

**Wellington Avenue United Church of Christ
Mid Year Congregational Meeting
12 June 2011**

Council Chair: Kryss Chupp
Speaker of the Day/Moderator: Rev. Mailyn Pagán-Banks
Clerk of the Day: JohnMichael Schuh

Marilyn opened with scripture and prayer, and reviewed the rules of the meeting.

Old Minutes: Review and approval of the minutes from the January minutes: Strike Christine Ramos as speaking for Congregational Life. Motion to approve with correction: Dave Ullrich. Second: Karl Ehmann: Motion approved.

Acknowledgements: Marilyn read the list of committee chairs and task force leaders currently serving on Council. Those present were called forth, stood before the congregation and were acknowledged. The new Council members were presented: Karin Alfaro, chair-elect, Faith Ed; Randall Doubet King, at-large and Denise Grossman, at-large. The new Council members was affirmed and congratulated by the congregation.

All committee members and task force members present at the meeting were asked to stand and were acknowledged and affirmed.

Next acknowledged and affirmed were those who represent Wellington in UCC and community spaces: Roland Dehne, serves as a board member of A Just Harvest; Denise Grossman serves on the Chicago Metropolitan Association and is a representative of Northside POWER; Tracy Hughes serves on the UCC Illinois Conference; Craig Mousin serves on the board of directors, Chicago Theological Seminary, the leadership advisory council of the National Immigrant Justice Center and on the board of directors of Ecojustice Collaborative; Susan Soric serves as a representative for Cluster 2; serves on the Chicago Metropolitan Association, and the UCC Illinois Conference. Rev. Marilyn Pagán-Banks serves as co-chair, Council on Racial and Ethnic Ministries. She is president of the Council for Hispanic Ministries and will be a National Executive Council member at the UCC General Synod.

Outreach Committee-Gerald Paoli: The committee's 2010-11 budget report was presented for review since it was not available for the January meeting. Questions: Polly Ullrich noted that there was \$2,400 left after the close out of the 2010 budget. She questioned what has happened to the money. Gerald reported that it was rolled over to 2011 and dispersed to groups that Wellington supports. Charlie Gunn asked about the new requests budget line under the 14% mission enabling category. Gerald explained that the money is for mission work that arises during the year. Marilyn asked whether the Outreach report reflected what was given to A Just Harvest. Rev. Dan Dale reported that the Outreach report does not reflect the pantry offerings (which are collected on the third Sundays). The money for the pantries is not listed in the Outreach accounts, but reflected in the general budget under pantry offerings. A general motion was made to receive and affirm the report. Motion passed.

Capital Campaign-Dave Ullrich: Pleased to report that the gestation of the campaign is going well. An application for an accessibility grant for \$30,000 report has been filed. We should receive an answer in the next 4 to 6 months. Greening and growing younger reports will be reported at a later time. We are pleased and honored to recognize and work on the priorities of the church this year. We are working through the summer and will make an appeal to the congregation.

The Case for the Capital Campaign June 12, 2011

“The proposed improvements to our church home are about more than bricks, mortar, and windows, and restoration. We are stewards of a community legacy that involved 100 years and countless generations of people who, like us, lived their faith in community, caring for each other and for their world. These improvements and restorations go to the heart of a community that cares about sustainability, energy efficiency, outreach, and the care and formation of children and youth—all of which we do to make real our welcome. For one hundred years, this is the home where we gather and from which we engage our community and world. Everything that is planned can help our church grow and better serve the community; inviting people to find here what we have found—a joyful, welcoming Christian community. Caring for and being good stewards of this building are the vision that is behind the capital appeal.” (Robyn Provost, Kairos)

Meeting concluded with the hymn, “Hold On” and a unison benediction.