

Core Leadership Meeting, 2-12-2018

In attendance: Joe Lee, Laura Baumgartner, Rich Detering, Linda Detering, Dorothy Beeman, Katie Olleman, Christian Hampson, Brad Beeman, Melinda Lilley, Patty Ferguson, Jen Hoerber, Jean Harris, Steve Rummel, Peter Narmita, and special guests, Jacob and Joan Zhang

Rock Church: Jacob Zhang, pastor of Rock Church, and Joan Zhang, his wife and the head of their Sunday school, introduced themselves and gave a bit of background on their lives and spiritual (and geographical) journey. They also introduced themselves at Common Table (which followed the meeting), so for more information on the Zhangs, consult the minutes for that event. And if you get a chance on Sunday, say hello to them as they prepare for their afternoon service (or better still, afterwards—we all know how busy a pastor is before a service).

Staff Parish Relations: Due to the fact that we no longer have a functioning SPR team, and our move to One Board Governance hasn't yet solidified how the necessary activities of SPR will be covered, Brad is taking on urgent matters of employment for now, with help from Joe Lee. Peter Narmita also volunteered to help with these tasks, which include updating employment agreements and other paperwork, and determining a plan to follow the new state rules on paid sick leave.

Core Leadership then discussed a confidential SPR matter and came to a decision that was helpful to Brad and Joe. Details on this will be made available at a later date.

Pastor's Sabbatical: Brad announced his intention to take a 6-week sabbatical, starting just after Easter services on April 1, and ending on May 20. He will be examining the question of how to build and nurture a sustainable church, hoping to learn more about how to help Aldersgate to continue to thrive. He has already lined up many visits and connections that he hopes will be very informative. Our prayers and support will go with him.

This was the end of the Core Leadership meeting, and we hastened over to the Common Table event.

These minutes respectfully submitted by the perpetually late Robbin Price. All omissions and errors are mine, and corrections are encouraged and gratefully accepted.