

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
CONGREGATION OF
CALVARY LUTHERAN CHURCH OF GOLDEN VALLEY**

APRIL 25, 2021

A meeting of the congregation (the "Congregation") of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley ("Calvary") was held on April 25, 2021, beginning at 11:47 a.m. Central Time. The meeting was held in the Worship Center on the first floor of the Calvary building at 7520 Golden Valley Road, 55427.

More than 50 voting members of the Congregation, representing a quorum for purposes of transacting business of the Congregation and Calvary, were present.

Phil Reesnes, Council President, served as chair of the meeting and Laura Jensen, Council Secretary, served as secretary.

Phil called the meeting to order at 11:47am.

Pastor Zach Thompson led the congregation in prayer.

Then Phil explained that this is a special meeting of the congregation. As noted ahead of time, the purpose of this meeting is to vote on two motions, and the meeting is restricted to only this purpose. The motions must receive a super majority (>67%) to pass. The motions that Calvary is voting on today are as follows:

Motion #1: We, the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, move to accept the gift of all assets and property and to officially accept all rostered members into membership from Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deephaven pending Grace's congregational approval to dissolve and donate their property and assets to Calvary.

Motion #2: We, the congregation of Calvary Lutheran Church of Golden Valley, based on recommendation from the Call Committee, move to extend a pastoral call to Greg Stephenson in the role of Campus Pastor of the new campus pending Grace's congregational approval to dissolve and donate their property

Shortly before this meeting, Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church of Deephaven ("Grace") met and passed their motions 70 in favor of dissolving and donating their property and assets to Calvary, 1 opposed.

Phil reminded the congregation that this adoption process has been a prayerful journey. There have been 2 informational sessions at Calvary and 3 informational sessions at Grace. The church councils have met, and there have been numerous meetings with leadership from both

groups and with Unstuck, the third-party consultants facilitating this merger. Neither Grace nor Calvary have anything to lose because we already know Jesus. But the neighbors of Grace (and Calvary) have everything to lose if they do not have the opportunity to know Jesus. And they have everything to gain when they gain a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

Next, Zach spoke in favor of the motions. He reminded the congregation that this merger is not about us (individually or as a congregation); it is about how can we reach more people. It is amazing how God has been present throughout this whole process. First, in Calvary's desire to plant a church (without really knowing how). Then, seemingly out of nowhere and in the middle of a pandemic, Calvary received the phone call from Grace. All the way through, doors kept opening and God kept calling us forward. God is kind and good.

Phil thanked Zach and Jason Beaver for all their work on leading this merger in addition to all their regular duties. Thank you also to the staff for all their work leading this church and keeping it running during the unusual conditions of the pandemic.

Stuart McFarland read the first motion from the podium. It was seconded from the crowd. The congregation voted by marking their ballots but hung onto their paper ballots for the second motion also.

Phil introduced the second motion and described the call committee process that met with and then nominated Greg Stephenson. Phil concluded that Greg possesses the skills and passion to be Campus Pastor.

Laura Jensen read the second motion from the podium. It was seconded from the crowd. The congregation voted by marking their ballots. The ballots were passed into the aisles where they were collected and then counted.

The results:

Motion 1: 157 yes, 2 no

Motion 2: 158 yes, 2 no

Both motions passed. Phil summarized the voting and declared it an exciting day. He noted that we now look forward to the work ahead.

Pastor Jason Roton led the closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned 12:16pm.

Minutes written and submitted by Laura Jensen, Council Secretary.