

**THE 135TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION AND CORPORATION
OF FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO
February 13, 2005**

The 135th Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago was convened by the Moderator, Dr. John M. Buchanan, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 13, 2005 in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. The Reverend John Cairns opened the meeting with prayer.

Report of the Clerk of Session

Clyde O. Bowles, Jr., Clerk of Session, determined that a quorum was present.

Mr. Bowles announced that the minutes of the 134th Annual Meeting of the Congregation, February 8, 2004, and the meeting of the Congregation on the Joint Development and Air Rights Proposal on June 13, 2004, were available for review in several locations throughout the church and in the church office. A motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the 134th Annual Meeting of the Congregation held on February 8, 2004 and the meeting of the Congregation on the Air Rights Proposal on June 13, 2004.

Mr. Bowles expressed his gratitude to John and Sue Buchanan for the vital roles they both play in the life of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator called on Dianne Bowman, chair of the Nominating Committee, to present the committee's report.

Nominating Committee Report

Chair, Dianne Bowman, thanked the members of the committee for their service: Gordon Addington, Steve Bumpus, Ben Carlisle, Bonnie Clyde, June Dorn, Alison Gerlach and Susan M. Hill, Marilee Hopkins (Board of Trustees), David Milelr (Board of Deacons), and Jerry Latherow and Dianne Bowman (Session).

Ms. Bowman presented the following candidates for election as Elders:

Class of 2008

William Becker	Carol Lobbes
Betty Bergstrom	Larry McCracken
Barbara Cleveland	Ann Mellott
Beth Davis	Ed Miller
Mason Essif	Sue Schemper
Michelle Holmes (Youth)	Robert Unglaub
Carl Lingenfelter	

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to elect the candidates as Elders. Mr. Buchanan welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members of Session.

Ms. Bowman presented the slate of candidates for election to the Board of Deacons:

Class of 2008

John Bell	Kevin Malover
Irene Bumpus	Diane Meister
Esther Cesario	Cris Ohr
Delia Coleman	Don Outlaw
Jessica Corlett	Andrew Shih
Todd DeStigter	Mark Staublin
Debbie Frisch	Alison Thomas
Ryan Gregory	Stephanette Walker

Class of 2007

Martin Hansen	Gail Riggs
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Class of 2006

Jane Purdy	Benjamin Schemper (Youth)
Byron Reid	Christie Valentine (Youth)

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none a motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to elect the candidates to the Board of Deacons. Mr. Buchanan welcomed and congratulated the newly elected members of the Board of Deacons.

Ms. Bowman presented the following candidates to represent the congregation as Members-At-Large of the 2005 nominating committee:

Katherine Anderson	Allison Scott
Dean Banick	Joseph Sifferlen
Donald Nelson	Joyce Sigmon
Margaret Maguire	

Mr. Buchanan asked for nominations from the floor for the nominating committee. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **adopted** to elect the Members-At-Large.

Mr. Buchanan called on Beth Truett, Executive Director, Chicago Lights.

Ms. Truett, reporting for Chicago Lights, a non-profit organized under the auspices of Fourth Presbyterian Church to manage the programs of the Center of Older Adults, the Center for Whole Health, the Elam Davies Social Service Center and the programs of Partners in Education: Tutoring, Scholarships, Summer Day and the Arts and Literacy programs in the schools of Cabrini Green. Chicago Lights has 14 board members, including the pastor, John Buchanan. New Board members are recommended by the congregation's Nominating Committee and elected by the Chicago Lights Board. Ms. Truett thanked the members of Board who will retire in May: Vallie Henry, Hope Daniels, Ranjan Daniels. Ms. Truett welcomed the members who will join the Board in May: Marilyn Cason, Rob Holben, and Linda Valentine.

Mr. Buchanan asked for a motion to recess the Meeting of the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and **adopted**.

Corporation Meeting

Armon Haagen, Vice Chair of the Board of Trustees and the Corporation, convened the meeting of the Corporation.

A motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to approve the minutes of the meeting of the Corporation, on February 8, 2004

Mr. Haagen called on Mary Moore, Church Treasurer, for her report.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. Moore reviewed the financial reports distributed to the Congregation, including 2004 financial report along with the 2005 budget. Ms. Moore reported that 2004 was a successful financial year due to the congregation's faithful and generous support of the work of Jesus Christ. Ms. Moore made a motion that the Treasurer's report be approved by the corporation. The motion was seconded and **adopted**.

Mr. Haagen thanked Ms. Moore for her report and her faithfulness in her duties as Treasurer.

Nominating Committee Report

Dianne Bowman, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the following candidates for election to the Board of Trustees:

Class of 2008

Nancy Brown
Juli Crabtree
Lloyd Culbertson
Andrew McGaan

Mary Moore
Martin Sherrod
S. L. Van Der Zanden

Mr. Haagen asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion to close the nominations and elect the present slate was made, seconded and **adopted**.

Mr. Haagen asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting of the Corporation and reconvene the meeting of the Congregation. A motion was made, seconded, and **adopted**.

The meeting of the Corporation was adjourned.

Moderator, John Buchanan, reconvened the meeting of the Congregation, and called on Mr. David Crawford for a report on Project Light.

Project Light: Mr. Crawford reported on the progress of Project Light as follows:

Joint Development and Sale of Air Rights on Michigan Avenue and Related Initiatives

Mr. Crawford reported that Project Light leaders met with ten neighborhood groups throughout the summer and fall to present the proposal for a Joint Development and Sale of Air Rights, to solicit and receive input and listen to concerns. Mr. Crawford reported that in August the project was submitted to the Presbytery of Chicago and was approved. In September the church filed a Planned Development proposal with the Chicago Plan Commission. Mr. Crawford reported that the project has received enthusiastic endorsements from both the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Chicago Sun Times*, the support and approval of the Greater North Michigan Avenue Association and the Metropolitan Planning Council. During the next week's the church will complete the city's internal review process including a final inspection by the Fire Prevention office. The church anticipates a hearing before the Plan Council.

Mr. Crawford reminded the congregation that the sale of air rights is a critical strategy for funding the on-going mission of Fourth Presbyterian Church with our neighbors, the homeless, the elderly and the children. He thanked church members who have expressed their support of the project in letters to the Alderman of the 42nd Ward and the Commissioner of Planning and the Mayor. He encouraged all members to participate by indicating support of the project. Mr. Crawford expressed his gratitude for the work of Alderman Burton Natarus and asked members of the congregation to continue supporting him with prayers.

Capital Campaign: Mr. Crawford thanked members of the congregation for generous support of the Capital Campaign, Sharing God's Grace, and called the congregation's attention to the plaque in the hallway outside Anderson Hall celebrating our success. There are currently 762 pledges in the amount of \$18.4 Million. The total figure includes foundation grants of \$1.15 Million and bequests of \$1 Million. Mr. Crawford urged members who have not yet pledged to join in supporting the project.

Chicago Avenue Cabrini Community Garden Partnership: Mr. Crawford announced the successful conclusion of the first year of gardening on the church's Chicago Avenue property. The plan for the garden was to establish a partnership between members of the congregation and Cabrini Green residents and Mr. Crawford reported impressive progress on that front. The Garden Committee is looking forward to next year under the leadership of Chairperson, Beth Rizer. Mr. Crawford announced that the Garden Project has received its first grant from Greencorp for next year's effort.

Mr. Crawford recognized and thanked the Director of Project Light, Alison Cooper Chisolm, Director of Giving Ministries, Patrick Quinn and Executive Associate Pastor, Dana Ferguson for their leadership during the year.

Mr. Buchanan thanked David Crawford for his stewardship and leadership in this important enterprise.

The Moderator introduced Elinor Hite, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee.

Ms. Hite began her report by calling the congregation's attention to the fact that Fourth Presbyterian Church is ministry and mission every day of the year, that there are 90 full-time employees and a total of 150 employees working in the church. Ms. Hite announced that the

Personnel Committee's responsibilities provide leadership, support and supervision for the staff of the church. Ms. Hite recognized and thanked members of Personnel Committee, Robert Doak, Katherine Dutenhaver, Hugh Halverstadt, Marc Miller, Chris Pfaff and Karen Otto. She also expressed gratitude to Arlene Faulk and Ann Petersen who have participated in and assisted the work of the committee. She announced that the work of the Committee in the future will include strategic staffing, several retirements and the supervision of the work of newly organized Associate Pastor Nominating Committees. Ms. Hite announced that the Personnel Committee had reviewed the compensation of all ordained and unordained church employees and had presented a performance evaluation report with compensation recommendations to the Session. Ms. Hite announced that the Personnel Committee's report was unanimously approved.

The Moderator thanked Ms. Hite for her report and expressed gratitude to members of the Personnel Committee.

Mr. Buchanan presented the pastor's report and indicated his continuing gratitude for the privilege of serving as Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church and his appreciation of the diversity of responsibilities that are part of his work. He reported that he continues to believe that the Church is making faithful and responsible decision regarding the Joint Development and Sale of Air Rights proposal. He acknowledged opposition to the project from neighbors and from some church members and encouraged all members of the congregation to be informed and to express themselves on this important initiative. He thanked members of the congregation for generous support of Project Light and indicated that the effort to provide for more space for the congregation's programs and mission will continue aggressively in the year ahead.

Mr. Buchanan commented on relationships with the Jewish Community following the release of the motion picture, *The Passion of the Christ*, which was perceived as anti-Semitism by many in the Jewish Community. Mr. Buchanan thanked church leaders for assisting in providing a faithful response to the crisis including presentations after worship by New Testament Professor, Robert Brawley, and Jonathan Schwartz, from the American Jewish Committee. Mr. Buchanan also commented on the decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to begin a process of selected phased divestment from corporations whose business in Israel is deemed harmful to Palestinian and Israeli people. He announced that the process is beginning and cannot be finally adjudicated until the meeting of the General Assembly in June of 2006. He acknowledged as well the strong and mostly negative reaction from the Jewish Community in Chicago and throughout the country. Fourth Presbyterian Church has reached out and begun conversations with several local Jewish organizations and with the clergy and congregation of Congregation Sinai. He indicated that these initiatives will continue in the next year.

Mr. Buchanan expressed his gratitude for the faithful life of Fourth Presbyterian Church. He illustrated that faithfulness in the following ways: \$50,000 contributed by members of the congregation on several consecutive Sunday mornings to the Tsunami Relief Effort, the addition of 324 new members during the year bringing the church membership total to 5,383, 77 weddings, 35 funerals and memorial services, and 143 infant baptisms.

Mr. Buchanan expressed gratitude for the entire staff of Fourth Presbyterian Church, his colleagues on the clergy staff. He expressed gratitude to John Cairns who has served faithfully as Executive Associate Pastor and Judi Simon, Administrative Assistant to the Pastor.

The Moderator asked for any comments, questions, unfinished or new business. There being none, a motion was made, seconded, and **adopted** to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by The Reverend Carol Allen.



The Rev. John M. Buchanan, Moderator



Clyde O. Bowles, Jr., Clerk of Session