

**Minutes of the 13 March 2016 Special Meeting
Memorial Congregational Church of Sudbury Inc. United Church of Christ**

The Moderator, Dave Pendleton, called the meeting to order at 11:41am. The Moderator called upon the Clerk who, counting greater than 21 active members present, confirmed that a required quorum of ten percent was present.

Pastor Tom O'Brien offered an opening prayer.

The warrant to be considered at the meeting: "To see if the Church will approve amending the Minister of Christian Discovery position to allow for it to be ordainable."

The following motion was made by Jenn Zeis of the Youth Pastor Exploration Task Force: "Move that the responsibilities of Minister of Christian Discovery include opportunities for qualified individuals who are ordained or seeking ordination to preach and teach the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and provide pastoral care; and for the position title for ordained individuals to be 'Pastor of Youth and Families.'"

Gail Wright was recognized and named the members of the task force who worked on this initiative. Gail also gave an overview of the impetus behind this consideration noting that the primary motivation is that it provides opportunity.

Rick Hilperts, chair of Church Council, was recognized and spoke briefly of the process which started with a presentation in November of 2015 to Church Council, moved to informational meetings over the next few months, and culminated in this special meeting today.

Sandra Summers, Minister of Christian Education, spoke about the importance of this role being ordainable, and discussed the importance of 3 C's: Calling, Creation of Disciples, and Collaborative Ministry.

A brief discussion followed during which some attendees made comments or raised questions, which were addressed. The motion was re-read by the Moderator: Move that the responsibilities of Minister of Christian Discovery include opportunities for qualified individuals who are ordained or seeking ordination to preach and teach the Gospel, administer the sacraments, and provide pastoral care; and for the position title for ordained individuals to be "Pastor of Youth and Families."

The motion was approved by unanimous vote, no one dissented, and no one abstained.

The special meeting was adjourned at 12:10. Pastor Tom closed with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Pendleton
Acting Clerk on March 13, 2015
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