

Broadcaster

MAY 10, 2017

In the last issue of the *Broadcaster*, I did my best to explain the new proposed governance structure, constitution and bylaws for Glenview Community Church. The members of the Governance Task Force (Cathy Ach, Paul Bauerschmidt, Shane Bill, Leanne Drennan, Debby Fosdick, Megan McClung, Chuck Mize, Doug Morgan, Nancy Mullarkey, Karen Patterson-O'Brien, and Bob McGee, chair) have invested countless hours of energy, imagination, careful thought and hard work in creating a new governance structure for GCC that will best position GCC for a lively future of making God's love real in our dynamic culture.

In this endeavor, the Governance Task Force has relied on the pioneering work of a number of visionary congregations in the United Church of Christ that have shifted the focus of their governance structures away from institutional maintenance to transformational ministry. These congregations have experienced renewed vitality, a clearer sense of focus, greater freedom to try new things, and a stronger sense that they are doing the work of God's love in the world today. Our Governance Task Force members have labored so tirelessly because they love God, because they are devoted to GCC, and because they are fully invested in its future. I believe that our proposed governance structure holds just as great a promise for GCC as other congregations that have adopted similar structures have experienced.

Some have asked, **What will happen if the congregation rejects this new structure, as well as the Interim Constitution and Bylaws?** The practical answer is that we will have to make some immediate decisions to continue the old structure. On the strength of the Governance Task Force's

proposal, the Leadership Committee has been working to recruit members for the positions in the new structure. That means that no one has been recruited for vacancies that will occur in the old structure as of May 31. Given that reality, the congregation would need to act to extend the terms of those presently serving on Boards for three to four months to give the Leadership Committee time over the summer to do its recruiting. The congregation would then need to have a Special Called Meeting (in September or October) to elect members to these vacancies.

The other answer is more difficult to discern because it is not about process. Instead, it is about spirit, energy and future. What happens to GCC if we don't risk moving forward? What happens to GCC if loyalty to our historic structure keeps us from trying something new? Reflect on these questions and take them to God in prayer as you prepare your minds and hearts for the Annual Meeting on May 21st.

When we consider and discuss the possibilities and pitfalls, concerns and critiques, hopes and dreams surrounding the new governance structure and the **Interim Constitution and Bylaws**, I encourage you to ask yourselves these three questions:

**Where is God in all of this?
How does this inspire God's work in us?
Will this help us share God's love?**

Asking these questions keeps us focused on the church's reason for being, and on what it means to be the disciples God calls us to be in our dynamic culture.

There's an old hymn that's set to a Welsh tune named **Ton-Y-Botel** (tune in a bottle).

WORSHIP 10:00 AM MAY

FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE
Festival of the Christian Home

14

Scripture:

Acts 7:55-60
1 Peter 2:4-5, 9-10
John 14:1-7

Sermon:

Many Dwelling Places
Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

SIXTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

21

SENIOR SERMONS:

**Katelyn Ornduff, Ben Schwabe,
Julia Sultz**

SCRIPTURE: John 14:15-21,
Acts 17: 22-31

THEME: The Hope in God's Love

MUSIC: PYF Singers

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

28

Scripture:

Acts 1:6-14
John 17:1-11

Sermon:

In Remembrance: A Choice
Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds

Guest Pianist, Kent Wehman

Written by James Russell Lowell, the hymn is named **Once to Every Man and Nation**. The third line of the second verse is strikingly contemporary and relevant for us:

New occasions teach new duties, time makes ancient good uncouth.

In our dynamic culture, new occasions are all around us that make ancient good uncouth. What new duties will we embrace and embody for the sake of God's love? Finding our way into God's future will never be flawless. But, with God's grace, we will be faithful on the way. This year, GCC celebrated its 75th anniversary because, back in 1941, the Glenview Congregational Church voted itself out of existence so that the Glenview Community Church could be born. If our forbearers hadn't taken a risk on that very progressive decision, we might well still be the little church on Dewes Street.

On May 21, we will decide if GCC will take a risk on the progressive step of entering into a two year interim period with a new governance structure, constitution and bylaws. Through those two years we will try this new structure out, altering and fine tuning it so that it best enables GCC to do God's work. Then, in May of 2019, we will have a choice. Will we adopt it? Will we extend the interim period so we can continue to make it better? Or will we return to our present structure and documents? Even if we choose the third option, we will have tried something new.

Change is risky because its promise is liberally seasoned with peril. In that risky territory, the letter to the Hebrews assures us that there is one constant we can count on:

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. –Hebrews 13:8

In this journey of faith, our greatest confidence is in the One who leads us. And our history confirms that He will never fail or forsake us when we trust Him. See you in church!

Chuck Mize

PROPOSED INTERIM CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

Proposed Constitution and Bylaws to be voted on at the Annual Meeting May 21.

On Sunday, May 21, at the Annual Meeting, members of GCC will vote on a motion to replace the current Constitution and Bylaws of the Glenview Community Church with the **Interim Constitution and Bylaws of Glenview Community Church** as of May 2017 to be revised as needed, for adoption by May 2019." **The Interim Constitution and Bylaws** is intended to be used for a 2-year transition period, to incorporate any revisions or additions, so that a final **Constitution and Bylaws** would be voted on at the May 2019 Annual Meeting. Copies of this **Interim Constitution and Bylaws** are available in the Church Office, the Narthex and outside the chapel, and a link to this document is on the GCC website.

A favorable vote by at least two-thirds of GCC members present and voting at the May 21, 2017 Annual Meeting will be required to adopt the Interim Constitution and Bylaws.

The **Interim Constitution and Bylaws** was drafted by the Governance Task Force (GTF). This document provides the framework for a new governance structure that was developed by the GTF over the last 2 years, after multiple informational/feedback sessions with the Spiritual Council, the Leadership Committee, the current boards and the congregation. Every Sunday starting April 23 until the May 21 vote, the GTF will have a table at the Fellowship Hour to answer your questions about the **Interim Constitution and Bylaws** and to provide information about the new governance structure. Or, if you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact any of these GTF members: **Bob McGee** (chair), **Paul Bauerschmidt**, **Shane Bill**, **Leanne Drennan**, **Debby Fosdick**, **Megan McClung**, **Nancy Mullarkey** or **Karen Patterson-O'Brien**.

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 25, 2017

Moderator Nancy Mullarkey called the meeting to order. Pastor Chuck Mize gave the opening prayer. Carol Habel provided the reflection. The 4/25 Spiritual Council packet was unanimously approved. Including the 3/20/17 minutes.

Dr. Mize reported that Easter Sunday attendance was the highest in 9 years. 400 people attended the Dylan Service. He also shared statistics concerning declining membership in the UCC and other mainline Protestant denominations.

Dr. Keckler reported on a wonderful Lenten season. She also reported on her participation in a regional Church and Ministry seminar with 130 attendees from UCC churches in the Midwest.

Rev. Hartung-Ciccolini shared the results of the Chili cook-off and auction. The event raised around \$12,000; enough to cover mission trip expenses. About 200 people attended the event. She also reported a good turnout for the Easter egg hunt.

Treasurer Chris Clark reported revenue through March of \$332,000, compared to \$370,000. Last year. Year to date expenses are down from last year by \$50,000.

Gretchen Grad provided a Leadership Committee update on progress in recruiting leaders for the proposed new governance structure. Efforts are also under way to recruit Ministry team members.

Nick Peters, Construction Committee Chair, provided an update and reported that the overarching goals of building improvements are accessibility, infrastructure, and gathering space. The committee will meet with TKWA in May to review the design based on those priorities.

Chris Clark, Treasurer, reported for the Stewardship Board that we have received 358 pledges to date totaling \$912,000. 52 units have increased their pledges by just over \$42,000 since the Spiritual Council began its intense communication effort with the congregation.

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Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 11 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 12 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
11:00 AM to 12:30 PM	Spiritual Life	Chapel
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 13 May 2017		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Chancel Choir:75th Anniversary Concert Celebration	Sanctuary
Sunday, 14 May 2017		
8:30 AM to 9:30 AM	Stewardship Board Meeting	Room 210
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	GCC Worship	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Membership Meeting	Parlor
Monday, 15 May 2017		
6:00 PM to 8:00 PM	HOP "A Dish and a Story" - Potluck	Mayflower
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Tuesday, 16 May 2017		
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	60 Plus Luncheon	Mayflower
6:30 PM to 7:30 PM	FIAT Meeting	Room 32
7:00 PM to 9:00 PM	Spiritual Council Meeting	Mayflower

The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is May 17, 2017 at 9:00 AM

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Wednesday, 17 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:30 AM to 10:30 AM	Womens Chapter 20	Chapel
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	Common Ground Meeting	Chapel
Thursday, 18 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	Yoga	Narthex
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 19 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	GCC Volleyball	Gym
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 20 May 2017		
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 21 May 2017		
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Church School Children Meet in Sanctuary	SanctuaryM
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM	Glenview Community Church Youth Sunday	Sanctuary
11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	Annual Congregational Meeting	Sanctuary
Monday, 22 May 2017		
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	Yoga	Room 201
Wednesday, 24 May 2017		
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	Bible Study	Parlor

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Joanne Peters, Fellowship Board Chair, reported that the Board is planning a lunch for the congregation after worship on June 11.

Matt Bauer, Finance Board Chair, reported that with the increased pledging, the projected 2017 deficit is down to \$275,000. At the next meeting we will see if this has improved and discuss potential areas to cut the budget if that is needed. At its May 16 meeting, the Spiritual Council will recommend a 2017 budget to present to the congregation for its approval at the May 21 Annual Meeting of the Congregation.

The Governance Task Force presented the proposed new governance structure and proposed **Interim Constitution and Bylaws**, taking questions and comments from church members in attendance. A motion to recommend the document and the governance structure that it sets forth to the Congregation at the May 21 Annual Meeting for adoption passed.

A proposal for food allergy guidelines was discussed. The meeting was adjourned after a closing prayer.



GIVING GLIMPSE

MARCH 2017

The Message, Ministries and Mission of Glenview Community Church thrive because you fulfill your stewardship commitments and make faithful contributions. It is essential that we remain current in our giving. In the midst of our busy lives, we offer you this update reminder to keep in focus our progress on completing our financial commitments to GCC. This Giving Glimpse will be updated monthly and included in the worship bulletin and Broadcaster.

	Amount Received	Amount* Pledged	Over/Under
March	\$ 84,696	\$ 78,963	\$ 5,733
YTD	\$277,161	\$317,058	-\$39,897

NOTE: * The Amount Pledged will be the monthly and YTD pledges budgeted for 2016 until the 2017 budget has been approved by the GCC congregation.

COMMON GROUND

MAY 17 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Instructor: Ahmad Sadri
Being a Muslim in America

Join us on May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a program led by Ahmad Sadri titled, **Being a Muslim in America**. "Being Muslim in American became more difficult after the events of 9/11. This talk will address the ways in which Muslims can respond to this challenge."



Join us on June 21 at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel for a program led by Pauline Viviano titled, **Paul's Theology—Relevant or Obsolete?** Paul of Tarsus was a controversial character in his own day and remains so today. He is acknowledged by some as the greatest Christian theologian, but for others he is to be condemned for distorting the gospel. By focusing on Paul's epistles to the Romans and to the Corinthians we will explore the theological and practical sides of Paul's understanding of salvation as achieved in Jesus' death and resurrection and consider whether Paul's theology continues to have meaning for us today.

LOOKING FOR USHERS!

Do you like to greet and meet people? Are you a newer member of the church who would like to get to know other members? Then you might like to be on one of our usher teams. Each team serves every 7 weeks and helps seat people, pass out programs, collect offerings, and welcome visitors. For more information or to volunteer, contact our Chief Usher, Bill Roenitz at: redrook9@comcast.net.



REBUILDING TOGETHER

Last Saturday GCC was scheduled to work on a home project for Rebuilding Together but the weather forecast was so precarious for an outdoor project that it was rescheduled for Saturday, May 13. As expected some who volunteered for the original date are not able to help out on the new date so if you can help out on May 13, please reply as soon as you know your schedule to Dave Aki at dave254@comcast.net.

Batter's Up!!!



BASEBALL DAY WITH 60+

Back by popular demand! Join in the fun at the 60+ luncheon on Tuesday, May 16 from noon-1:30 for a ballpark-themed meal surrounded by baseball décor. If you like, wear your favorite team shirt or jersey. Please contact Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds at (847) 724-2210 ext.230 or dalesusan.edmonds@gccucc.org if you plan to attend in order to help us plan the meal. See you then. Pastoral Care Board

FIELDING THE TEAMS:

VOLUNTEER AND ENTER TO WIN CUBS TICKETS!

Who knew signing up to volunteer for the proposed Ministry Teams could land you 2 tickets to a June home game at the World Champion Chicago Cubs!!! Stop by the Leadership Committee / Governance Task Force table after worship service to learn more about how you can get involved and volunteer for the variety of church activities and programs. Sign up as a volunteer and your name will be entered into a raffle for the June Cubs game! Note the proposed Ministry Teams and new governance structure are subject to an affirmative vote at the May 21 Annual Meeting, but regardless of outcome, volunteers are still needed and the raffle will still take place.

Alive Together With Christ

community

PYF MARCH/APRIL

4:00-6:00

Questions: contact Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, email elizabeth.ciccolini@gccucc.org, call or text 708-228-4304.

MAY 14

Mother's Day Spend time with your family.

MAY 21

Youth Sunday!!

POW-PYF ON WEDNESDAYS 7/8 CLUB

We are working on "Tough Stuff". Dinner will be at 5:30 p.m. followed by fellowship time and ending with some fun Bible discussions.

CONFIRMATION FALL ENROLLMENT

Parents – If your child is entering 7th grade this September, you will be receiving information later this month about our two-year Confirmation program for 7th and 8th graders. We meet on Sunday mornings from 8:45-9:45 a.m. Registration forms will be sent to you or you may pick up a form in the church office, beginning May 14. Questions, see Rev. Pam Keckler who coordinates this program.

CONFIRMATION BLESSINGS

A special word of thanks to our 7th grade teachers this past year: Terry Adams, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Rev. Dale Susan Edmonds, Jeff Wagner. On May 7 we celebrated the 23 eighth-graders who were confirmed and welcomed into the church. We are grateful for those teachers: Julie Bretz, Kerry Karth, Bob McGee, Gill Mergl. We pray God's blessings on all.

GCC CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE

The Church Construction Committee has been charged with completing the evolution of the Architect's plans, initially presented as conceptual drawings, into final detail plans, within our budget.

The process began with the Capital Plan Committee of the Forward in Faith Campaign polling the congregation for numerous proposed enhancements to the church. Those can all be grouped into three main categories: Accessibility, Infrastructure and Community.

First, Accessibility:

Beyond the requirements of ramps and elevators, the church must be more accessible and feel more welcoming to all members and visitors alike. When entering the building, it must be easier to identify and reach one's intended destination in the church, and to comfortably navigate our corridors while doing so.

Second, Infrastructure:

Even with a well-built church such as ours, much of the structure is more than 50 years old. The mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems of this church must be monitored and kept up to date and with an eye on the future.

Third, Community:

The goal is to respond to the needs of the members or the community within the church, as well as those services and activities that serve our church community beyond our membership.

We expect to be ready for your approval later this year. Throughout the process, we invite your input. Think of us as your conduit, your sounding board to express your comments, concerns, or questions about this project as it moves forward as we work toward the goals of accessibility, infrastructure and church community.

We look forward to meeting with you.

Nick Peters, chair, Lauren Bauerschmidt, Gretchen Grad, Glenn Kelly, Melinda Krueger, Scott McClung, Dr. Mize of the pastoral staff, Nancy Mullarkey, Jill Ruter, Ellen Scholly, Steve Sargent, and Jeff Thompson.

SING TO THE LORD!

Please join us on Saturday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. for the grand finale to "GCC Alive: our 75th Anniversary Celebration!"

This very special concert, titled *All That Has Life and Breath, Sing to the Lord!*, will feature our Chancel Choir, **Gary Wendt**, and a full orchestra directed by **Guillermo Muñoz Küster** in two great symphonic works befitting of our church's ministry. First, our very own **Gary Wendt** will be the soloist in the grand *Symphony No. 1 for Organ and Orchestra* by Alexandre Guilmant. Our sanctuary's John Paul Buzard Organ—which blesses our worship with its marvelous sounds week after week—will be showcased in this magnificent work.

Then, our Chancel Choir accompanied by orchestra will present **Felix Mendelssohn's** glorious *Symphony-Cantata Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise)*. One of **Mendelssohn's** most sublime works, *Lobgesang* takes the listener through a meaningful journey of praise. Filled with some of the most beautiful music **Mendelssohn** ever wrote, the work includes majestic and poignant writing for full chorus, solo voices, duets, and orchestra.

What a wonderful way for us to conclude our anniversary year with this concert that will help us remember how God has blessed us for 75 years and, more importantly, renew our faith as we move forward into the



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Sullivan Thomas McGrath, son of **Molly (Deakyn)McGrath** and **Thomas McGrath** arrived on April 28, 2017. Proud big sister is **Deirdre McGrath** and delighted grandmother is **Ann Deakyn**.

2017 CONFIRMANDS



TEACHER: Kerry Karth

Dane Christopher Branstrom
Landon Conrad Ehrhardt
Porter Abraham Frerichs
Luke Allen Gregory
George Theodore Lundal
Jake Connor McNamara
Noah William Walch

TEACHERS: Gill Mergl and Julie Bretz

Landon Taylor Garrett
Max Satoshi Iida
Sophie Katherine Kunkel
Skylar Reese McWilliams
Rebecca Paige Morgan
Andrew Leonard Ornduff
Elle Betris Stewart
Sarah Paige Yagelski

TEACHER: Bob McGee

Michael Charles Bauer
Emma Jane Eshoo
Kaylee Ann Eshoo
Elizabeth Shea Hupe
Julia Marie Marriott
Ashley Madeline Roy
Eric Michael Sander
John Samuel Snively

PRAYERS OF THE CONFIRMANDS 2017

Thank you for this beautiful day and for bringing family and friends together for this special occasion – our confirmation.

Be with us today and always as we follow in your footsteps. Help us to be kind to one another and treat each other the way we want to be treated, and to help us keep everybody equal.

We pray for those who are going through hard times: the hungry, poor, homeless, those who are ill, mourning, troubled, people stuck in war, people being discriminated against. I pray for hope in the future. May all of us be that hope.

Help me to continue to grow my faith even against the strength of adversity.

Please show people the way when they are lost.

Please let people see the best in others without judgment.

I want to pray for smart decisions.

Dear God, help me to continue to learn about faith after I affirm my baptism through confirmation. Let me assist the church as a full member and become an active member of the congregation.

Please see me through this new beginning that I start today. Guide me and help me so that I may lead by your example always.

I want to pray for parents who are struggling and in need of your healing love.

Please protect us all from the powers of evil. Be with the leaders of countries and help them make good decisions.

I pray that God will be there for everyone when they need it the most, even if they don't know it.

I pray that my bond with You will strengthen over the next couple of years.

Thank you for taking me along.

Thank you for listening to my prayer, Amen.

Winnetka Congregational Church Woman's Society

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

Thursday, May 11, 2017

27 DEPARTMENTS!

Accessories
Active Wear
Books
Boys and Girls Clothing
China and Glass
Contemporary Boutique
Electronics
French Room
Furniture
Garden
Gift Gallery
Housewares
Infant and Toddlers
Jewelry
Lamps
Linens
Lingerie
Men's
Outerwear
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Sewing and Crafts
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Rev. Dr. Charles E. Mize, *Senior Pastor*
Rev. Dr. Pamela Keckler, *Pastor*
Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, *Associate Pastor for Children and Youth*

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

PONDERING IN SILENCE...



Praying

...just
pay attention, then patch
a few words to-
gether and don't try
to make them elab-
orate, this isn't
a contest but the doorway
into thanks, and
a silence in which
another voice may speak.

---Mary Oliver

