



## Congregational Meeting Minutes

Date: July 9, 2017

Place: Sanctuary

Purpose: The purpose of the congregational meeting was to act on Rev. Dr. John Cole's request for the dissolution of his pastoral relationship with First United as well as share a high level overview of the separation agreement signed by Rev. Dr. John Cole.

The meeting was held at the end of Worship. The meeting was called to order by Council Moderator Kelly Pollock at 11:09 am.

Council Clerk Barbara Metric verified that a quorum of the congregation was present.

Rev. Britt Cox led with an opening prayer.

Moderator Kelly Pollock and Tom Wolford, as a partner of the law firm that represented the Church, presented a high level overview of the financial and non-financial terms of the separation agreement between Rev. Dr. John Cole and First United Church. Questions were presented by the congregation and answered by both Kelly and Tom.

Action: Megan Lewis, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, presented the following motion: "With gratitude, compassion, and best wishes, I move that the Congregation concur with Rev. Dr. John Cole's request that the Presbytery of Chicago dissolve his pastoral relationship with First United Church of Oak Park, effective June 30, 2017." Multiple members of the Congregation seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved with no dissenting votes and 7 abstentions.

Kelly Pollock made two announcements. First, that John is out of town but a reception will be held for John at a future date off site. Second, that the Interim Pastor Nominating Committee has been formed and has started their work. The committee consists of Art Spooner, Chair, Adam Alonso, Vickie Engelhart, Bobbie Kmiec, and Caitlin Zinsser. Don Register commented that we are asking former pastors in the congregation to assist with Pastoral Care and support as needed, including himself, Charlie Morris and Stan Davis.

Reverend Steve Pierce offered the closing prayer. Art Spooner moved to adjourn at 11:49 am. The motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Metric  
Clerk