

Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church
Austin, TX

A **Congregational Meeting** was held on Sunday, **June 12, 2011**, at 10:40 a.m. in the WHPC sanctuary. The meeting was called to order by Senior Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Peter Barnes.

Dr. Barnes announced that the purpose of the meeting was to give attention to the Annual Report of the church, to elect three Deacons to fill unexpired terms, and to vote on a change to the church bylaws. A quorum was declared and Sarah Wehner was appointed clerk.

The meeting was opened in prayer.

The Annual Report was distributed and Dr. Barnes noted that additional information could be obtained on the church website.

Dr. Barnes introduced Elder Dennis Pauling, Chair of the WHPC Nominating Committee. Elder Pauling introduced the members of the committee; Julie Smith, Session Representative, Ray Bacon, Deacon Representative, Dr. Peter Barnes, Staff Representative, and Members-At-Large Nancy Kocurek, Keith Martinson, Jeff Mills, and Karen Shannon. He said that at this time, there are three unexpired terms for Deacons. In nominating members for church office, the process usually begins in January, when the names of officer nominees are shared with the congregation and culminates with ordination in May. Following this timing, the three vacancies would not be filled until May, 2012. The Nominating Committee has approached three deacons who have just completed their service and agreed to fill the unexpired terms if elected. Elder Pauling made the following motion:

Motion: To place in nomination Mary Jo Ingram, Shirley Kopp, and Jeanne Otto for election as Deacons to fill unexpired terms for the Class of 2012 and Class of 2013.

The motion was seconded and Dr. Barnes asked if there were any other nominations from the floor. There being none, Elder Pauling made the following motion:

Motion: That the nominations be closed and that the slate be elected by acclamation.

The motion was seconded and with no discussion, carried.

Dr. Barnes thanked the committee for their work and the new Deacons for their continued service.

Dr. Barnes explained that as a result of a task force recommendation and Session's approval, the congregation needed to approve a change in the church bylaws concerning the number of elders serving on Session. Clerk of Session, Sarah Wehner, made the following motion:

Motion: That the congregation amend the Restated and Amended Bylaws of Westlake Hills Presbyterian Church from electing annual classes of eight members to Session to annual classes of five members, thereby reducing the number of currently sitting elders from twenty four (24) to fifteen (15).

The motion carried.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m. and closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Wehner
Clerk of Session