

## **Minutes for the EUUC Congregational Meeting February 23, 2025**

**10:30 am- 12:00 pm in the sanctuary and online**

\*This was our congregations 1st time having the congregational meeting as part of the Sunday Service

### **In Attendance**

- Rev. Chloë Briedé
- 49 Attendees (33 in-person and 16 online) (There were some non-members present. There were enough members present to reach quorum, which is 20% of members for congregational meetings.)
- See a copy of the sign-in sheets at the end of these minutes

### **Greetings, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement- Tracy Watson**

**Call to Order/Worship-** House Dow and Rev. Chloë called the meeting to order and did the chalice lighting with opening words.

**Covenant-** Recited by the congregation:

*Love is the doctrine of this church.  
The quest for truth is its sacrament  
And service is its prayer.  
To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve humanity in fellowship  
Thus do we covenant.*

*La doctrina de esta iglesia es el amor  
La búsqueda de la verdad es su sacramento  
Y el servicio es su oración.  
Vivir juntos en paz  
Buscar el conocimiento en libertad  
Servir a la humanidad en comunión  
Este es nuestro pacto.*

### **Welcome- Tracy Watson**

**Appointment of Process Observer-** Clinton Bench was appointed as the in person process observer, Susan Sisken was appointed as the online process observer and LindaBeth Nelson was present in person and liaison for the online participants.

**Minute Readers-** Lynne Masuhara, Heather Medvitz and Linda Fitzgerald volunteered and were appointed as readers for this meeting's minutes.

**Adoption of the Agenda-** The agenda was adopted

**Approval of the Minutes-** The minutes from the last congregational meeting were approved by the congregation.

**Minister's Report-** [!\[\]\(529949c2c3dadbaa4e538e8c643454bc\_img.jpg\) 3 Minister's Report 2-23-25.pdf](#)

**Share the Plate-** Sunday offering was received and half of the offering was shared with the Tongva Taraxat Paxaavxa Conservancy.

**Treasurer and Finance Committee Report-**

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[!\[\]\(a870788d6ed9b8fd294b7654a8c8526b\_img.jpg\) 4.3 Investment Fund Details Report 2025.02.06.ods](#)

Tracy Watson reported that Phil Davis is stepping down as the Emerson Fund Custodian. Phil Davis was thanked for his service. Clinton Bench was identified as point person until a new fund custodian is identified.

**Embracing Meditation and Prayer**

**President's Report-** [!\[\]\(6059a5aa8b4ca7bb793408023d6c6e42\_img.jpg\) 5 President's Report - February 2025.pdf](#)

**Election of the President-** (currently House Dow) The Nominating Committee (Nom Com) recommended Aimee Noel. No additional nominations were offered from the floor. The congregation voted in Aimee Noel as new President of the Board.

**Election of the Secretary-** (currently Aimee Noel) The Nominating Committee Recommended Stephanie Bunker. No additional nominations were offered from the floor. The congregation voted in Stephanie Bunker as new Secretary of the Board.

**Election of the Member-At-Large-** (currently Philip Kuretski) The Nominating Committee (Nom Com) recommended Melissa Marote. No additional nominations were offered from the floor. The congregation voted in Melissa Marote as new Member-At-Large of the Board.

\* Not discussed at the meeting but as a matter of record, the Nominating Committee currently consists of David Early, Todd Covert, LindaBeth Nelson, Clinton Bench and Stephanie Bunker.

**Commissioning of Church Leaders-** Rev. Chloë led the congregation and board in a commissioning ceremony. House Dow and Philip Kuretski were thanked for their service and Stephanie Bunker and Melissa Marote were acknowledged and congratulated for joining the Board.

**Other Business-** House Dow announced some volunteer opportunities including joining Philip Kuretski in forming a Religious Education (RE) program, Building and Grounds and efforts to clean the campus on the first Sundays of the month, becoming a General Assembly (GA) delegate (talk to Aimee Noel) and engaging in a Know Your Rights campaign (talk to Aimee Noel).

**Extinguishing the Chalice and Closing Words-** Rev. Chloë extinguished the chalice and Aimee Noel read closing words.

**Meeting was Closed**

[2025-02-23 Congregational Mtg Sign-in Sheet.pdf](#)