

**Special Congregational Meeting
Merger of Concord and Messiah
Meeting Minutes
September 9, 2018**

Opening Prayer - Jeff G. opened the meeting with a prayer.

The Minutes from the Special Congregational Meeting on February 25, 2018 (Sewer Flood) were approved.

Agreement of Merger

Jeff G. reviewed the Agreement of Merger of Concord into Messiah and answered questions from the congregation. The Agreement is a legal document drafted by our attorney that describes the merger of the two religious corporations. After approval by the congregations, it is submitted to the Synod for their approval, and then submitted to the New York State Supreme Court for legal approval.

Motion:

RESOLVED, that Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greece, N. Y. ("Messiah") merge with The Lutheran Church of Concord ("Concord") pursuant to S13 of the New York Religious Corporations Law; and it is further
RESOLVED, that Messiah enter into an Agreement of Merger in substantially the form presented to the meeting with such changes as may be approved by the congregation council and that the officers of Messiah, and each of them, are hereby authorized to execute and deliver the Agreement of Merger and also to take such other actions and execute and deliver such other documents as he or she may deem necessary or appropriate to effect such merger.

The motion was made by Vicki Robinson, and seconded by Jim Hartmann. The motion was passed with a vote of 71-0 by written ballot.

Covenant for Merger

Jeff G. explained the Covenant for Merger of The Lutheran Church of Concord and Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church and answered questions from the congregation. The covenant was developed by the Transition Team, consisting of representatives of both congregations, and is a recommendation to the councils and congregations regarding the vision for our ministry together. Major sections include: commonality in worship, ministry & mission, vision for combined community of faith, facilities, staffing, governance, worship, program ministries, financial plan, constitution & bylaws, approval process, and discovering our new identity.

Under staffing, we discussed the possibility of adding a part-time associate pastor position or intern as new worship opportunities arise or programming expands. Comments were made that we should look into doing this soon, as Pastor Aileen could use the help now.

Motion:

RESOLVED, that Messiah Evangelical Lutheran Church of Greece, N Y. ("Messiah") approves the Covenant of Merger with The Lutheran Church of Concord ("Concord") in substantially the form submitted to the meeting.

The motion was made by Cindy Hutton, and seconded by Joanne Ligtenberg. The motion was passed with a vote of 73-1 by written ballot.

Adjournment

Closing prayer by Pastor Aileen

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Webster, Secretary