



Federated Church

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Dear Federated Family,

As we journey along this strange Pandemic Path, we are challenged to do almost everything differently than we have in the past. As I mentioned in my last letter, our first challenge is to finalize the boards, their members and chairs, hear the annual reports, examine the 2021 Budget, and finally vote on all the above. Out of consideration for everyone's safety, the congregational council has come up with a plan we hope will work for accomplishing these tasks.

We will be mailing out a packet that will include the slate of officers, board members, and the proposed budget for you to study and develop any questions or comments you might have. That packet will go out via snail mail by the end of this week. Due to its volume, the Annual Report will be available upon request from the church office or online. There will be a link on the home page of the Federated Website that will include all the aforementioned documents. On Sunday Morning, we will make an announcement during worship about the contents of this letter for those who have not had the opportunity to read it. Following is the announcement.

On Sunday, February 14th, after worship we will sign back onto You tube and have a virtual Congregational meeting. It will be streamed just like worship. We will request that the board chairs from 2020 be present in the sanctuary that day to give their reports and answer any questions that folks may have via the chat button. So, if you have not tried to use the chat button, please try this coming Sunday to log onto the live stream and try out the chat button with Orlo. We will ask anyone who does not have computer access to call the church during that time with any questions/comments you may have to contribute to the discussion. We will include an additional number as well to avoid missing calls because of only having the church number to use. We will be able to share those questions and concerns in the You tube meeting and hopefully get back to you with the answers as needed. We understand that this is not ideal. But we also understand we have to be innovative to achieve what we have done so easily in the past.

Now, voting.... If you have no questions, and are comfortable with not being anonymous, which normally we are not in the congregational meeting, you will be able to cast your vote in the chat that day. However, the bylaws require that you have at least 10 days to review the information you are voting on, so there will be a paper ballot in the packet that is sent in the mail for you to vote on paper. There will also be a location online to cast your vote as well. Voting will remain open until close of the normal business day on February 19th, 2021. Having just been through a challenging national election, we request that you only vote once, either online, in the meeting chat, or by paper ballot.

*Respectfully,
Lynette R. Buiaue
President Elect*