

ENOUGH TO PUT YOU TO SLEEP

If you haven't picked up your copy of the new **Proposed Interim Constitution and Bylaws of Glenview Community Church** in the church office or the narthex, I hope you will. It's also available on the GCC website at *gccucc.org*, under **Resources** and **Proposed Constitution**. Reading it will not be exciting. In fact, it might be enough to put you to sleep! But the work that it represents for the members of the **Governance Task Force** (GTF), and the promise that it holds for the future of GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission are both incredibly significant. So, read on!

The **Proposed Interim Constitution and Bylaws of Glenview Community Church** is a work in progress. It is not a comprehensive rewriting of these current documents. Instead, it sets forth the new governance structure that we will consider at the Annual Meeting of GCC on May 21. Megan McClung and Karen Patterson-O'Brien - two gifted attorneys and members of the GTF – have provided primary authorship on behalf of the GTF that also includes Cathy Ach, Paul Bauerschmidt, Shane Bill, Leanne Drennan, Debby Fosdick, Bob McGee (Chair), Doug Morgan, Nancy **Mullarkey** and **me**. The hope is that these interim documents will be in place for two years so that we can fine tune them as well as the new governance structure, looking to May, 2019 for approval of final documents.

When you wake up after drifting off in the middle of page 7, you might be wondering what the differences are and why this is necessary. After all, our current structure has served GCC for 75 years!

The proposed structure lives out of one primary vision. This vision is of a structure

and governing board primarily focused on GCC's spiritual relevance and health through its Message, Ministries and Mission. What do we stand for? What is our purpose? How are we making God's love in Jesus Christ real in people's lives and in the world?

In the proposed structure, the Spiritual Council is a spiritual leadership group that's postured for unity through five ministry facets of our life together: **Congregational Life Ministry, Faith Formation Ministry, Outreach Ministry, Resource Ministry and Worship and Music Ministry.** This structure does not reduce the number of representative boards from 13 to 5. Instead, it uses five areas of focus to connect, relate to, and coordinate everything about GCC's Message, Ministries and Mission.

Our current structure is a loose confederation of at least semi-autonomous organizations. Those organizations are each Board, the Women's Association, the Nursery School, and others. Representatives of these various organizations come together to form a representative body (historically known as the Executive Board) to guard each organization's interests and make decisions that are often solutions reached to resolve competitive needs. It's kind of like congress, with a strong state's rights perspective.

This structure worked well for GCC and other churches like ours when church was an institution essential to our society and culture. However, those days are gone! We no longer ask a new acquaintance, "What church do you go to?" Instead, if we ask at all, our question is more likely something

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WORSHIP 10:00 AM

APRIL

30

THIRD SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35

Sermon: Coffee Cans and Cookies

Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

MAY

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE

COMMUNION
Confirmation Sunday

Scripture:

Selected Verses from John 15

Sermon:

Make Yourself at Home Rev. Dr. Pam Keckler

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTERTIDE Festival of the Christian Home

Scripture:

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

Sermon: Many Dwelling Places Rev. Dr. Chuck Mize

Alive Together With Christ

the message

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like, **Do you have a faith community?** That means that churches that thrive today must have compelling identities and strong spiritual leaders. Confederation as primary identity without theological depth and vital spirituality is no longer enough for churches to survive, much less thrive.

The hours that the GTF has invested in this process are more than any of us can count. The love and devotion for GCC in the members of the GTF defy description. This has been a truly monumental project! I am grateful beyond words.

And I hope you are as well. In my view, the necessity and urgency for this new governance structure and the **Proposed Interim Constitution and Bylaws of Glenview Community Church** that document it can't be overstated. I don't know what God's future holds for GCC. But I am absolutely convinced that moving forward from what we have been to what we can become as God's people united in the Message, Ministries and Mission will be immeasurably assisted and inspired by a dynamic, responsive, relevant, focused and faith-based governance structure.

What we're asking the congregation to do is to approve a two year interim season for testing and refining the new structure and its documents. For the sake of GCC's health and hope, I pray that you will risk embarking on this adventure: leaving behind the traditional and familiar to venture into untested and uncertain possibilities that the GTF is offering to us. In GCC's 75th Anniversary year, our history reminds us that we are a pilgrim people. That means that our confidence is not in what has been or even in where we are, but in our God who promises to lead us and never forsake us. I know that that can feel scary. But standing pat in a dynamic culture is even more frightening! See you in church!

Chuck Mize 9

PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

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

On Sunday, May 21, at the Annual Meeting

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 twothirds 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 Mc-Clung, Nancy Mullarkey or Karen Patterson-O'Brien.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Glenview Community Church's Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Agenda items for this meeting include a vote on the 2017 budget; a vote on the proposed **Interim Constitution and Bylaws**; election of church officers; and annual reports of the leadership.

This notice constitutes the official call to meeting. All members of the church are urged to be present.



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.

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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.

FILMS AND JUSTICE

The Faith in Action Team invites you to participate in the 2017 (In)Justice for All Film Festival, sponsored by the Trinity UCC NEXT Movement. This year there will be a selection of 40 feature films, film shorts, and music videos to view from April 20 through April 29 at various venues throughout the city and suburbs. These engaging films tell important stories of the human struggle for dignity, restoration, and survival. Please see this website for information about each film and a calendar of film showings.

<u>injusticeforallff.com</u>



REBUILDING TOGETHER

Saturday, April 29. This is the eighth year that GCC has been participating in this once a year day where teams all around the country "help low-income homeowners and those with disabilities to live in dignity and independence and to remain in their homes, safe, warm and dry." The project this year is for a veteran who has tragically lost his wife and two children in the last three years. His home has many needs including home repairs, organizing possessions and disposing many of unwanted items and extensive yard work. The majority of the work will be outside yard work and organizing his living space.

Contact Dave Aki at <u>dave254@comcast.net</u> with questions or to volunteer.

PUT YOUR FAITH IN ACTION IN SPRINGFIELD

Join GCC's Faith In Action Team as it heads to Springfield on May 9, 2017, as part of a group of hundreds of church members coordinated by Community Renewal Society. Buses will leave from Evanston around 6 a.m. and get back to Evanston around 7 p.m. This year's team will be talking to legislators about modifying the requirements to file a police complaint as well as removing barriers to employment and educational opportunities for ex-offenders who need a second chance. Contact Kristine Voelker at kristinev818@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us.

FOODRAISER

BENEFITTING NORTHFIELD TOWNSHIP FOOD PANTRY

Join us on **SUNDAY, MAY 7** for a **WERQ Dance Party** from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (The one hour WERQ Class will begin promptly at 3:00) Ages 10 and up welcome!



Bring non-perishable, non-expired food items and stay to WERQ! WERQ is the wildly addictive cardio dance workout based on the hottest pop and hip hop music.

Two left feet? No worries! Our certified WERQ instructors will cue your every move! You only need to worry about letting loose and having fun!

Items the Northfield Food Pantry are always in need of are as follows: cereals, pancake mix and syrup, pasta and pasta sauce and paper products. All non-perishable and non-expired items are welcome.

For questions, please contact Cindy Sammons <u>csammons3@hotmail.com</u>

Sponsored by the Mission Outreach Board

COMMON GROUND MAY 17 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Instructor: Ahmad Sadri Being a Muslim in America

Being Muslim has not been easy since the events of 9/11. Indeed it has gotten increasingly difficult to live with that designation – e.g., for someone who was expelled from an airplane for looking Middle Eastern six months after those events. The election of Donald Trump has been a leap backward in that worsening trend. Islamophobia was one of the hallmarks of Donald Trump's campaign and the picks for his cabinet reflect that cultural background. This talk will address the ways in which Muslims can respond to this challenge.

PYF MARCH/APRIL

4:00-6:00

Questions: contact Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, email <u>elizabeth.ciccooini@</u> <u>gccucc.org</u>, call or text 708-228-4304.

APRIL 30

TRIP TO THE CITY Train to Boat to Navy Pier or Millennium Park.

MAY 7

PYF Game On! Walk to Roosevelt Park & Ice Cream.

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.

7TH GRADE CONFIRMATION CLASS VOLUNTEERING AT A JUST HARVEST



Maggie Garvey, Faith MacKimm, Kate Hupe, Josh Nelson, Audrey Langenbach, Lauren Wollney



WHAT A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE HOME TOWN AUCTION AND CHILI FEST!!



Alive Together With Christ

happenings

Event Time	Event Name	Primary Location
Thursday, 27 Apr	il 2017	•
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
9:00 AM to 10:00 AM	M Yoga	Narthex
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	M 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	M BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Gym
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	M Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 28 April 20	017	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	M AA Meeting	Parlor
8:00 PM to 9:00 PM	M AL-ANON	Library
Saturday, 29 Apri	il 2017	
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM	M Mens Open Gym	Gym
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
Sunday, 30 April	2017	
10:00 AM to 11:00 AM		SanctuaryM
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11:00 AM to 12:00 PM	M Fellowship and Refreshments	Mayflower
11:15 AM to 12:15 PM	M Membership Meeting	Parlor
4:00 PM to 6:00 PM	M PYF	Youth Room
6:00 PM to 7:30 PM	M Childrens Choir Dinner	Mayflower
Monday, 01 May 2	2017	
12:00 PM to 1:30 PM	M Called to Care	Founders
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	M Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
7:00 PM to 8:00 PM	M Yoga	Room 201
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	M Youth Leadership - 156	Founders
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	M Childrens Board Meeting	Youth Room
Tuesday, 02 May	2017	
3:30 PM to 6:00 PM	M Confirmation Make Ups	Room 32
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	M CSA 156	Room 213
Wednesday, 03 M	lay 2017	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
4:00 PM to 5:15 PM	M FISH	Mayflower
4:00 PM to 5:30 PM	M Knitters/Crocheters	Library
5:30 PM to 7:30 PM	M 7/8 Club & POW	Youth Room
5:30 PM to 6:30 PM	M Community Dinner	Mayflower
6:00 PM to 7:15 PM	M Bible Study	Parlor
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	M Properties Board Meeting	Room 210
Thursday, 04 May	, 2017	
9:00 AM to 5:00 PM	M Resale Shop Open	Plymouth Room
5:30 PM to 6:55 PM	M 12th Grade Dinner	Youth Room
6:15 PM to 7:20 PM	M Joyful Ringers Rehearsal	Bell Room
7:00 PM to 8:30 PM	M BSA 156 Troop Mtg	Mayflower
7:30 PM to 9:00 PM	M Chancel Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Friday, 05 May 20	17	
9:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday, 15 Apri		Plymouth Room
8:00 AM to 12:00 PM		Gym
7:30 PM to 8:30 PM	• •	Chapel
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The next Deadline for the Broadcaster is May 3, 2017 at 9:00 AM

ALL THAT HAS LIFE AND BREATH SING TO THE LORI

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 future God has planned for us.

SERMONS NOW ON VIDEO

Have you been away or unable to attend church on Sunday? You now can keep up on the sermons by watching Chuck's video sermon. Just go to the website at gccucc.org and click on ABOUT US and the click **Sermons**. The lasted video sermon is at the top, scroll down for an earlier version.





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PASTORS

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Rev. Elizabeth Hartung-Ciccolini, Associate Pastor for

Children and Youth

OFFICE HOURS

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

