

**Irvine United Congregational Church  
Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
March 24, 2019**

1. Moderator Renae Boyum called the meeting to order at 12:13 p.m.
2. Administrative Pastor Steve Swope confirmed that enough congregants were present to establish a quorum.
3. Renae introduced Don Bjorklund as the Parliamentarian.
4. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Paul Tellström.
5. Moderator Renae Boyum read the motion regarding Pastor Sarah Averette-Phillips' ordination covenant; the motion was also on screen for reference.

Renae explained that there is a four way covenant included in the ordination process. One of the participants (Crossroads) withdrew unexpectedly. An option to approve Sarah's ordination via a three way covenant has been approved by the Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ but must also be approved by the congregation of IUCC. Sarah's duties and hours will remain the same; her title will change.

Questions and comment from the congregation:

- What are Sarah's roles currently?
- What is the relationship with Crossroads (Sarah's full-time place of employment)?
- Comments from Pastor Paul regarding Sarah's positive contributions and attributes in her role as part-time assistant pastor.
- Request to clarify that Pastor Sarah is not applying as Interim Pastor or Permanent Pastor.

**MOTION : To affirm Recommendation of Section A of Southern Association of the Southern California Nevada Conference of the United Church of Christ to call and ordain Sarah Averette-Phillips as Part-Time Assistant Pastor at IUCC with ordination to take place on April 14, 2019. Moved by Patty McCarthy and seconded by Teri Houston. Motion carried unanimously.**

6. Adjournment

**MOTION TO ADJOURN: Moved by Felicity Figueroa, seconded by Farin Eng. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.**

7. The closing prayer was led by Rev. Paul Tellström.