



SPECIAL MEETING OF SESSION MINUTES – NOV 12, 2024

MODERATOR: TIM MCCONNELL

Present: Rev. Tim McConnell (Moderator), Kathy Freyschlag (Clerk), , Rev. Michael Thornton, Rev. John Goodale, Mary Frieg, Mike Hodges, Randy Case , Kappy Stewart, Lindy Keffer, Jim Martin, Dorothy Alvarez, Mark Albers, , Dave Dillard, Megan Nilsen, , Mike Albright, Kris Bauman, Ken Laura, Elizabeth Roth, Kirk Cherry, . Pam Moore, Bryan Frame, Bonnie Ortivez,

Excused: Rev. Dave Steane, Rev. Greg Hartnett, Shelly Busby, Susan Pattee, Aaron Zimmerman

Guests: Nominating Committee Members: Heather Bauman, Craig Engelage, Melissa Owen, Susan Buenger

1. EPNC Slate Approval and Discussion:
 - a. Heather Bauman discussed how she spoke with Tim and Dave about what they were looking for and her story as she went into this process. The team felt the weight of this decision from the beginning. They talked to everyone who had been brought forward and wanted to be clear that Dave and Tim were not part of the discernment process. Tim and Dave gave encouragement, support and were there if they need anything but did not put pressure on them. They worked until they had unity and peace, they looked at lots of different angles
 - b. Heather and team discussed the interview process, the prayer process and the discernment process while choosing the slate. They felt the spirit move them throughout this full process.
 - c. Jim Martin thanked the nominating committee for the time and thoughtful, and prayerful process they went through to present this slate.
 - d. Further questions and discussion between session and the Nominating committee. Nominating committee was then release from the special meeting of session.
 - e. Session continued discussion amongst themselves
 - f. A motion was brought to approve the slate of candidates presented to serve on the EPNC and present this slate to the congregation at the next available time. Motion was approved unanimously.
 - g. Lindy Keffer made a motion that we move as a session the formation of a framework of collaboration, communication, and support between session and EPNC, as initially conceptually prepared by Tim McConnell. Mike Hodges seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously
2. Closed in prayer 7:47 pm