Minutes of the Congregational Meeting  
Evangelical United Church of Christ  
February 12, 2012

Call to Order  
President Janet Rundquist called the meeting to order. Nick Gilham declared a quorum present to transact the business of the Congregation.

Approval of Minutes of the Summer 2011 Congregational Meeting  
The minutes of the August 7, 2011 meeting were approved as presented.

Pastor’s Report  
Katy HawkerSelf delivered a report on the state of the congregation in 2011. There was a focus on sustaining and growing the congregation over the past year. She recognized the worship team for their focus on growing the congregation. She also acknowledged the loss of important members and staff members over the course of the last year.

Naming Circle’s Report  
Members of the naming circle delivered their report, which focused on the process used to determine a new name. Members of the Naming Circle included Therese Christiani, Vicki Miller, Kathy Cormack, and Lolly Wehrli. They presented the formal motion to change the name of Evangelical United Church of Christ to Peace United Church of Christ.  
The text of the motion: 
"The Naming Circle, having been empowered by the Governing Body and having sought the opinion, counsel and previous ballot process of the friends and members of Evangelical United Church of Christ moves to change the this congregation's name to Peace United Church of Christ effective by a majority affirmative vote on this 12th day of February 2012.”

The motion was moved and seconded. The resolution was passed by a vote a congregation.

Formal Calls for Al Schon and Marilyn Stavenger  
Mickey Clarke announced that Al Schon has been approved for ordination pending call by a congregation. There will be a congregational meeting on February 26, 2012 to issue formal calls for Marilyn Stavenger and Al Schon.

2012 Budget  
Ken Ulmer delivered the proposed budget for 2012 to the congregation. The budget for staff has increased by $10,000 over 2011. The Governing Body will host fundraising dinners during the year to ensure that we have a balanced budget.

A motion was brought to the floor to accept the proposed budget as written and was seconded. Discussion followed.

The resolution was passed by a unanimous vote of the congregation.
**Report on the Spiering Trust**
Ken Ulmer announced that a distribution of approximately $400,000 from the Spiering Trust will be delivered to the congregation in the next few months. The Special Gifts circle is working to determine a process for allocating the funds.

**EUCC Foundation Report**
Doug Cormack delivered a report on the state of the Foundation. The terms of Loretta Haggard and Doug Cormack have expired. Both members have agreed to serve another term.

A motion was proposed to elect Loretta Haggard and Doug Cormack to a 3 year term to the Evangelical United Church of Christ Foundation. The resolution was approved unanimously by the congregation.

**Primary Use of 212 Building by Youth Motion**
Micah Hawker-Boehnke delivered a presentation about the current state of the 212 building and proposed reasons why this space is the only viable location for the youth group. Jonah Schnell, Alex White, and Paul Kachulis spoke in support of the presentation.

Micah moved that the building at 212 E. Lockwood be designed for use primarily by the youth of the church. This would not preclude other uses of the building. The motion was seconded and discussion followed.

Scott Guerrero spoke to the potential lease of the 212 building to the Shining Rivers Waldorf School. The Congregation voted to table the motion.

**Church and Ministry Circle Motion**
Debbie Kelly expressed concern that staff and members don’t have a group they can raise concerns in a safe space. The concern was raised because of the recent announcement of Donita Bauer's resignation.

Debbie moved that a new circle be created to address the concerns of staff and church members. The motion was seconded.

Discussion followed and included a proposal to let the existing circles evaluate the situation.

Janet Rundquist turned over the role of moderator to Nicholas Gilham.

Discussion continued.

A motion was made to call the question to end debate. A 2/3 majority of those present is needed to end debate. A count of those present was taken. 93 were present. A vote to call the question was taken with 63 voting in the affirmative. 62 votes were needed. Debate ended.

The motion was rejected by the congregation.

**Open Meetings with Congregation**
Wynn Miller moved that 2 meetings be held, one in the spring and the other in the fall, as open forums with the Congregation and the Governing Body. These would be held to increase communication.
An amendment was proposed to hold these congregational meetings at a time other than between the 2 Sunday services. The amendment was seconded and approved by the congregation.

The motion as amended was voted on by the congregation and was approved.

**Unable the 212 Youth Motion**
Scott Guerrero raised a concern that negotiations could not be continued in good faith with Shining Rivers Waldorf School about their possible use of the 212 building while the youth's 212 motion was tabled. He moved that we untable the 212 motion for discussion and a vote. The motion was seconded.

The congregation voted and the motion to untable the 212 motion failed.

Laura Bardelmeier moved that the youth’s 212 motion be discussed at the February 26, 2012 congregation meeting. The motion was passed by a vote of the congregation.

**Motion to Adjourn**
A motion to adjourn was brought the floor. It passed by a vote of the congregation.