



WESTMORELAND CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

1 Westmoreland Circle • Bethesda, MD 20816

November 10, 2016

Dear Westmorelanders:

As the Thanksgiving holiday approaches, I find myself grateful for so much. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as the Moderator at Westmoreland. The Governance Council has focused on infusing our work with prayer and shifting our approach from “doing” to “being” – to being more authentic with each other and together as a congregation, being intentional about our spiritual growth and being more Christ-like in the world. I am grateful for our Governance Council leaders being willing to take this journey, and grateful for all I have learned along the way. I am also grateful for all that we are accomplishing together as a congregation – from improving accessibility through our building plans to beginning to understand and address racism to starting a new confirmation class....and so much more.

Our congregational meeting will be held at 11:30 on Sunday, November 20. Background material for that meeting is enclosed in this packet. Please look over this material in advance of the meeting. Please be present on the 20th. And please hold our congregational life in your prayers.

With peace and gratitude,

Maryann Al. Alfonso

Peggy Alfonso

Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ
Congregational Meeting - November 20, 2016
Agenda

Purpose: With a spirit of thankfulness, move the church forward

Outcomes:

- Shared sense of thanksgiving for all that we are grateful for
- Comments and decisions on:
 - 2017 Slate of Nominations
 - 2017 Proposed Budget
 - Recommendation from the Middle East Committee
 - Next steps on the Capital Campaign

Agenda

- Welcome and Call to Order

Words of Thanksgiving

- Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting

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- Report from the Nominating Committee

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- 2017 Budget Proposal

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- Governance Council Proposal re: Middle East Committee Recommendation

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- Update and Discussion of Capital Campaign

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- Next Steps

Prayer of Thanksgiving