

FIFTH AVENUE CHRISTIAN CHURCH



SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING JANUARY 8, 2012

At 2:00 p.m. General Board Chairman and Elder Gary Richardson opened the Meeting with prayer.

Chairman Gary then explained to the Congregation in attendance that the purpose of the meeting was to approve the hiring of KEVIN WISE as Senior Minister of Fifth Avenue Christian Church. Requirements for voting were explained (i.e., Member of Fifth Avenue Christian Church, and at least 16 years of age).

As ballots were being distributed, Gary opened the floor for questions from the Congregation. In response to questions, Elder Randy Hinebauch explained that the present vote was to approve hiring Kevin Wise as Senior Minister for a term of six months during which time Kevin would be "on-site" and preaching for two weeks per month and gone for two weeks. Reasons given for the "part time" status was to allow Kevin to resolve "issues" which include the health of a parent, the relocation of another parent, and the success of Kevin's wife, Sarita, in obtaining employment in Havre.

Other questions from the Congregation concerned:

- Kevin's Church of Christ background - where Churches are predominately "non-instrumental";
 - Kevin's educational background;
 - His support of "long term missions";
 - Purpose of "just a six-month" hiring period: will it become a true, full-time position;
 - Will there be a continuity of preaching messages during those times when Kevin is not here.
- Elders Cal Couch, Randy Hinebauch and Gary Richardson answered the questions indicating:
- Kevin's full support and acceptance of our musical / Praise Team program and presentation;
 - His plan to outline - for continuity - a preaching 'program';
 - His full support of both our short-term and long-term Missions programs;
 - His enthusiasm for youth programs and involving the youth in all phases and programs of the Church;
 - His emphasis of service to the Community by the members of the Church.

A comment from the Congregation stated that the upcoming vote was not only approval for Kevin Wise but also a vote for the Congregational members to come alongside Kevin, to support him, to support the Church and to individually and collectively further God's Kingdom.

Ballots were distributed, collected and tabulated. Chairman Gary thanked those in attendance for their interest and support.

Elder Doug Jenkins reported to those assembled that the vote was 92 for, 7 against and following closing remarks, Doug adjourned the meeting with prayer at 2:45pm.

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Respectfully Submitted,
Bob Nieuwenhuys, Board Clerk