

**UPG Parish & St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
 Joint Congregational Meeting
 STP**

**Bethlehem, PA
 February 05, 2023**

Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1135 by David Kolman (presider), Sandy Butch, & Ken Remaly	
<i>Opening Prayer</i>		Offered by Pastor Mike	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	<p>There are two (2) agenda items for this meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Merger, constitution, & bylaws for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church 2) Sale of existing properties <p>Joe Bleier, Unity Team, provided a recap of the process, begun in February 2022, to date</p> <p>It was brought to the attention of all present that there are two (2) typographical errors on page three (3) of the merger document: abbreviations of two (2) of the campus titles are incorrect</p>	<p>Motion to approve the merger, constitution, & bylaws agenda item made by: Kevin Remaley 2nd by: Michel Lloyd</p> <p>Motion to approve the property sale agenda item made by: Elizabeth Elterich 2nd by: Eric Harper</p> <p>Motion made to close discussion on this topic made by: Gina Brockway 2nd by: Tony Villani</p>	<p>Approved unanimously</p> <p>Approved unanimously</p> <p>Informational</p> <p>Attorney Matz will see to it that the two (2) typographical errors are corrected</p> <p>Approved unanimously</p>
<i>Vote on the Merger Document, Constitution, & Bylaws for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church</i>	This vote, per each campus' current constitution & bylaws, requires a 2/3 majority in order to be approved	<p>Congregations massed in segregated sections of the STP nave:</p> <p>St. John's Windish in the rear pews to the right of the center aisle</p> <p>St. Peter's in the front pews to the right of the center aisle</p> <p>LOC in the pews to the left of the</p>	<p>STP vote: 39 yes 1 n0</p> <p>SJW vote: 31 yes 7 no 1 voided ballot</p>

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		center aisle Color coded ballots distributed by each campus' executive committee as congregational valid voter roles were checked; ballots were collected, placed in envelopes; the number of returned ballots were compared with the voter roles to assure number of congregants matched	LOC vote: 54 yes 2 no Motion to approve Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church merger agreement, constitution, & bylaws approved
<i>Vote on offer from Lehigh University to purchase current properties</i>	Question voiced as to counter offer from the City of Bethlehem This vote, per each campus' current constitution & bylaws, requires a simple majority to approve	Explained that the offer from the City of Bethlehem is unable to match that of Lehigh due to offered amount was less than Lehigh, required financing, & contained multiple contingencies by the city Motion to close discussion on this agenda item made by: Tony Villani 2 nd by: Carol Henn	Approved unanimously STP vote: 39 yes 1 no SJW vote: 31 yes 7 no LOC vote: 50 yes 1 no Motion to sell current properties to Lehigh University approved
<i>Adjournment & Lord's Prayer</i>	@ 1257	Motion to adjourn made by: Teryan Gerhard 2 nd by: Rich Elterich	Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna Musselman, St. Peter's Congregational & Joint Council Secretary