

Session Summary November 17, 2020 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the November 17, 2020 Session Meeting. For further information or clarification, please contact the elders listed at the end of this summary.

Prayer and Devotion as a Session

Rev. Dr. Hylton opened the meeting with prayer and then presented a devotion based on the Book of Hebrews, which emphasizes God's steadfast love for His people by sending Jesus Christ as the supreme mediator of God's grace and the "New Covenant;" and that Jesus is far superior to the prophets, the angels, Moses and the priestly descendants of Aaron. Several elders also commented on their own responses in faith in Jesus Christ.

Welcoming the New Elders

The new Elders, James Bodan, Betsey Newenhuyse and Rick Parris, were introduced and welcomed. Each expressed gratitude at being chosen as an Elder and indicated some of the ministries/functions of the church in which they might serve. Jim Teague was also congratulated on his promotion to Director of Communication and acknowledged by the Elders for his very valuable work for the church during Covid-19.

Review of Goals/Progress on Dashboard

The Goals/Progress for each Council, the Board of Deacons and the Board of Trustees were presented and discussed by: Bob Bastian - Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Caryl Weinberg - the Board of Deacons, Lisa Bolsen-Fisher - Discipleship Council, Rosenary Mauck - Leadership Council, Dick Warnecke - Mission Council, Laura Jones - Our Children Our Families Council, Kim Klamm - Personnel Council, John Powell - the Board of Trustees, and Hannah McConnel, Dan Allen and Brian Carmody - Worship Council.

The Session also acknowledged the very significant work of the Board of Deacons, as reflected in the 2020 Annual Report, and their meaningful contribution to the wellbeing of members of our church and the wider community.

Approval of the 2021 Mission Gift to the Chicago Presbytery

The Session discussed the annual Mission Gift to the Chicago Presbytery.

**The motion was made and seconded to approve a 2021 Mission Gift to the Chicago Presbytery in the amount of \$1,000.00
The motion carried.**

2021 Session Priorities

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a discussion of the list of Session priorities for 2021, with special emphasis on moving forward with the proposal to unify church leadership (Session and the Board of Trustees) through the adoption of a unicameral governance model.

Clerk's Report

Clerk's Omnibus Motion

The motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's Omnibus Motion. The motion carried.

CLERK'S OMNIBUS MOTION November 17, 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 27, 2020 Session meeting, as amended, be, and are hereby approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, INCIDENTAL LISTS, STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS, AND BAPTISM REQUESTS

RESOLVED, that the October, 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report and the November 2020 Baptisms and Membership Status Change Requests be, and are hereby approved and incorporated in these minutes as if they had been fully set forth therein.

COMMUNION

RESOLVED, that Virtual Holy Communion was served at the 10:00 virtual Sunday worship service and at the outdoor worship service on November 1, 2020 by intinction.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Leadership Council Minutes 11-11-20**
- **Our Children Our Families Council Minutes 11-3-20**
- **Worship Council Minutes 11-10-20**
- **FPCE Financial Report 2020-11**
- **Session Priorities**
- **2020 Board of Deacons Annual Report**

Pastor's Report

Rev. Dr. Hylton expressed his deep appreciation and gratitude to those Elders who are leaving the Session: Dwayne Dobschuetz, Katie Duke, Laura Jones, Hugh Parry, Barb Smith, Marge Stromberg and Sharyn Wilson-Woods, who will be acknowledged on December 8, 2020 at the new home of Rev. Golbek and Rev. Coates.

Rev. Dr. Hylton also informed the Session of his plans for a sabbatical leave from April 5 to July 6, 2021.

Rev. Coates presented a brief report on the 2020/2021 Stewardship Campaign.

John Powell presented a report on the opening of the church building in light of the recent increase in Covid-19 cases and the Governor's advisory statement. John expressed the hope that Roy Hall might become available for use by families and small groups on a restricted basis.

Executive Session

The motion was made and seconded to move to executive session. The motion carried. The motion was made and seconded to end executive session. The motion carried.

Kim Klamm reported that the new contracts for the remainder of 2020 and 2021 for Rev. Golbek will be forwarded to the Chicago Presbytery

Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes

None

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Hylton expressed the need for prayers for a family suffering from COVID-19. Bob Bastian expressed joy over his son joining a church. Kim Klamm expressed joy over the upcoming 100th birthday of her mother. Marge Stromberg asked for prayers for teachers, especially her daughter. Barb Smith expressed joy over being able to pray for caregivers and nurses during her own hospitalization and rehabilitation from recent surgery.

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Bob Bastian at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk

2020 Session**Ordained Pastors**

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor and Moderator of Session
Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Fellowship

Ruling Elders

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk of Session

Daniel Allen, Worship Council

Bob Bastian, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, The Counseling Center Board

Brian Carmody, Worship Council

Dwayne Dobschuetz, Our Families Our Children Council, Stewardship Committee

Katie Duke, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council

Lisa Bolsen-Fisher, Discipleship Council, Stewardship Committee

J.J. Ivaska, Discipleship Council, Resource Steward Council, Budget Committee,
Finance and Endowment Committee

Laura Jones, Our Families Our Children Council

Kim Klamm, Personnel Council, Budget Committee

Rosemary Mauck, Leadership Council, Nominating Committee

Hugh Parry, Personnel Council, Finance and Endowment Committee

Barb Smith, Mission Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

Marge Stromberg, Leadership Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner

Dick Warnecke, Mission Council, Great Commission Fund

Sharyn Wilson Woods, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Chicago Presbytery
Commissioner