



## ***Never Been to the Annual Meeting? That's OK!***

Dear Friends,

A confession: until last year, I had never attended First Congregational Church's annual meeting. Why not? It's simple. Despite being a member of First Church since 2002, I didn't know what it was, or why I should attend.

I didn't grow up in a Congregational church, so I didn't grow up with this annual tradition. Over the years, I felt a combination of anxiety and avoidance when the meeting rolled around. Do I go? What do I do? Will people know that I have no idea what's going on?

So, if you feel that way (I can't be the only one...), I encourage you to attend the Annual Meeting February 7. It's on Zoom, so you can stay warm in your home (and keep your camera off if you'd like). You'll gather with other members to approve the budget, pass resolutions, and take care of the business of the church. Conversations can be animated, but always friendly, and we always keep in mind that our focus is on our mission to welcome all, seek justice, and to find God.

See you February 7!

Peace,

***Caroline***

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