



**Annual Meeting – June 18, 2018**

**7:00 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

<b>Hymn</b>	<b>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</b>	<b>No. 60</b>
<b>Devotional and Prayer</b>	<b>Chuck Davis, Senior Pastor</b>	
<b>Welcome</b>	<b>Laura Cunningham, Moderator</b>	
<b>Establishment of a Quorum</b>	<b>Charline Shaw, Clerk</b>	
<b>Charge to the Congregation by the Elders</b>	<b>Valerie Gammage, Beth Bergman</b> Elder Board Co-Chairs	
<b>Approval of the Minutes of the Last Annual Meeting</b>	<b>Laura Cunningham</b>	
<b>Approval of Annual Reports</b>		
<b>Approval of Proposed Bylaw Changes</b>		
<b>Nominating Committee Report</b>	<b>Jeff Kohlberger</b> Nominating Committee Chair	
<b>*Election of Officers</b>	<b>Laura Cunningham</b>	
<b>Update on the Stamford Campus</b>	<b>Pastor David Borden</b>	
<b>Report from the Missions Committee</b>	<b>Laura LaSpalluto</b> Missions Committee Chair	
<b>Review of Financial Results to Date</b>	<b>Scott Mohr, Assistant Treasurer</b>	
<b>*Approval of Budgets for Fiscal Year 2019</b>	<b>Laura Cunningham</b>	
<b>Items from the Floor</b>		
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Nathan Hart</b>	

**Adjournment to Special Meeting**

**Special Meeting - June 18, 2018**  
**following the Annual Meeting**

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<b>Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor David Borden</b>
<b>Establishment of a Quorum</b>	<b>Charline Shaw, Clerk</b>
<b>*Approval of New Senior Pastor</b>	<b>Laura Cunningham, Moderator</b>
<b>Hymn</b>	<b>"The Church's One Foundation" No. 689</b>
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	<b>Pastor Jacky Gatliff</b>

**\*These votes will be by written ballot**



**SLATE OF CHURCH OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED  
Fiscal Year 2019**

Elders	Cindy Conarroe '21 Jen Deinard '21 Justin Luehman '21 Melodie Moss '20 Christine Walker '21
Nominating Committee	Sara Samuels '19 Genie Wells '20 Richard Williams '20
Moderator	Laura Cunningham
Clerk - Records Clerk - Minutes	Kimberly O'Hara Charline Shaw
Treasurer	Scott Mohr
Assistant Treasurer	Steve Schultz
Cemetery Superintendent	Russell S. Reynolds III (Trey)
Historian	Warren Van Deventer
Assistant Historian	Gordon Mackenzie
Internal Auditor	Mark Tibberts
<b>Missions Committee</b>	Zahya Beall Steve Lasala Melissa O'Neill John Skelly

## Summary of Proposed Changes to the Bylaws of Stanwich Congregational Church

The Elders recommend the following changes to the Bylaws be approved at the June 18, 2018 Annual Meeting:

### BYLAW 20. Officers

~~The Officers of the Church are the Senior Pastor, the Associate Pastor(s), members of the Elder board, the Moderator, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Cemetery Superintendent, the Historian, members of the Nominating Committee and the Internal Auditor.~~

### BYLAW 20. Elected Officers

The Moderator, the Clerk, the Treasurer, the Cemetery Superintendent, the Historian, and the Internal Auditor are nominated by the Nominating Committee and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve one year, or until their successors are chosen. Elders and Members of the Missions Committee are nominated by the Nominating Committee and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve a three-year term. Two Members will be nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee and shall be elected at the Annual Meeting to serve a two-year term.

### BYLAW 21. Mode of Election

A majority of all Members present at a meeting regularly convened and at which a quorum is present shall be requisite for the election of all Church Officers. ~~excluding the Senior Pastor, and Associate Pastor(s).~~ Voting shall be by ballot and provision will be made for write-in nominations.

### BYLAW 22. Vacancies

Any vacancy in any office ~~(except the Pastorate)~~ may be filled for the unexpired term at any meeting of the congregation provided notice of the vacancy and of the nomination of the Nominating Committee has been given from the pulpit on the preceding Sunday.

### BYLAW 30. Missions Committee

The Missions Committee constitutes the lay leadership responsible for oversight of the Stanwich Church Missions program. The Missions Committee shall consist of nine members, three of whom shall be elected at each Annual Meeting for a three-year term. An Elder liaison and the Senior Pastor or his/her designee will serve as ex-officio advisors. The Committee shall elect a Chair annually from among its members to preside over meetings, and a Treasurer from among its members for oversight of the Missions budget.

### BYLAW 32. Senior Pastor

The choice of a Senior Pastor must be made at a meeting specially called for that purpose by notice from the pulpit on two successive Sundays. Once a quorum has been established a vote of two thirds of the members present and voting is required. The Senior Pastor shall become a Member of the Church as soon as possible after acceptance of the call. The Senior Pastor shall be in charge of the spiritual welfare of the congregation, shall preach the Word of God, conduct the services of public worship, and shall administer the Sacraments. ~~The Senior Pastor shall be an ex-officio member of all boards and committees except the Nominating Committee.~~ The Senior Pastor is accountable to the Elders.

### **Rationale:**

**Bylaw 20 was largely duplicative of other Bylaws; existing Bylaw 21 specifies who the annually elected officers are. Deleting Bylaw 20 would renumber Bylaws 21-30 as 20-29. New Bylaw 30 clarifies the role of the Missions Committee and how its members are elected. Bylaws 24 and 30 state the Senior Pastor or designee is an ex-officio member of the Elder Board and Missions Committee, and Bylaw 31 states the Senior Pastor or designee may serve as an advisor to the Nominating Committee, so one sentence of Bylaw 32 is deleted for clarity.**