

**March 14, 2021 Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Community of ChristChurch**

**Time:** 10:45am – 11:30am

**Attendees:**

Council Members:

President Denise DeMarre, Secretary Violet Thetford, Pastor David Eppelsheimer, Suze Engbretson, Mark Henderson, Cindy Kinnie, Tracy Litterer, Larry Wade

Congregation Members:

David Dahl, Steve Delamarter, Shirley Dinger, Rhonda Eppelsheimer, Michael Gross, Beth Habecker, Inga Henderson, Joe Hustad, Jane Jackson, Paul Jackson, Craig Kinnie, Tom Litterer, Sherrie Wade.

**Call to Order**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally called the meeting to order.

**Prayer**

Pastor David led an opening prayer

**First Order of Business:**

**Motion to approve voting members for 2021 Oregon Synod Annual Assembly**

The motion read to the Congregation

Community of ChristChurch agrees to send congregational members, Mark and Inga Henderson, to the 2021 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Oregon Synod Assembly

Friendly amendment offered by Steve Delamarter and accepted by all:

Community of ChristChurch agrees to send voting congregational members, Mark and Inga Henderson, **as voting members** to the 2021 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA) Oregon Synod Assembly

Vote: Yes	19
No	0
Abstain	2

Motion passed. Mark and Inga will attend the 2021 Oregon Synod Annual Assembly as voting members.

**Second Order of Business:****Motion to approve being a Reconciling In Christ Congregation (Tabled prior to meeting)**

Tracy Litterer spoke on behalf of the Reconciling in Christ team and shared the rationale behind their decision to postpone the vote until the Annual Meeting in June 2021. She cited new feedback from ReconcilingWorks regarding the proposed Welcome Statement and let the congregation know that the team will use the time between this meeting and the Annual Congregational meeting in June to educate the congregation on the changes and their significance.

**Annual Meeting Date Announced**

Council President Denise DeMarre shared the date for the upcoming Annual Congregational meeting: June 6<sup>th</sup>, following worship.

**Closing Prayer**

Pastor David offered a closing prayer

**Adjournment**

Denise DeMarre, Council President, formally adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by:

Violet Thetford, Secretary

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