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## Video Announcement - GSLC Council President Carrie Escamilla

Hello everyone! I am Carrie Escamilla, your Council President and I want to let you know of some important communications coming in the next couple of weeks that require your attention.

We are living in unprecedented times. The Council needs your help again. As we begin to move closer in our discussions of re-opening the church for in-person worship, we want you to see what that experience might look like and get your input.

### Congregational Survey

You should have received an email asking for your **participation in another congregational survey**. Included in this email is a link to a video, put together by our COVID-19 Task Force that shows the expectations of returning to in person worship during a Phase 1 re-opening. After viewing the video, there is a short survey to complete. The results of this survey are vital to guide your Council in further decisions regarding a future re-opening date.

We need to move quickly to help us make those decisions. **Please complete the survey**, individually, which has been sent to you by email, **by November 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your participation!

### Annual Meeting Instructions

I also want to talk with you about our **Annual Meeting**. In the past several years, Good Shepherd has held two congregational meetings. One in May to approve our upcoming year's budget and another in November to elect congregation Council Members. COVID-19 changed everything this year. The Council approved to not hold the May meeting and used the 2019-2020 budget to operate in until we could approve a new budget.

Since we have not been able to re-open the church and cannot hold an in-person meeting, this year's Congregation **Meeting will be held virtually, on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 via Zoom**. Materials for the Annual Meeting, including the slate of nominated Council Members for election, their bios, the 2020-2021 budget have been mailed to you and will also be available on our website, under the About/Resources & Policies tab. The 2020 Annual Report, which includes the agenda, is also posted in that same website location.

I know a virtual meeting has become routine for some members at Good Shepherd, but we recognize that is not the case for everyone. There will be two Zoom practice meetings that will also serve as question and answer sessions that we normally held in Fellowship hall.

In order to help get the congregation ready for this meeting, there will be several particularly important communications that I need you to be on the lookout for:

The **first** of these communications **sent by email** and will contain information regarding the first of these practice sessions, that will be held **on November 8<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 pm**. This communication will include the Zoom link for the meeting. It will be sent Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.

The **second** of these communications **sent by email** and will contain information regarding the second practice session, that will be held on **November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. This communication will include the Zoom link for the meeting. It will be sent Monday, November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Finally**, an **email** will go out on **Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>** regarding the **Annual Meeting on Sunday, November 15, at 12:00 pm**. This communication will include the Zoom link for the meeting. Please be sure to use this email for the link to the congregation meeting as previous emails link to only those practice sessions for the afore dates mentioned.

I know this is a lot of information, so in order to also help with the process, a table will be manned during the Holy Communion Services at both times on November 8<sup>th</sup> and the early communion service on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Note there will be only one communion service on the 15<sup>th</sup>, as the Annual Meeting will begin at 12:00 pm.

Thank you, our Good shepherd family for your continued support, prayers and involvement in our church and its missions to love and serve one another.