

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

BELLA VISTA LUTHERAN CHURCH

MAY 18, 2008

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by President George Albers. There were 176 members in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was for the congregation to vote on whether or not to accept the prescriptions of the Transformation process and the appointment of Pastor Stanley Jones as Interim Pastor.

President George Albers explained the recent history of transformation process. A motion was made, as previously approved by the church council, by Rick Eggert to accept the consultation report and proceed with the transformation process, with the understanding that we can negotiate somewhat the dates involved. Questions about the process were raised by members of the congregation and addressed by Rick Eggert and George Albers. George noted that to pass, the vote would require 2/3rds majority, which is the same requirements for changes to our constitution. A moment of prayer was observed before casting the ballots. The votes were cast and collected for tally. While awaiting the count, the second matter was considered.

A motion was made on behalf of the Board of Elders and the Church council, to ratify the selection of Rev Stanley Jones as our interim Pastor until we have called and installed our new Pastor. It was also noted that his position will be  $\frac{3}{4}$  time plus emergencies. Motion carried.

Hymns were sung while awaiting the return of the vote count. Once returned, the results were 126 votes for and 50 votes against, which was 71.6% in favor of moving forward with the transformation process.

The meeting was closed with prayer by George Albers and the singing of the Doxology.

Secretary, Cathy Bernthal