

BALLOT for 2021 Annual Meeting

1. Do you approve of the change to Art. VII, Meetings, to change the Quorum requirement from 50 to 30, or 25 % of Active membership, as of 31 Dec of the year prior to the meeting?

Explanation: having 50 members constitute a quorum will be increasingly difficult to achieve given the shrinking number of member Congregants.

VOTE: Yes or No or Abstain

2. Change the By-Laws on annual voting clauses to allow for online voting and/or voting by mail.

Explanation:

- a. Article 3, section 2: Member may vote at congregational meetings. ADD: Emergent State Statutes permit online meeting and voting (See MGL Chapter 53, Acts of 2020, Section 16.) GPC will adhere to the prevailing State mandates at the time of the meeting. Mail in Ballots will be honored during these periods.
- b. Article 3 is amended to add Section VII: Members for voting purposes may be defined as those attending a Virtual Meeting, as well as those members who submit mail-in ballots which are due 7 days following to the scheduled online meeting. Process dictates that the votes of those who submitted a ballot by postal mail are not duplicated at the virtual meeting.
- c. The following is proposed to follow the first paragraph, Article VII, Section 2: Should it occur at the time of the annual meeting, or any meeting with agenda items requiring a vote, that the congregation is unable to meet in our church, or gather together anywhere due to circumstances beyond our control, provisions will be made for the congregation to vote on the required agenda by (but not limited to) the following:
 - a. Voting will be made possible by voting via Virtual Meeting on a ballot that will be provided. If a quorum is not met by that method, the best available means will be used to reach active members who have not responded. The Board may require Ballot by Mail for all voting.
 - b. Should it occur that technology is down for an extended period of time, the Governing Board will determine when and how the congregation will vote to meet the requirement of the By-Laws.

VOTE: Yes or No or Abstain

3. Change Article IV, Section 4, The Structure of the Governing Board (GB), regarding the Treasurer position on the Governing Board.

Add a bullet item:

- o The Treasurer is initially elected by the congregation as a member of the Governing Board and is then appointed by Board to the Treasurer Officer position annually; and thus, the Treasurer does not require election every two years, as an exception to the GB structure for this and future elections.

Explanation: The nature of the Treasurer position is such that election every two years could foster unnecessary Board member changes to a trusted, sensitive position requiring longer term continuity and stability.

VOTE: Yes or No or Abstain

4. Approve the Mission Statement developed by the TLC Team for the Vision, Values and Mission statements for Greendale Peoples Church.

Explanation: See the Mission Statement in TLC Bedrock Beliefs Statement.

VOTE: Yes or No or Abstain

5. Approve the GPC Annual Operating Budget for 2021

VOTE: Yes or No or Abstain

6. Election: Governing Board

Explanation: According to our By-Laws, Article IV, Governance, Section 1.b., the January 31, 2021 Congregational Meeting, and all subsequent congregational meetings, we will elect 3 board members to 2-year terms. Note: Charles Whittall has agreed to be the Treasurer, if elected.

The following congregation members have volunteered to serve on the Board:

- a. Bob Converse
- b. Richard Grayson
- c. Nancy White
- d. Charles Whittall

VOTE for three (3) NAMES – circle the name(s)

Ballots must be returned to the church office 10 days following this Informational Meeting, but for arrival no later than (NLT) February 10, 2021.