## [sepc] Recap of the Congregational Meeting

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Brothers and Sisters of St. Elmo

We missed those of you who were unable to be with us at the congregational meeting today.

After opening with a hymn and prayer, I reviewed briefly from the Book of Church Order the process that brought us to a vote today. Lance, our search committee chairman, accompanied by the committee's members, reviewed the eighteen-month process during which they worked through forty different applications, listened to many sermons, interviewed numerous candidates, visited some, and eventually narrowed their search to just five and then finally two. After meeting with both candidates, God wonderfully confirmed to all the committee members that Daniel should be the candidate for the position of pastor at St. Elmo. Various committee members also shared their impressions of why Daniel is well-suited for this role. Then, after answering questions from the congregation and presenting the financial terms of call, the vote was taken.

God confirmed his will with a unanimous vote of seventy yeses and zero nos. Jeff Hall presented a resolution of thanks for the faithful work of our committee. Then we sang the doxology and closed in prayer.

I want to thank all for their persevering faith in the Lord and prayers throughout this process.

Bill