

**Minutes of Special Eastern Association Meeting Held Via Zoom
Sunday, July 26, 2020 – 2:00 PM**

Meeting Called to Order by our outgoing Moderator, the Rev. Dr. Jerry Garber with 45 voting members attending, representing 19 churches; more than the necessary quorum of 20 voting members and 9 churches.

Please let me know at Gregg.hepner@gmail.com who or what church I have left off the two lists that follow.

Churches Represented: Sacred Place United Church in Alta Loma/Rancho Cucamonga, First Congregational Community UCC Barstow, Bloomington Congregational UCC, Brea Congregational UCC, Claremont UCC, Covina Community Church UCC, Diamond Bar UCC, First and St. Paul's Evangelical in Downey, Congregational Church of Fullerton UCC, Pilgrim Congregational UCC Hemet, Highland Congregational UCC, Menifee UCC, Bethel UCC Ontario, Bloom in the Desert Ministries Palm Springs, Perris First Congregational UCC, Redlands UCC, First Congregational UCC Riverside, First Congregational UCC San Bernardino, Church of the Foothills Santa Ana, First UCC Second Life Twentynine Palms. Also represented by UCC pastor Marorie Guese was Rainbow Praise Church Las Vegas which is a Church in Discernment.

Voting Members Present: Diomy Alexander, Sarah Averette-Phillips, Loletta Barrett, Erin Beardemphl, Kraig Beardemphl, Jacob Buchholz, Gary Chomiak, Shannon Clay, , John DiNapoli, Jeanne Favreau-Sorvillo, Rich Fluechting, Jerry Garber, Sharon Graff, Marjorie Guese, Sandy Gunn, Quinn Hawley, Candace Hawley, Anne Hicks, Bob Hicks, Helene, Mike Holland, Lorna Hulstrom, Scott Johnson, Joyce Kirk-Moore, Linda Luther, Petra Malleis-Sternberg, Bill Maury-Holmes, Sylvia Mann, Cheri Metier, Jeanie McAnespie, George Osorio, Meagan Owens, Sheri Randolph, Matthew Redrich, Jean Rosewell, Donna Saxton, Greg Smith, Jen Strickland, David This, Audrey Turner, Pat Walton, Stephen Wayles, Lee Yates.

John DiNapoli opened our meeting with a prayer.

The Rev. Pat Walton presented the Nominating Committee nominations which the Rev. Matthew Redrich had made available on the Eastern Association website and the Rev. Dr. Garber made available on this Zoom meeting. The nominations were made in the form of a motion by the Nominating Committee so no second was needed. The Rev. Dr. Garber asked if there were any nominations from the floor; reminding us that a person has to have given their consent before you nominate them. There were no nominations from the floor.

Votes were cast via Zoom: 43 yes and 2 abstain. Motion passed.

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We were reminded of the virtual Ordination service for Suzanne Barone on August 1 at 1:00 PM.

John DiNapoli closed with comments, including the promise that we will make a grand statement of community in the future, and within two weeks the reports that would normally have been presented at the Spring Association Meeting will be made available to everyone through the Eastern Association page of the Conference website.

The Rev. Dr. Garber closed us with prayer.

Submitted by the Rev. Gregg Hepner.