

# ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 2021



## East Woodstock Congregational Church

*An Open and Affirming Congregation of the  
United Church of Christ*

**East Woodstock, Connecticut**

**January 30, 2022**

### **EWCC Mission Statement**

***We gather as a people of God to worship and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We strive to carry on his teachings of love through our support and compassion for all people in our community and throughout the world.***

## Agenda

### Annual Meeting January 30, 2022

#### A CALL TO THE ANNUAL MEETING

A call for the annual meeting of the East Woodstock Congregational Church which will be held on Sunday, January 30, 2022 at 11:00 am via Zoom to:

1. Hear and act on officer and committee reports.
2. Hear and act on the report of the Society Committee regarding the 2022 budget.
3. Hear and act on the report of the Nominating Committee
4. Hear and act on changes to the by-laws.
5. Hear and act on any other business to come before the meeting.

Called by the Church Council

#### Prayer for the Annual Meeting

God of yesterday, today, and tomorrow, we thank you that you are always with us. We remember all the yesterdays and give thanks for your presence and guidance in times of joy and challenge.

We come together today as your congregation. Help us to live and serve you as the Body of Christ. We rely on your strength so that we may share the compassion, teaching, healing, and love that Jesus first gave to us.

We look forward to whatever tomorrows our future holds. Your faithfulness enables us to face the unknown without fear.

Be with us during our annual meeting. We gather today to learn from the past and plan for the future. Bless our efforts that we may worship and serve you with our words, our actions, and our lives. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

#### A Covenant of Worshipping and Working Together

I am a child of God, living in a community of God's children.  
Together we face a variety of issues that we must talk about.

I will listen as intently as I wish to be heard.

I will speak honestly and openly in sharing my feelings and thoughts, in the first person.

I will speak from first-hand knowledge and only from facts.

I will not interrupt and will focus on the statements being made, not the person making the statement.

I will encourage all viewpoints to be spoken, treating other opinions with respect and dignity, understanding that some may not wish to participate.

I will ask for clarification and take time to digest and understand what has been said.

I will forgive others and myself for breaking this covenant.

I will take time for reflection and then, I will try again.

I will remember what Jesus taught.

*"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you."* (Matthew 7:12)

May I live up to this covenant in good faith.