



2021 FIRST CHURCH ANNUAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

On February 7, 2021, approximately 100 members and friends of First Church attended our 215th Annual Meeting, which for the second year we held on Zoom.

Formal minutes of the Annual Meeting will be posted after being approved by the Board of Trustees. Minutes will be presented to the congregation at the next Annual Meeting in January/February 2022.

The 2020 Annual Report, the resolutions presented for vote, the slate of candidates, and links to other informative documents, and to a video recording of the Annual Meeting are all available on our [Annual Meeting website page](#).

Annual Meeting Highlights

We made the following decisions by vote:

- Approval of the minutes of the May 2020 Annual Meeting.
- Approval of resolution thanking our church staff for their dedicated service during this pandemic year.
- Approval of a resolution to use funds, not to exceed \$15,000 this year, from the sale of the church parsonage to fund the work of the Vision Team.
- Approval of a resolution to update our bylaws to allow for flexibility in selecting a date and time for the Annual Meeting in January or February.
- Approval of a bylaw change, specific to the transition to the new fiscal (calendar) year, that will allow current slate of officers to serve until September of 2021, then welcoming the new slate of officers to serve through the close of the 2023 Annual Meeting.
- Approval of the 2021 budget.
- The election of new officers, whose terms begin in September:
 - President: Paul Hobbs
 - President-Elect: Susan Ellwood
- Officers whose term begin immediately:
 - Treasurer: Michael Knauer
 - Clerk: Dawn Plante
 - New Trustees: Elise Polli, David Lightbody

The agenda also included:

- An update from Investments and Trusts that both reported on positive investment results and set out a Trustee-endorsed strategy focused on socially responsible investing.
- Treasurer Michael Knauer's Treasurer's Report.
- A celebratory look back at this past transition year of May to December through Simon Jorgenson's "Top Ten" list.
- A "Community Ministries Charge" from our Connections Team to each member of the congregation to invite five people to Easter Sunday Worship on April 4, 2021.

It continues to be an honor and a privilege to serve as First Church's president. Thank you for your faithful support!

[Caroline Crawford](#), Church President