

Mt. Comfort Church, Inc.
Annual Meeting of Members, June 1, 2025

The Reverend Ethan Maple called the Annual Membership Meeting of Mt. Comfort Church, Inc. (MCC), to order at 6:05 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Mt. Comfort Campus church. He welcomed everyone and opened with prayer. The purpose of the annual meeting is to report on the activities and financial condition of the Corporation and to elect members to the open positions on the Board of Directors, also known as the Leadership Team.

Rev. Maple reminded member of the Mt. Comfort Church Mission Statement: “We are committed to transforming our lives, our community, and our world through the power and love of Jesus Christ.” He noted that for everything we do, the Mission Statement is our “why.” The church membership vows state we promise to Gather, Grow, Give, and Go, and he reminded everyone how these vows relate to how we live our lives.

Rev. Maple next moved on to the top agenda item for this year’s Annual Meeting, the election of members to the Board of Directors/Leadership Team. Members of the Board serve three-year terms, which are separated into three “classes” that expire at different times, with an election every year to fill the open seats. The process for this year’s election for the Class of 2028 was to accept nominations. The candidates then were interviewed by the Nominations Committee. After the interviews, the Nominations Committee met to determine a slate for this year’s election to present to the church membership for a vote.

The 2025 slate presented by the Nominations Committee is as follows: Sheila Coleman, Sandi Hudson, Megan Jones, and Kristy Willhelm. The procedure per church policy calls for a vote for the entire slate. However, if the membership prefers to vote individually, that can be done through a motion, a second, and a majority vote to change the procedure.

Rev. Maple presented the candidates who were present, who introduced themselves. Then, with no questions presented and with no motion to vote for candidates individually, Rev. Maple presented the motion from the Nominations Committee, which per parliamentary procedure does not require a second. Motion: The slate of candidates nominated to fill the four open seats for the Class of 2028 Mt. Comfort Church, Inc., Board of Directors to serve July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028, are Sheila Coleman, Sandi Hudson, Megan Jones, and Kristy Willhelm.

Only members present were permitted to vote. The number of members present and voting totaled 30 . After a vote conducted by a raised hand, the results were as follows: In favor of the slate = 30. Opposed to the slate = 0. The motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Maple next asked for questions regarding Mt. Comfort Church. Hearing none at this time, he began a review of programs, finances, and personnel.

Missions and Outreach – Mt. Comfort Church is focused on the fall mission trip to Henderson Settlement, October 12-18, 2025. The Comfort House, which provides emergency shelter for families in need, currently has one guest family and one opening. Rev. Maple noted that MCC reaches out to the community, showing the power of and love of Christ to the least, the last, and the lost.

Discipleship and Small Groups – Rev. Maple encouraged everyone to participate in a small group. Mt. Comfort Church currently offers the following. Journey includes two groups that gather weekly in home meetings for the purpose of spiritual growth and sustaining its members. Two Immersion classes have been meeting throughout the year, and a new study begins soon. Participants who have been in all of the Immersion groups will have read through the entire Bible when the study concludes. We also have Sunday morning small groups, men's and women's Bible Study groups, youth group, young adults group, men's golf outing, and Ladies Creative Connection.

Q – How can the church fill the gap and reach out to our members and people residing in senior living facilities and nursing homes?

A – Your pastor can't do all of these things. If you have a passion for this mission, sit down and talk with him and share your ideas. Then we can come up with a solution.

Q – How are we continuing our partnership with Love INC and the Soup Kitchen?

A – Mt. Comfort Church is still actively involved with both of these Mission partners. For Love INC, we sponsor the Linen Ministry and provide bed and bath linens when we are notified of a need. For the Kenneth Butler Soup Kitchen, we are very involved and send volunteers weekly and monthly.

Financial Report – Rev. Maple shared financial data. Mt. Comfort Church's January to April 2025 budgeted amount for expected income: \$162,877. Actual income: \$176,148. Budgeted expected expenses: \$174,650. Actual expenses: \$155,246. Rev. Maple thanked members for their financial support that allows Mt. Comfort Church to fulfill its mission.

Attendance – Rev. Maple shared attendance figures from 2025 Holy Week: Maundy Thursday Communion = 50. Good Friday service = 125. Easter Sunday: Philly = 82, Mt. Comfort = 164, Total = 246. The numbers indicate Mt. Comfort Church is growing.

Facility – Mt. Comfort Church serve two campuses. Rev. Maple noted that we have been able to take care of maintenance and repairs from the budget. A concern – we are running out of space at both campuses. Rev. Maple believes our church campuses should be used every day by the community. We have been looking for a partner for a summer child care for elementary school children. Joyful Days preschool and childcare will be offering Summer Camp for children ages 6-12. We are looking for a partner for after-school care in the fall.

Q – Do we have Capital projects funds set aside for upcoming needs?

A – Money is set aside for ramps at MtC, and Fellowship Hall floor replacement at Philly. Bigger issues are HVAC replacements, which will be needed at the Mt. Comfort Campus, 4 or 5 units (out of 27 units at MtC), as well as the roof, which will need to be replaced in the next 2-5 years.

Personnel – In 2025 Bryan Farno was hired as Worship/Communications Director, and Noah Maple was hired as Worship Leader. We are currently looking for a Youth Director, a part-time position.

Joyful Days Preschool and Childcare – About 50 children, infant to Pre-K, are enrolled currently. It is a tough ministry to maintain, due to hiring, tuition cost, and staff turnover. Rev. Maple is proud of the work of our Co-Directors, Olivia Lutz and Gina Jones. We have hired Lexi Fizer to work in Joyful Days and the church children's ministry. We recognize how important good quality Christian care is.

With no further business to conduct and no further questions, Rev. Maple wrapped up the meeting and adjourned with prayer at 6:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Hudson
Secretary