PLYMOUTH CHURCH
FORT WAYNE + UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Annual Business Meeting**
**Plymouth Congregational Church United Church of Christ**
**Fort Wayne, Indiana**
**January 25, 2026**

Attendance quorum met.

Cammy Sutter called the meeting to order at 11:16 a.m.

Rev. Timothy Murphy presented greeting and opening prayer.

The consent agenda as follows: approval of the agenda; approval of the minutes of election meeting held October 26, 2025; approval of the minutes of the congregational meeting held June 22, 2025; Acceptance of the 2025 Annual Report. Accepted as presented.

I. **Review of the 2025 Financials by Jan Evard, Treasurer and Laura Ramsey, Assistant Treasurer**

II. **Presentation and Approval of the 2026 Budget by Jan Evard, Treasurer and Laura Ramsey, Assistant Treasurer**
   - **A. Using surplus from previous year and deficit reduction to balance budget.**
   - **B. Increase in HR budget due to staff insurance costs**
   - **C. Congregation approved 2026 budget, with none opposed and no abstentions.**

III. **Informational Items:**
   - **A. Overview of Plymouth Church's Governance Structure by Cammy Sutter**
     1. **Review of organizational tree**
   - **B. Nominating committee explanation by Roger Eversole. Slate ready by October 2026 to approve at Congregational meeting.**

IV. **Pastoral Remarks**
   - **A. Rev. Timothy Murphy: asked by Christian education board but topic not decided; will lead Lenten book series "How to Be an Anti-Racist" by Ibram X. Kendi**
   - **B. Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals: one vacancy on congregational life to fill; if not ready to sit on a board but want open volunteer opportunity to clean up after coffee; attended day of action in solidarity with clergy; Attended with Rev. Vicky Shaw and Rev. January Simpson to participate in Minneapolis, MN to protest this city under government siege.**

V. **Blessed Be the Tie that Binds, Hymn #393**
VI. **Benediction by Rev. Sara Ofner-Seals**
VII. **Adjournment**

Lindsay D. Solon, Recorder
Submitted: October 7, 2026