the Personnel Committee's request the senior pastor left the room.

Christy Schmidt presented the terms of call of the Senior Pastor.

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Christy Schmidt made the motion to adopt the Terms of Call for the Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert; effective retroactively to January 1, 2023.

**MSC** – to adopt the Terms of Call for the Senior Pastor as shown, retroactive to January 1, 2023.

The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert returned to the meeting and resumed the role of Moderator.

Christy Schmidt announced to the Senior Pastor the decision of the congregation regarding terms of call.

The Moderator explained that an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee would be elected at an upcoming Meeting of the Congregation in order to prepare for calling an installed Associate Pastor.

There being no further business, **MSC** to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 a.m. The Moderator closed the meeting with a prayer.

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The Rev. Molly Blythe Teichert  
Moderator

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Elder Erik Woodworth  
Clerk of Session

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Elder Tom Lutte  
Asst. Clerk of Session

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Meeting of the Corporation

March 26, 2023

Elder and President of the Corporation, Carolynn Race, called the Corporation Meeting of the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church of Washington, DC to order at 11:25 a.m. on Sunday, March 26, 2023 in the Sanctuary. Elder Race stated that the meeting had been properly called and that a quorum was present. She appointed Elder Erik Woodworth Secretary of the Corporation to take minutes.

On behalf of the Administration & Finance Committee, Elder Race reported that the 2022 budget ended the year with a slight deficit, due to higher than anticipated Admin & Finance and Personnel expenses, only partially offset by higher than anticipated other income.

Elder Race reported that the final operating budget for 2023 has been approved by Session though noted a balanced budget was only achieved with \$33,340 of “unanticipated income” which will hopefully come from increased pledging, tax credits and/or reserves drawdown.

Elder Race reported that while it was not required, the church has elected to have an external audit done by the auditing firm of Anderson & Davis for 2022 which is under way. The church has received a clean audit of its 2021 books.

## **Election of Auditor**

Mary Strauss, Chair of the Congregational Nominating Committee, placed Rebecca Fitz in nomination to serve as Auditor.

The President called for nominations from the floor. Hearing none, **MSC** that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of Rebecca Fitz (10285) to serve as Auditor for the Class of 2026.

There being no further business, Elder Race adjourned the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

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Elder Carolynn Race  
President of the Corporation

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Elder Erik Woodworth  
Secretary