

Creek Road Congregational Meeting

Agenda

26th September 2021

Meeting to be Held Immediately after the 9am Worship Service

At the Creek Road Ministry Centre, 1541 Creek Rd, Carina, on Sunday 26th September 2021, the Creek Road Congregation is to meet immediately after the 9am service. Dave Thurston will chair the meeting.

Open in Prayer

Dave will open the meeting with prayer.

Voting by show of hands and appointment of counters

Dave will ask four members to count and report to him the number of members and attenders present. He will ask members to raise their hands to be counted, and then he will ask attenders to raise their hands to be counted.

Dave will ask that the meeting move, second and agree to conduct the remaining votes in the meeting by show of hands.

The following motions are proposed:

1. Receive the following documents as tabled by the Session and the Committee of Management (i.e., the church board):
 - (a) The Ministry Support Fund Schedule for the Minister (Form A-Call + Sections G & I).
 - (b) Financial Statements to 30th June 2021 as required by PCQ Code Rule 8.5 (f) (i).
 - (c) A Statement signed by the Living Church CoM Treasurer of all the financial liabilities of the congregation.
 - (d) The revised rolls of Communicants and Adherents as submitted by the Session.
2. Approve the Ministry Support Fund Schedule for the Living Church Minister (Form A-Call + Sections G & I), and forward it for approval to the presbytery and the PCQ's Committee on Ministry Resourcing.
3. Receive the report from the Interim-Moderator on behalf of the church board with the unanimous recommendation that this meeting of the congregation insert the name of James Snare (Minister) in the Call (as per PCQ Code Rule 8.7).

4. Note that opportunity was given at this congregational meeting for questions to be asked of the Interim-Moderator and the Session Clerk (noting that the congregation was given opportunity to ask James Snare questions before and after he preached for a Call on 12 September 2021).
5. Subject to the Call of James Snare (Minister) by the congregation being sustained and subject to Presbytery and PCQ Committee on Ministry Resourcing approval, as recommended by the Selection Committee and the church board, approve the Terms of Call for the position from the date of James Snare's induction by the presbytery (i.e., the stipend for Ordained Ministers + 20% as stated within the PCQ Stipends Schedule for Zone Urban).
6. Resolve to proceed to a Call.
7. Note, as required by PCQ Code Rule 8.11, that the meeting was addressed by the Interim-Moderator on the matter of the proposed Call (in terms of the biblical qualities of a Minister), and that the Interim-Moderator led the congregation in prayer.
8. Note, as required by PCQ Code Rule 8.11, the Interim-Moderator read (and explained) the Form of Call (Form III - See Rule 8.7, 8.11, 8.12), as follows, to the congregation:

If this meeting votes in favour of calling James Snare, you will be invited to come forward at the end of this meeting and sign in favour of the Call. This is very important, because at least 60% of the members must sign for the Call to go ahead. Here is what the document Communicant members are asked to sign says:

"We the undersigned Communicants of the Pastoral Charge of Living Church being satisfied that you, Mr. James Snare, Minister of the Gospel, have suitable gifts from our Lord to edify and equip us for service, invite, call and encourage you to undertake the work of ministry and the preaching of the Gospel among us; and upon your acceptance of this call and being inducted into the Charge by the Presbytery of Mowbray, we promise you due respect and encouragement and will support you in terms of that set out in the approved Ministry Support Fund Schedule, as God enables us."

You are asked to print your name, give your address, and sign the document.

If you are not a communicant, you can sign another document which says:

"We, the undersigned, adherents of the Congregation of Living Church do hereby signify our hearty concurrence in the call in favour of Mr. James Snare to the pastoral charge of said Congregation."

People who are not here today can sign these documents at church next Sunday and at the Church Office up to 5 October. We're going to appoint the staff team to have copies of the documents for signing at the Church Office during the week.

9. Resolve by a vote "for" and "against" taken by a show of hands that the name of James Snare, Minister, be inserted in the Call.
10. Appoint Wes Fittell, Josiah Wilson and Dave Thurston (one must be a member of the Session) as commissioners to:
 - (a) Take charge of the Call, and to support it in the meeting of the Mowbray Presbytery.
 - (b) Until the presbytery meets, to give opportunity to Communicants and Adherents to sign the Call and the Form of Concurrence (these signatures to be attested by a commissioner as written in his/her presence).
11. Appoint (as per Rule 8.13) Vicki Meehan, Chris Pine, Andrea Pryde, and Phil Strong (for church office so people can sign there during the week) in addition to the foregoing as assistant commissioners, whose task shall be restricted to attesting signatures to the Call and to the Form of Concurrence as being written in their presence.
12. Note that Communicants and Adherents were invited to sign the Call or the schedule of concurrence at the end of the congregational meeting and were advised that those not able to sign today could do so after next Sunday and at the Church Office up to 5 October; and that the staff team will have copies of the documents for signing at the Church Office during the week.
13. Authorise the Session and the Committee of Management to act on behalf of the congregation and in accordance with the various Rules and Regulations of the Presbyterian Church of Queensland to do all that is necessary to give effect to the calling of James Snare (Minister) as the Minister to the Living Church Charge.

Dave will invite the proposed motions to be moved and seconded, then invite discussion on the motions before requesting a vote for or against each motion.

Close of Meeting

Dave will close the meeting with prayer.