

**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF HOUSTON, TEXAS
September 22, 2013**

The Annual Congregational Meeting of the First Presbyterian Church of Houston was called to order at 11:00 a.m. in the Grand Hall with hymns of praise and a prayer by Reverend Jim Birchfield. Jane Costello, clerk of session, declared that a quorum was present.

Jane Costello gave a brief review of how First Presbyterian Church has lived into its Mission Statement this past year.

The Finance Report was given by Fred Robertson, Treasurer, who reviewed the financial information in the Annual Report which is based on a fiscal year of June 1 to May 31. The financial position of the church is healthy due to the careful control of the staff to keep the expenditures down and the generous giving of the congregation. This is seen as a reflection of the spiritual health of First Presbyterian Church. The Budget for 2013-2014 was distributed.

Scot Luther gave an overview of the plans of the Museum of Fine Arts of Houston for Campus Expansion.

Tim Cornelson introduced the members of the Officer Nominating Committee. A motion was made and approved to elect the following for the Elder Class of 2017: Don Barber, Chris Champion, Bill Cornelius, Bill Gutermuth, Randy Schorre and Randy Wilson.

Chris Derden introduced the members of the Standing Nominating Committee. A motion was made and approved to elect the following for the Officer Nominating Committee, for the Elder Class of 2018: Keith Calcote, Ophir Lyra, Gordon Marcum, Laura Jean Martin, Robert Moore, Ted Oldham, Robert Olmstead, Susan O'Neil, Lou Shields, Donna Walden and Donna VanderWeide.

A motion from the Advisory Council was made and approved to accept the recommended changes to the Terms of Call for Rev. Andrew Stepp as follows:

	Salary	Housing	Social Security	Auto	Total
Andrew Stepp	\$ 25,699	\$ 46,301	\$ 5,504.83	\$ 3,000	\$ 80,504.83

New Business:

A motion from the floor was made, seconded and defeated to direct the Worship Committee to pay the section leaders of the Sanctuary Choir through the summer.

Jane Costello reported that March 31, 2014 will be the 175th anniversary of First Presbyterian Church. A team has been formed to plan some events around this date.

A motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved.

Following a prayer by Rev. Jon Crantz, the meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Rev. Jim Birchfield, Moderator

Jane Costello, Clerk of Session