

Special Congregational Meeting Minutes  
Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> – 3:00 p.m.  
Sanctuary - First Baptist Church Cranbrook

1. **Welcome** by Cory, acknowledgement of those in attendance on Zoom
  
2. **Devotion and Prayer by Kevin**
  
3. **Outline proceedings:**  
Preamble by Jack clarifying the process of the meeting with a brief history on the denomination: we are voting on the identity statement, not about same-sex marriages and membership, though that will come down the road. We are part of a greater denomination that has local church autonomy. If the vote is close and falls between 60/40 split, our two delegates will each vote representing the split decision of the church. This motion and vote will not impact our own church constitution. We will maintain a speakers list to keep order and reduce knee-jerk reactions. Please keep your comments relevant to the motion. Do not attack someone whose comments differ from your own. What we discuss is as important as how we discuss together, so, may our discussion be a pleasing aroma to Christ. When it's your turn to speak, please come and speak into the microphone.
  
4. **Viewing of video clip** from Rob Ogilvie, CBWC executive minister.
  
5. **Establish quorum:** 76 active members in attendance in person and on ZOOM.
  
6. **Motion and seconder:** Jack offers a reading of the motion: "Be it resolved that we, Frist Baptist Church of Cranbrook, affirm the CBCW Identity Statement." Katharine seconds the motion.
  
7. **Discussion on Motion:** Letter from Bob Jones read by Cory. Call for Speakers list. Speaker's list is created, discussion is opened. Speaker's list will be added to as individuals raise their hands.
  
8. **Call for the vote:** Jack calls for the vote.
  
9. **Voting, vote counting, and vote results:** Robyn and Jason will count the votes with results as follows: 18 votes to affirm the identity statement, 58 votes to not affirm the identity statement
  
10. **Motion to destroy the ballots:** Jack motions to destroy the ballots, Rachel seconds, the motion is passed.

**11. Closing prayer & singing of Doxology:** Jack offers thanks for the way we can amicably discuss and disagree. Cory gives closing prayer. Singing of the Doxology led by Katharine.

**12. Motion to adjourn:** Jack motions to adjourn, meeting is adjourned.