

**Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Orinda Community Church
Sunday, March 3, 2019, After Worship**

After today's worship service, 54 members of the congregation met in the sanctuary for a special meeting of the congregation which was requested and noticed in accordance with the by-laws.

Rev. Jim Brommers Bergquist started the meeting at 11:25 a.m. by thanking the Search Committee for their hard work in finding a candidate for our Associate Pastor position. Search Committee co-chair Mike Kersten recognized the Search Committee members: Michele McInaney, Judy McCall, Jill Oberheim, John Skidgel, Craig Taatjes, Bob Winbigler and co-chair Hilly Hoppock. He presented background on the candidate, Elizabeth Robinson. The Search Committee was unanimous in their selection of Elizabeth. She graduated from Bard College, Brown University, and Pacific School of Religion. She is an American poet and professor, and has authored 12 collections of poetry and 3 books. She has worked with people with disabilities and autism and those who are homeless. She's currently a pastor and poet in residence at a church in Boulder, CO. If approved, we hope to have her on board by May 1. She'll be half time and her salary and benefits are consistent with conference guidelines. Her husband Randy is a librarian and she has two sons, ages 21 and 23, who are currently studying in California.

Moderator Fred Matteson called for a vote. The congregation moved and unanimously approved calling Elizabeth Robinson to be our new Associate Minister. Elizabeth joined us in the sanctuary and we welcomed her to our community. The meeting ended at 11:50 a.m.

Kathleen Wiegand, Clerk