



- (6) Provisional registrants will be given a “Voter Card” and an envelope on which to write the reason you believe your name should be on the list. Even if you are not on the list, you will be able to vote provisionally.
- (7) You should then proceed to the Congregation Meeting.

b. Congregational Meeting.

The Congregational Meeting will be held in the sanctuary. Additional locations for overflow include Westminster Hall (encouraged for those with mobility issues), Covenant Hall, and Guthrie-Bryant Chapel. Audio and video of the meeting will be broadcast to each of these locations, but only those in the sanctuary will be able to participate in the debate. The Moderator will call the meeting to order and the Clerk will determine if a quorum is present. The congregation will vote on the agenda and the procedures for the vote using the voting cards. There will be a parliamentarian in each meeting room to count the vote.

After the agenda and rules are adopted, there will be two five-minute presentations, one in favor of the motions and one against the motions. After that, the debate will begin. Members may stay for the debate or go to Westminster Hall to vote during the debate.

c. Voting Process. After the Moderator announces that voting may begin:

- (1) You may proceed to Westminster Hall to vote during the debate
- (2) You will exchange your Voter Card for a ballot
- (3) You will mark your ballot according to your wishes.
- (4) You will place your ballot into a clear, plastic Ballot Box.
- (5) You may leave or you may stay for the votes to be counted and the results announced.

**7. Will voting yes or no have any effect on my membership status?**

NO. Regardless of how you vote, you will continue to be a member of First Presbyterian Church, San Antonio unless you request that your name be dropped from the rolls.

**8. Who is handling the voting process?**

We have hired a parliamentarian firm from Dallas, Texas. The firm has experience in overseeing votes at other churches and is familiar with the rules for such meetings. The parliamentarians will oversee the voting process. Volunteers from the membership will assist with registration of members and handing out ballots. The Parliamentarians will count the votes. Only two members of the congregation will be allowed to watch the counting process. One of those members will be from the “Yes” side and the other will be from the “No” side.

**9. When/how will we learn the voting results?**

After the team of Parliamentarians has counted the votes, the results will be given to the Moderator and the Clerk. The results will then be announced at the meeting, posted on the FPC website, and e-mailed to the congregation.

**10. What should be the response to the results?**

We recognize this is a significant step in the life of this church. Emotions are high on both sides. We encourage the congregation to receive the results quietly and with respect for those who have different opinions. We will join in a prayer for the church and the members.

**Schedule for Sunday, November 1, 2015**

9:00 a.m. <u>CST</u>	Registration begins in Westminster Hall
9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
11:00	Combined worship service in the sanctuary
12:15	Registration closes <u>immediately</u>
	Congregational Meeting begins in sanctuary, Covenant Hall, Guthrie-Bryant Chapel, and Westminster Hall (encouraged for those with mobility issues)
<b>3:00</b>	<b>Hymn Festival led by Sanctuary Choir!</b>

Child care will be available during the Congregational Meeting.

**We encourage you to come early and register! And remember to set your clocks back!**