

What a gift it is to worship and serve with such faithful members of our congregation! All of you

take seriously how our Book of Order describes a faithful member as being one who “accepts

Christ’s call to be involved responsibly in the ministry of his Church.” And, among other things,

that involvement includes —

- taking part in the common life and worship of a particular church
- demonstrating a new quality of life within and through the Church
- responding to God’s activity in the world through service to others
- living responsibly in the personal, family, vocational, political, cultural, and social relationships of life, and
- working in the world for peace, justice, freedom, and human fulfillment.

When we join the church, we enter into a joyful covenant of faithfulness with God, and also this

community of faith, pledging to love and support each other as we grow together as Christ’s

disciples.

Accordingly, I want to invite you and encourage you to join us on Sunday for a time of worship,

to be followed by our Annual Congregational Meeting. At the meeting, we will also have the

opportunity to fulfill another responsibility of church membership by electing individuals to

serve the church through the office of elder and deacon. In addition, we will hear some exciting

reports about a fantastic stewardship campaign, a summary of last year’s mission and ministry,

and our plans for moving forward into the future.

The congregational meeting will be in three parts. Immediately after the 10:30 service we will stay in the sanctuary for part 1, Business Meeting:

* Elect new Elders and Deacons

* Budget report

* Plans for moving forward with the goal of finding a full-time pastor

Part 2: Potluck dinner in Fellowship Hall

Part 3: State of the Church and specific incidents discussion in Fellowship Hall:

* Pastor Rich leaving LPPC

* Welcoming all while protecting the congregation

* Kids Day Out

* Questions and concerns from any member of the congregation and visitors (presented either in person or in writing); Session responses

* Next steps in reconciliation

Parts 1 and 3 will be available both in person and on zoom.

So, please join us on Sunday as we celebrate the work of our church, recognizing that we are called to demonstrate the new reality that God offers to us through Jesus Christ, and to reveal the new humanity and a community of love where sin is forgiven, reconciliation is accomplished, and the dividing walls of hostility are torn down. I will look forward to seeing you on Sunday.