

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation  
The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago  
February 21, 2010**

The 140<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation of the Fourth Presbyterian Church was convened by the Moderator, the Rev. Dr. John Buchanan, at 12:15 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2010 in the sanctuary of the Fourth Presbyterian Church. Dr. Buchanan 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 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Congregation, held on February 22, 2009, 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 139<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting of Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

Mr. Evans stated that the Session had asked the congregation to approve the following additions to the bylaws of the church: to add the wording, "or by vote of the Session" after Article 6 Section 3 and Article 8 Section 3. The wording will permit the Session to fill unexpired terms of office on the Boards of the church-Session, Trustees and Deacons. Currently a vote of the congregation is required to fill vacancies. The motion was **carried**.

Mr. Evans reviewed the church's accomplishments in 2009, stating that boards and committees have been serving the congregation well, and that the congregation is serving the mission of the church well. He thanked the staff for their work, and expressed particular gratitude to John and Sue Buchanan and to Calum MacLeod.

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

**Nominating Committee Report**

Ms. Garay summarized the committee's process and thanked members for their service.

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

Class of 2013

Donald Allerton	Judith Kerch
Michael Ban	Marcus Miller
Nan Birmingham	Sandra Nelson
Linda Bracken	Joseph Pixler
Benjamin Carlisle	Peter Schemper (Youth, 1 year term)
Juli Crabtree	Roger D. Wilson
Lies Garner	

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

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

Class of 2013

Luke Beasley	Andrew Keyt
Erin Bennett (Youth, 1 year term)	Ji Inn Lee
Regan Burke	McCormick Sinclair (Youth, 1 year term)
Kathryn Burkhardt	Mary Talen
Emily Childers	Charles Van Gorp
Edward Choi	Carrie Wagener
Andrew Cupps	Lyman Welch
Christopher Gentry	Katharine Whitmore
Gwendolyn Jackson	Roy Youngblood

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **approved** to elect the candidates to the Board of Deacons.

Ms. Garay presented the following candidates to represent the congregation as members-at-large of the 2010 Nominating Committee:

Nicholette Andrews  
Marilynn Cason  
Linda Crane  
Kimberly Yaung Grady

Joseph Jeffery  
Andrew McGaan  
Larry Thomas

The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and **approved** to elect the members-at-large of the 2010 Nominating Committee.

The Moderator welcomed all candidates elected to their offices for the coming term.

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

The Moderator called on the Reverend Victoria Curtiss, Executive Director of Chicago Lights, who stated the nomination of the following individuals to the Chicago Lights Board of Directors had been approved by the Chicago Lights Board and Session the week of February 12, 2010:

Kerry Bathrick  
Susie Chon  
Juli Crabtree  
Kerry Grady

Francia Harrington  
Mark Nelson  
Penelope Peterson

Ms. Curtiss then recognized the efforts of outgoing Board members Mark Beckman, Dianne Bowman, Delia Coleman and Nancy Unglaub.

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**.

### **Meeting of the Corporation**

Charlotte Wager, Secretary of 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 22, 2009 was made, seconded, and **approved**. Church Treasurer Marilee Hopkins reviewed the 2009 financial report and 2010 budget. Ms. Wager thanked Ms. Hopkins for her ongoing oversight of church finances.

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

#### Class of 2013

Vann Avedisian  
C. Andrew Brickman  
Sean Castette  
Beth Davis

Joan M. Hall  
Pieter Lesterhuis  
Karen Otto

Ms. Wager 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**.

Ms. Wager 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 of Fourth Presbyterian Church, and called on Elder Beth Davis for a report on Project Second Century.

### **Report on Project Second Century: Called to Love and Serve**

Ms. Davis, Chair of the P2C Steering Committee, thanked the members of the congregation and staff who have been working to implement the recommendations of the Refreshing the Vision strategic planning initiative, particularly as they relate to the expansion of space to meet the church's program needs. A progress report on reconfiguring space and development of a new building will be presented to the congregation in June, with a capital campaign set to launch later in the year.

### **Report on the Personnel Committee**

Elder Marc Miller, Chair of the Personnel Committee, noted staff transitions and anniversaries, and recognized the work of Personnel Committee members throughout the year. He thanked John Buchanan for his leadership and the team of Calum MacLeod, Rob Holben and Barbara Cleveland, along with Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism and Marty Sherrod, Director of Resource Development and Communications, who joined the staff during the year. Special thanks were given to the House Staff for their important attention to the daily activities at the church.

### **Pastor's Report**

Moderator Buchanan reflected on 2009, begun in a climate of uncertainty as the congregation grieved the passing of Dana Ferguson, Executive Associate Pastor. He thanked the staff management team that performed oversight responsibilities during a difficult time in the life of the church, and lauded Calum MacLeod for assuming responsibility for the daily management of the church and staff in his new role as Executive Associate Pastor. Moderator Buchanan expressed appreciation to the Rev. Linda Loving for rejoining the staff, to Marty Sherrod who joined the staff, and to the Rev. Vicky Curtiss, Associate Pastor for Mission, for assuming additional responsibility as Executive Director of Chicago Lights. He thanked house, support and program staff, John Sherer and the musicians of Fourth Presbyterian Church. Referring to the importance of Project Second Century, the Moderator stated we are a church never satisfied with our past successes, always asking what God is calling us to do. We are a bearer of hope to thousands of people struggling with difficult realities as we open doors to those Jesus asked his followers to welcome.

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, which was closed at 1:15 p.m. with the singing of "Startle Us, God" and with prayer led by the Rev. Calum MacLeod.

Respectfully submitted,



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Sam Evans, Clerk of Session



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John Buchanan, Moderator