

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 26, 2025

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:26 a.m. Alice Ling led an opening prayer.

A quorum of 5 was necessary, and Ben declared a quorum with 8 active members and 3 guests present. Geri Bair was reinstated as an active member by Board consensus.

The agenda was adopted and voices granted to friends of the church.

Minutes of the last annual meeting and the special budget meeting were reviewed. Nancy Branstetter moved, and Rick Ehram seconded that we accept both sets of minutes; the motion carried.

### **Annual Reports**

- Supply Pastor
  - Alice Ling asserted her commitment to keep things going, but preparation for worship is more challenging. She hopes guest pastors have been a welcome addition. She would love to hear feedback regarding the remote sermon we had in December.
- Moderator
  - Like Alice, Ben expressed that he thought he would step back from leadership roles. He is concerned about the future of this church. We are doing well now, but we will need more leadership going forward.
- Clerk
  - Membership has dropped from 35 to 20.
- Treasurer
  - Available equity is down around \$5,000 from 2023. The Corinthians group has not been active for several years. The checking account was closed and \$2,700 was added to the main UCC account. The money remains identified in our funds.

### **Election of Leadership**

Rick is transitioning to Treasurer following Ben's ~15 years of service. The leadership roster was proposed as follows:

- Moderator – Benjamin Crosby (term ends at the end of the January 2026 annual meeting.)
- Clerk – Katie Bauer (terms ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting.)
- Treasurer – Benjamin Crosby transitioning to Rick Ehram (term end at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting.)
- Executive Board at-large – Rick Ehram (term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting); Gail Carlson (term ends at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting); one vacant seat.

It was moved by Nancy and seconded by Geri Bair that we accept the leadership roster; motion carried.

Ben presented the 2025 budget. He explained that we are in the red, but we typically underspend our budget. It was moved by Rick and seconded by Nancy that we accept the budget; motion carried.

The Pacific Northwest Conference Annual Meeting will take place April 25<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> at the Yakima Convention Center. Rick expressed interest and he and Gretchen will check their calendar.

Alice Holmes offered her thanks to Alice Ling and the Executive Board.

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Bauer, Clerk