

The Congregational Church of West Medford

An Open and Affirming Congregation of the United Church of Christ
Congregational Meeting and Worship

June 1, 2014 at 10 o'clock am



God is Still Speaking,



Issued May 14, 2014
Call to a Congregational Meeting of the Governing Body of
The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ
on
Sunday, June 1, 2014 (10:00 am)
at 400 High Street, Medford, MA

The Officers and Church Council of the Congregational Church of West Medford issue this call to a Congregational Meeting to:

1. Vote on a 2014 budget correction (a subtotal of \$ 45,150.00 itemized but not included in the total approved at January, 2014 Annual Meeting);
2. Vote on Church Council's recommendation to sell the property at 400 High Street, Medford, MA to the Evangelical Haitian Church of Somerville for the sum of \$2.9 Million (See Addendum I);
3. Vote to approve a special draw down of up to \$100,000 from CCWM's invested funds to cover financial obligations incurred between June 1, 2014 and Jan 1, 2015. The actual spending will be approved by church council and may include (but not be limited to):
 - a. expenses required to close the sale of the property; (i.e.: remediation of any environmental concerns, surveyor and attorney's fees);
 - b. moving and storage expenses;
 - c. capital expenses to open the ministry center (should you approve the model for ministry);
 - d. additions to the operating budget to implement (should you approve the model for ministry).
4. Vote to approve the "Vision for a New Model for Ministry" (See Addendum II) The proposal includes:
 - a. A Mission Statement and Vision for our Future;
 - b. A New Model for Ministry—which will entail the development and eventual implementation of new Bylaws, Name, Location/Operation, Mission, Worship, Partnerships, Leadership Development and Income, all of which are to be determined going forward;
 - c. A Plan to Establish Measureable Goals and Milestones for the New Ministry;
 - d. A Budget to Support the Model for Ministry.
5. Present a Proposed Time Line for the Implementation of the Decisions Made (See Addendum III);
6. Consider other new business as brought forth by members or friends of the congregation.

Signed, Rich Carle, Co-Moderator and Paul Roberts, Co-Moderator

One: Like Mary Magdalene and John the Baptist before us,
We have accepted your call to bear witness to the God of life.
We wait for your Spirit to lead us in word and action.

**All: Like Paul and Pricilla before us, we have accepted your call
to establish your church in this place and to the ends of the earth.
We wait for your Spirit to enable our ministry and make it new.**

One: Guiding, empowering Spirit: we wait upon your silent breath that gives
life to our faith, that makes active our love, that emboldens our commitment,
and that gives direction to our work.

**All: We wait with longing. Spirit of God, come quickly to be in us
and direct our discernment and discovery. Amen.**

The Warrant: Call to A Congregational Meeting

Paul Roberts

Reception of New Members

Invitation

Questions of the Candidates

Affirmation of Faith (In Unison)

We believe in the Spirit of God who blows through our lives:
unsettling us, stirring us up, propelling us forward.

We believe in the Spirit of Christ who comes as a fire:
warming us, empowering us, re-making us.

We believe in the holy Spirit who frees our tongues:
for talking of God, for prayer, for advocacy.

We believe in the Spirit: the Counsellor, the Helper, the Breath of God.
Amen.

Address and Questions about Participation

Welcome (In Unison)

We welcome you with joy in the common life of this church. We promise you our
friendship and prayers as we share the hopes and labors of the church of Jesus
Christ. By the power of the Holy Spirit may we continue to grow together in
God's knowledge and love and be witnesses of our risen Savior.

Connecting with God

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Preparing our Hearts “The Peace of the Earth”

—Iona

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens too
The peace of the rivers be with you the peace of the oceans too
Deep peace, falling over you; God’s peace, gro-o-wing in you.

Prayer of Preparation and Confession

Agenda Item 1. 2014 Budget Correction

Silence

***Words of Assurance of God’s Presence and Forgiveness**

Agenda Item 2. Sale of Property

Prayer

Agenda Item 3. Additional Financial Commitments for 2014

***Greeting of Christian Love**

In the name of Jesus Christ, and on behalf of the Congregational Church of
West Medford, United Church of Christ, we extend to you the hand of Christian
Love, welcoming you into the company of this local church as members.

***Passing of the Peace**

Sung Response

“Halleluia”

—Caribbean Melody

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja

Hal-le, hal-le, hal-le-lu-ja, Hal-le-lu-ja, hal-le-lu-ja.

From the Bible

Acts 1:6—9

John 17:1—11

Reflection

CALL TO COMM-UNITY

Rev. Wendy Miller Olapade

Hymn

“Lead Me, Guide Me”

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Agenda Item 4. New Model for Ministry

Agenda Item 5. Timeline for Implementation (new handout)

Agenda Item 6. Other Business

***Hymn**

“Let Every Christian Pray”

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Prayers of the People

You are also invited to write your prayers on the blue prayer sheet in your bulletin and place them in the offering plate later in the service. Please note if confidential.

The Lord's Prayer (You are welcome to pray in the language most familiar to you)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Offering

Invitation to Joyful Stewardship

Offertory

Sarabande

—J.S. Bach

***Procession of Gifts**

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ all creatures here below;
Praise Holy Spirit, comforter; One God, triune, whom we adore. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Closing Hymn**

**O Christ, the Great Foundation
Stanza 1, 2 & 4**

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Benediction

Postlude

Hymn of Faith

—Gluck

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**WORSHIP AT THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF WEST MEDFORD**

**Today, June 1—Seventh Sunday of Eastertide  
Worship and Congregational Meeting—10:00 am**

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**The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn Epps,  
in loving memory of her mother, Mildred L. Williams**

***Special thanks to:***

Our Liturgist for today, Susan D'Arcy Fuller

Karen McCune Barca for-ever being the set-up and clean-up maven.

Snack Items offered by Vina Williams and Carol Luongo

.The Deacon of the Month for June is Brenda Briggs (bgbriggs51@gmail.com)

**Wednesday, June 4 No Online Worship/Study—7:00 pm**

**Sunday, June 8, Pentecost—11:00 am**

**Joint Blue Grass Worship and Barbeque with North Prospect Union (NPU)**

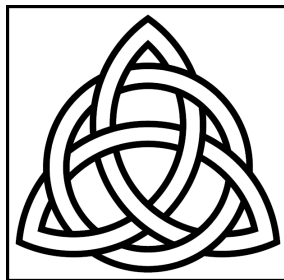
We are delighted to be joining our friends at NPU, UCC for a Joint Blue Grass Worship service at 11:00 am (at NPU, 144 North Street, Medford). Worship will be followed by a BBQ—with Blue Ribbon BBQ meats and Pot Luck Sides.

Watch for more specifics, but take a look at your recipe box  
or ask Kathy for a copy of her Southern Cook-Booklet)  
for your best BBQ sides recipes to join the fun.

And plan to wear RED!!!

**Wednesday, June 11 Joint Ministry Team Meeting**  
**7:00 PM in the Living Room**

**Sunday, June 15, Trinity Sunday—10:00 am Worship**  
Celebration of our CE Program, Graduates and Music Ministries.



## **THIS WEEK AT YOUR CHURCH**

**Sunday June 1, Seventh Sunday of Eastertide**

### **A Congregational Meeting of the Governing body of The Congregational Church and Worship 10 am**

Tibetan Sunday School (Lower Level)—12:00 pm

Church of Redemption (Bean Chapel)—11:30 pm

#### Monday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Yoga—6:30 pm (FH)

#### Tuesday

Girl Scouts B & J Briggs—6:00 pm (green room)  
Gamblers Anonymous—7:00 pm (BC)  
Gam-Anon—7:30 pm (YR)

#### Wednesday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Zumba—6:30 pm (FH)  
No On Line Worship/Study—7:00 pm (Fuze Meeting)  
Alcoholics Anonymous—8:00 pm (YR)  
LDI Dinner

#### Thursday

Food Addicts—6:00 pm (YR)  
Zumba—6:30 pm (FH)  
Girl Scouts—7:00 pm (BC)

#### Friday

(3) Boot Camp Sessions: 5:45 am--6:15 am;  
8:15 am--9:00 am; 5:30 pm--6:15 pm (FH)  
Strategic Planning—9:30 am (LR)  
PPRC—10:00 am (LR)  
Church of God of Redemption—7:00 pm (Bean)

#### Saturday

Alanon—9:00 am (YR)  
Yoga—9:00 am (FH)  
Boot Camp—12:15 pm (FH)

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*Room Legend: (BC) Barnes Chapel; (Bean) Bean Chapel; (DR) Dining Room; (LR) Living Room; (YR) Youth Room*

### **The Congregational Church of West Medford, United Church of Christ**

Ministers: All of us!

Organist and Choir Director: Dr. Herman Weiss

Co- Moderators: Paul Roberts & Rich Carle

Treasurer: Beverly Roche

Pastor and Teacher: Reverend Wendy Miller Olapade

Church Administrator: Diane Petrelis

Deacon for the Month of May: Karen McCune Barca

Deacon for the Month of June: Brenda Briggs

Clerk: Karen McCune Barca

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