

Minutes are unapproved until the next Council Meeting

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
STATEMENT OF INCLUSION
DECEMBER 4, 2011

Moderator, Susan Wirt, called the meeting to order at 12:22 p.m.

There was a quorum of attendees.

Susan Wirt gave a brief history of events leading up to Council's recommendation to present a Statement of Inclusion to the Congregation for a vote:

05/22/11 Phil Gulley challenged the congregation to consider inclusion as a church philosophy.
05/24/11 Brian Henderson sent a letter to the congregation regarding the inclusion challenge.
07/12/11 Council voted to proceed with a series of congregational conversations on inclusion.
08/11-09/11 Five conversations were held and 131 people attended.
09/20/11 Council reviewed a draft Statement of Inclusion.
10/22/11 Council approved a Statement of Inclusion to submit for a vote at a special 12/04/11 Congregational meeting.

Karen Stanley, Music Committee Chair; Nita Brown, Nominating Committee Chair; and Peter Sjoberg At-Large Council Member, spoke to several acknowledgements concerning the inclusion statement.

Dave McCollom, Church Treasurer, made the following motion:

“Upon recommendation of Council and on behalf of Council, I move that the Congregation vote on the following proposed Statement of Inclusion: Calvary welcomes and affirms people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, level of physical and mental ability, level of economic means, race, age and gender.”

Because this motion came from Council, no second was needed. Proceeding to discussion, Carol Willard moved to amend the motion to state:

“Calvary welcomes and affirms all people as children of God from every cultural and religious background, sexual orientation, family composition, physical and mental ability, economic means, race, age and gender.”

Beverly Donald seconded. There was discussion on the motion to amend. John Kron called the question to end discussion. Jon Mikesell seconded. By verbal votes, the motions to end discussion and to amend passed.

After discussion on the main motion as amended, Andy Gibbs called the question to end discussion. Beverly Donald seconded.

The vote on the motion to end discussion was taken by secret ballot. There were 213 voting members, with 167 voting “yes,” and 46 voting “no.” The call to end discussion on the amended motion was passed by 78%.

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The main motion as amended was voted on by secret ballot. There were 195 voting members, with 145 voting "yes," and 46 voting "no," The motion as amended passed by 74%.

Ballot tellers were Jacque Beaty, Lynda Pelton, John Smith and Carolyn Weese.

Susan Wirt adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynda Pelton
Church Secretary