

## I. Church Council Minutes

**Date:** Sunday, February 28, 2010

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Place:** Church Library

**Members:** Laurie Jolicoeur, Moderator  
Stuart Gillette, Vice Moderator  
Beth Mrkvicka, Clerk  
Rick Ashton  
Jane Barker  
Elizabeth Crowell  
Bob Haisman  
Becky Kuntz  
Megan Lewis  
Gy Menninga  
Lara Miller  
Dan Pietrini  
Connie Ronnow  
Deb Stracco  
Lou Valsoano  
Tom Wolford

**Church Staff:** Julie Harley  
Mark Buck  
Leah Fowler  
Marylen Marty-Gentile

**Special** Kris Ronnow

**Guests:**

Moderator Laurie Jolicoeur called the meeting to order at 9:35 AM and opened the meeting with a prayer.

This special meeting of Council was called for the purpose of voting on several timely matters.

### I. Vote on New Members

- **ACTION:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to receive the following people into membership: Jim Bailey, Jessica and Chris Daly, Tiffany Hilliard, Yolanda Quevedo, Lee Pennington, Jessica Janning, Adam Wilson and Nichole Harbauer.

**II. Renewal of First United Church of Oak Park Covenants** – Kris Ronnow provided some background on our connections with the Chicago Presbytery's Middle East Task Force and Congregations in Solidarity with Latin America (CSLN). Faith in Action has already approved the renewal of these covenants and has budgeted \$250.00 for the Middle East Task Force and \$5000.00 for CSLN.

- **ACTION:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to affirm First United's covenant with the Middle East Task Force of the Presbytery of Chicago.
- **ACTION:** a motion was made, seconded and approved to affirm First United's covenant with Congregation in Solidarity with Latin America.

**III. General Assembly Overture on Colombia** – Julie Harley explained that the Presbyterian Church (USA) has a long-standing relationship with Colombia. There is a new overture being put forth to the General Assembly asking that the PC(USA) write President Obama requesting

the suspension of the U.S. military use of seven Colombian bases. In addition, the overture calls on the PC(USA) to broaden its support for peace in Colombia.

- **ACTION:** It was moved, seconded and approved that First United affirm sending an overture to the General Assembly regarding Colombia.

**IV. Associate Pastor Transition Plan** – Tom Wolford, also a member of Personnel, shared the recommendations of Personnel to pay Mark Buck for his unused vacation time and to reimburse him for his February travel expenses. These are budget neutral, having already been factored into the 2010 budget. Tom also reviewed a proposed plan to hire Judy Vojta as a temporary Deacon and New Member Coordinator. This job would require 10-15 hours per week, beginning March 1, 2010 through May 30, 2010 with an option to extend if an associate pastor has not been called by June. She will staff these two committees and report to Julie Harley.

- **ACTION:** It was moved, seconded and approved after discussion to approve the closure of Mark Buck's departure.
- **ACTION:** It was moved, seconded and approved after discussion to approve the hiring of Judy Vojta as Deacon and New Member Coordinator beginning March 1, 2010 through May 30, 2010 or until a new associate pastor is hired.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 AM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Mrkvicka, Clerk