

United Church of Christ Congregational – Wallace  
Annual Congregational Meeting  
January 25, 2026

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The meeting was called to order by Moderator Ben Crosby at 10:40 a.m. Alice Ling led an opening prayer.

Ben declared a quorum with 13 active members and 1 guest present.

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

Minutes of the last annual meeting and the special budget meeting were reviewed. Ben declared the minutes accepted after reviewing a minor change.

### **Annual Reports**

- Supply Pastor
  - Alice longs for us to have a settled pastor that could do more for us in the community. She does not want to leave us high and dry, but how do we move forward? Discussion followed about how we can find a new leader.
- Moderator
  - Ben expressed his gratitude to our Executive Board members.
- Clerk
  - The Clerk's report was reviewed.
- Treasurer
  - Available equity continues to decline by around \$5,000 per year. We are maintaining the building, but we have a couple of larger projects coming soon, including the chimney, the 4<sup>th</sup> St. doors, and the roof on the north side of the building.

### **Bylaws Proposal**

A change to the Bylaws was proposed by the Executive Board. The change would give the board more flexibility in designating who is an active or inactive member. After a brief discussion, the revised language passed with 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

### **Election of Leadership**

The leadership roster was proposed as follows:

- Moderator – Benjamin Crosby (term ends at the end of the January 2029 annual meeting.)
- Clerk – Katie Bauer (term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting.)
- Treasurer – Benjamin Crosby (term ends at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting.)
- Executive Board at-large – Rick Ehrsam (term ends at the end of the January 2027 annual meeting); Gail Carlson (term ends at the end of the January 2028 annual meeting); Phil Howard (term ends at the end of the January 2029 annual meeting.)

The leadership roster was approved with 13 in favor, 0 opposed.

Ben led a discussion with the group about where we go from here. Some topics of note were hosting more community events, gardening classes, etc.

**Budget Proposal**

Ben presented the 2026 budget. We are facing a significant shortfall for 2026. We will need to find a way to bring in more income to cover this deficit. Insurance is up to \$8,800 per year. The budget was approved unanimously.

**Other**

Ben distributed a flyer with links to all of our online services (website, app/site for online giving.) The annual conference meeting will be held in Seattle March 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to attend, we are entitled to delegates.

Alice Ling led a closing prayer.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie Bauer, Clerk