

NARBERTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Special Joint Congregational Meeting
Sunday, June 10, 2018, 10:30 am

DOCKET

- I. Call to Order and Opening Prayer, Rev. Steve Weed, Moderator
- II. Hymn 43 A Mighty Fortress is Our God
- III. Introductions and Opening Remarks, Elder Dave Bellamy
- IV. Change of Moderator

Section V.9 of NPC's bylaws specifies that the Pastor shall serve as Moderator of Joint Congregational Meetings. Section XI.6(c) of the bylaws allows a provision of the bylaws to be suspended with a three-quarters vote of the members present. Resolved: Section V.9 shall be suspended so that Rev. Jesse Garner, Chair of the Presbytery of Philadelphia Administrative Commission, may serve as Moderator.

- V. Adoption of special rules governing item VI, Consideration of The Terms of Gracious Dismissal. Resolved that:
 - A. Observers be established to confirm that these procedures are followed. The Observers shall interrupt the proceedings in the event of any irregularity. The Observers and the Moderator must agree on any needed corrective action. Jack Comstock and Meg McKinley shall be Observers for Narberth Presbyterian Church. George Henisee and Zandra Maffett shall be Observers for the Presbytery of Philadelphia.
 - B. The vote on the Terms of Gracious Dismissal shall be an up/down vote on the agreement in its entirety.
 - C. The Moderator may address the members, speaking for the Presbytery.
 - D. Only members of the congregation will be recognized by the Moderator to speak.
 - E. Once recognized at a microphone, speakers will identify themselves by name and begin their comments by stating if they are: i) Speaking for the motion, ii) Speaking against the motion, iii) Asking a question.
 - F. Each speaker will have 2 minutes for her or his remarks, addressing the Moderator at all times. The speaker will be prompted when 30 seconds remain in their 2 minutes.
 - G. A total of 20 minutes is allocated for discussion. Discussion may be extended on motion to "extend the time of discussion by __ minutes" with agreement of two-thirds of the members present.
 - H. Discussion may be ended on a motion to "consider the question" and approved by two-thirds of the members present.

- I. No speaker will be granted a second opportunity to speak unless and until all others within the time docketed have had an opportunity.
 - J. Comments will alternate between those speaking for and those speaking against the motion. Once speakers representing only one position remain in the line to speak, the Moderator may ask the body if it would like to close debate.
 - K. Vote shall be by secret ballot. Only members who are present may vote.
 - L. Three Deacons from Narberth, Ruth Ellen Patterson, Deborah Miller, and Ashley Reed, will serve as tellers to count the ballots.
 - M. Tellers and one Observer from each side shall sign the tally sheet.
 - N. The motion shall be carried by YES votes of 75% or more of the ballots cast by the congregation (blue and green ballots). Otherwise the motion shall fail.
 - O. For the purposes of the corporation, only green ballots (those 18 years of age or older) will be considered. Under NPC's bylaws (Section IV.3), minors may not vote on matters relating to contracts. A simple majority is required to carry the motion for the corporation.
- VI. Consideration of the Terms of Gracious Dismissal, Rev. Jesse Garner, Moderator
- A. Resolved: The Congregation and Corporation of Narberth Presbyterian Church approve the Terms of Gracious Dismissal dated May 29, 2018 for NPC to be dismissed, with property, from the Presbytery of Philadelphia, PC(USA) to Heritage Presbytery of ECO: A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.
 - B. Discussion
 - C. Vote
 - D. Result
- VII. Hymn 72 To God Be the Glory
- VIII. Closing Prayer and Benediction
- IX. Adjournment