

## **Session Summary** **July 28, 2020 Stated Meeting**

Following is a summary of the July 28, 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.

LeRoy Klemt presented a devotion based upon the book, Healing Life's Hurts: Healing Memories through Five Stages of Forgiveness by Matthew Linn, S.J. and Daniel Lin, M.Div., which incorporates Elisabeth Kubler-Ross' seminal work dealing with the five stages of dying.

### **Welcome New Member Candidates**

The Session welcomed and listened to the faith stories of the following new member candidates: Alex Doty, Gerald and Ellen Gabrielse, Nester Gonzalez and Jixun Hu.

**The motion was made and seconded to receive Alex Doty, Gerald and Ellen Gabrielse, Nester Gonzalez and Jixun Hu as members of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston; and that Daniel and Beverly Rah and Annie Shin would be received as members of First Presbyterian Church of Evanston at a future meeting with members of Session prior to August 9, 2020 when the new members will be introduced to the congregation. The motion carried**

### **Report from the Reopening Task Force**

John Powell, Cam Trout and Rev. Coates presented a report on reopening the church, which is still scheduled for the first week in September. There are many issues to consider and details to work out. It is expected that a comprehensive plan for reopening will be presented to Session at their August meeting.

### **Report from Ministry Architects**

Rob Dyer of Ministry Architects presented a report that included an online tool that could be very useful in matching volunteers with the church's various ministry needs.

### **Planning Cycle as an Annual Rhythm**

Rev. Golbek presented a brief report on the annual format for church planning: April/May: Prayer/Discernment, June/July: Goal Setting/Decision Making, August: Steps to the Goal, September/October: Reviewing Progress, November/December: Reviewing Progress, January Reviewing Progress, and February/March: Reviewing Progress.

## **Part Time Communications Director**

Dan Allen presented a report concerning creating a part time Communications Director position, upgrading the church web site and implementing an employee survey.

## **Dash Board Update**

J.J. Ivaska urged Session and their councils to upload data concerning their council goals onto the Dash Board platform by August 15, so that Session will be able to review the goals at their August meeting.

## **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 July 28, 2020**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED, that the minutes of the June 23, 2020 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.**

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

**RESOLVED, that the June 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the July 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 on July 5, 2020 by intinction.**

### **RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

- **Leadership Council Minutes 7-7-20**
- **Draft Reopening Task Force Report**
- **Executive Summary of Reopening Survey**
- **Financial Report 2020-07**
- **FPCE Volunteer Information Form**
- **FPCE Announcing Volunteer Data Base**

## **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.**

## **Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes**

None

## **Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Hylton expressed deep gratitude over the members of Session and others who have contributed so meaningfully to the church and our members during the COVID-19 pandemic; and that the church had received a significant financial gift from a deceased member's estate.

## **Adjournment in Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Bob Bastian at 10:20 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 Bolen-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 Klam, 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



