

Congregational Meeting – September 9, 2007

The purpose of this meeting is for consideration of taking the following motion off the table and voting on it:

MOTION: That the congregation of National Presbyterian Church suspend the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee's search for one year and closes the position of Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

BACKGROUND – Minutes of July 15, 2007 Congregational Meeting:

Report of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee Committee Chair Jay BRAITSCH provided a report of the activities and accomplishments of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee from the time of their first meeting in January, 2007, through the recent approval by Session of the Church Information Form (CIF), and expressed his appreciation to the committee members. He then offered a motion related to the Session-approved staff restructure as follows:

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A MOTION was made to TABLE the original motion. This was SECONDED and PASSED.

A congregational meeting will be held in the future to consider the tabled motion. Dr. ICENOGLE reminded the congregation that session makes budget decisions, including hiring of temporary pastors.

REMINDER: *(Response to questions received at 7/15/07 Congregational Meeting)*

PC(USA) Book of Order states that calls of temporary pastors are the jurisdiction of Session and the decision is made by Session, with advice from presbytery. (G-14.0513)

Calls for permanent pastors are the jurisdiction of the congregation and the presbytery, and the decision is made by vote of the congregation through the election of a Pastor Nominating Committee and their nomination of a candidate. (G-14.0502)

The Session decided to end our temporary pastor relationship with Rev. Dr. Jean Coyle effective August 15, 2007, and that is Session's jurisdiction.

It is only the congregation who can make the decision about the status of the permanent pastoral position of Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

The Congregational Meeting on Sunday, September 9, 2007, will be limited only to debate/discussion of the above motion.