

Ballot – 2021 Annual Meeting of the Woodstock Presbyterian Congregation

Sunday March 7, 2021 1:00pm

Instructions: Welcome to our FIRST parking lot Congregational Meeting! We thank you for your attendance, and hope you have some fun, in a safe way. Although Pastor Kate and Clerk Heather will be speaking, AUDIO WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. We will hold up the number we are on. For items requiring a vote, a green YES sign will be held – you are invited to honk your affirmation, the NO votes will proceed the same way (with a Red sign).

1. We receive the 2021 budget (available as information – no vote necessary)
2. We receive the nominees from the Nominating Committee,
Barbara Simons
Irene Mertens (Trustee)
Are their nominees from the floor? (flash lights and we will come to you)
3. Do we elect the nominees for elder/trustee?
4. Do we wish to adopt changes to the bylaws that change the makeup of the Nominating Committee to be “composed of representatives of the congregation with no more than one ACTIVE ruling elder”. (details on reverse)
5. Do we wish to adopt changes to the bylaws that change the size of the Session from nine to six (6)?
6. Do we vote to adjourn with prayer?

Lord, we thank you for loving us and for calling us. Thank you for the gift of this congregation. Help us to be faithful disciples in our daily lives. Help us to fulfill the promises we have made today. Help us to embrace the changes. Allow us to follow You through the Spirit – as individuals and as a community. Guide us as we grow, God.

Amen.

Detailed Changes to the WPC By-laws:

V. Nominating Committee

From this:

The nominating committee shall be comprised of one representative of the following groups: **Presbyterian Women, Presbyterian Men, Youth, one active Ruling Elder.** The pastor shall be a member ex officio and without vote. Full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nomination from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation. A majority of all active members present and voting shall be required to elect.

To This:

The nominating committee shall be composed of **representatives of the congregation with no more than one ACTIVE ruling elder.** The pastor shall be a member ex officio and without vote. Full opportunity shall always be given to the congregation for nomination from the floor of the congregational meeting by any active member of the congregation. A majority of all active members present and voting shall be required to elect.

From this:

The congregation shall elect nine elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. No elder shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder having served a total of six years shall be ineligible for reelection to the session for a period of at least one year.

To This:

The congregation shall elect six elders divided into three equal classes, one class of whom shall be elected each year at the annual meeting for a three-year term. No elder shall serve for consecutive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six years. An elder having served a total of six years shall be ineligible for reelection to the session for a period of at least one year.

**A printed version of the Budget can be requested from the Church Office:
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