

Attending and Voting at the Congregational Meeting

This coming Sunday October 18, we will be having a Congregational Meeting to discuss and vote on an offer we have received to purchase the parcel of land down by the lake, whose sale we agreed to explore at our meeting last November. The meeting will take place after the 10:00 am worship service and begin at approximately 11:15 am. In order to allow as many folks as possible to attend and vote at the meeting, we are setting this up as a hybrid event in which you can attend either in-person or via Zoom video-conference. On an important issue like this, it is appropriate to remind you that **only active church members can speak and vote at the meeting.**

Attending In-person:

To attend in-person, you simply show up at worship in the Sanctuary on that Sunday and stay for the meeting. Voting will be by secret ballot. There is nothing else you need to do.

Attending via Zoom:

This is a different process from the one you might normally use to attend the worship service online. Because of the need to ensure that only active members can speak and vote, we are hosting what is called a registered meeting. Before noon on Saturday, the day before the meeting, you need to register by clicking the link below:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwkc-yqpjsuHtVoBZGSukWtGtW_YoJ-gauf

This link will ask you for your name and email address. This request will be forwarded to the meeting host who will check that you are currently an active member. You will then receive an email giving you a personalized link to the meeting. This is the link that you will click to join the meeting on October 18 at 11:15 am. You will not need a meeting ID or a password. You simply click that link embedded in the email that has been sent to you. Do not share your link with someone else. It is your personalized access to the meeting. A few things to note about attending via zoom:

Once you are in the Zoom meeting, please enable your video (this means you need to join using a computer with a camera or a smart phone). You will be able to hear and see the presentation and also vote using the Zoom polling system at the appropriate time. We are also hoping that we can set it up so that Zoom attendees can speak at the meeting. Your vote will be anonymous. Please note that there is only one vote per Zoom client. This means that if there are, for example, two people in the same family that wish to attend via Zoom and wish to vote, they must register separately and join using two different devices (PC, phone etc.). A team of at least two people in the Sanctuary will monitor the Zoom voting and combine the Zoom votes received with those collected from the folks attending in-person.

One more thing to emphasize. If you are watching the worship service on Zoom on that Sunday, you cannot join the meeting by simply staying online at the conclusion of worship. You must leave the Worship Zoom meeting and join the Congregational Zoom meeting by clicking on the personalized link that will be sent to you by email after registration.

If you have questions about this process, please contact Bryan Ackland, Simon Tse or Jerry Godbehere.