

Trinity News Article – Session
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Current Work

Connection: Ministry partners and staff have been completing calls to every Trinity member, checking in as to how everyone is doing during this time of separation during COVID-19. Over 142 callers have been making calls and praying for the Trinity family. As a focus for the spring, leadership desires that every person at Trinity will experience a fresh touch of Christ's love through intentional connection and care.

Carpeting: A major carpet replacement project in the Sanctuary and Music Ministry offices has been completed, thanks to a generous donation. Have a look down at the floor the next time you visit the Sanctuary.

Upcoming

Beginning in early summer, Trinity will begin to hold a quarterly **Healing Ministry Worship Service**. This is a natural extension of an established healing ministry at Trinity. Healing opportunities have taken place after worship services on Sundays, in the prayer room with Prayer Team members and one on one through the inner healing ministry. More information will be forthcoming regarding dates and times for this new worship service.

Trinity's **Stephanie (Hubbard) Poblenz** is nearing the end of the ordination process. Stephanie grew up at Trinity and served on staff in several roles. She has been working at a church in Merced while completing the requirements for being called to an ordained position. It is anticipated that a service of Ordination will be held on April 11 at Trinity and we hope you will gather with us to celebrate Stephanie's wonderful milestone in ministry.

Presbytery and ECO

The Presbytery of Southern California met on February 20 via zoom for its quarterly meeting. Trinity is part of this presbytery along with 21 other local churches. During the meeting, updates were given on upcoming programs such as an 8-week "Emotionally Healthy Discipleship" course, plans and updates regarding church planting and a Pentecost Conference to be held at Trinity in May.

The annual ECO Gathering for all ECO churches nationwide was held virtually this year in January. This weekend conference included leadership development, encouragement and a deep dive into God's flourishing next steps. Recordings of the keynote speakers can be viewed at <https://econationalgathering.org/>.

Finances

Trinity is incredibly grateful for the congregation's generosity resulting in an end the year surplus of approximately \$584,000. The surplus will be allocated in the following manner: \$147,000 to the Operating Reserve, \$37,000 to the Capital Reserve and the remaining \$400,000

to the Growth Reserve. Monies in the Operating Reserve help fund ministry and expenses at Trinity when our income is less than the expenses (which tends to happen in the summer months). The Capital Reserve, which covers campus repairs and unbudgeted projects, was drawn down during construction and with COVID-19 needs. The Growth Reserve is in place as a backup to help fund Trinity's recent staff expansion that is preparing us for congregational and ministry growth.

In terms of 2021 income, January income was less than expected by (\$62,000). January typically has greater expenses due to some annual expense items due in January as well as on-going additional costs associated with COVID impacts.