

Session Summary June 23, 2020 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the June 23, 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.

Rev. Coates presented a devotion based upon an article in the New York Times titled “What the Bible Has To Say About Black Anger” written by Rev. Esau McCaulley, PhD, Assistant Professor of New Testament at Wheaton College.

TCC Report

Rev. Dr. Hylton and Laura Jones, in Bob Bastian’s absence, presented a brief report concerning the future of TCC.

Approval of the Dashboard

J.J. Ivaska led a discussion of the Dashboard platform which was created for use by the Councils to measure and monitor progress toward their specific goals and objectives. The Session agreed that the Dashboard should be used by the Councils as the primary tool in achieving the purposes for which it had been created.

Planning Cycle as an Annual Rhythm

Rev. Golbek led a discussion of using the following format for annual 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.

Leadership Council Update

Rosemary Mauck and Marge Stromberg presented a report from the Leadership Council, which has focused on Goal Number 3 of the Strategic Plan: By January 2022, 100 FPCE members have experienced a robust training and development program for lay leadership that resulted in new lay leaders, mentors and volunteers. Tools which will be used by the Council include: Spiritual Assessments for 40 persons, Anagram/Personality Tests, first for the Session, and then to the Deacons and other leaders, a Master Inventory of Members and a Mentoring Program.

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
June 23, 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the May 26, 2020 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the May 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the June 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 June 7, 2020 by intinction.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Leadership Council Minutes 6-10-20**
- **Worship Council Minutes 6-9-20**
- **Dashboard Draft**
- **Financial Report 2020-06**
- **Highlighted Amended and Restated Bylaws**
- **Planning Cycle as an Annual Rhythm**

LeRoy Klemt presented a highlighted version of the Amended and Restated Bylaws which could be presented at a congregational meeting later this year, if such a meeting proved feasible and practical.

Pastors' Report

Rev. Coates presented a report from the COVID-19 Task Force, which consists of Rev. Coates, J.J. Ivaska, Alexis Langlois, Matt McLeod, Jede Nzelibe, John Powell, Karen Shaw, Cam Traut, and Dick Warnecke, and its work of considering the many issues affecting reopening the church.

Extending Virtual Worship

The motion was made and seconded to approve virtual worship and the virtual serving of communion indefinitely. The motion carried.

Rev. Coates reported on formulating plans for the remainder of the year and for 2021 involving racial reconciliation.

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a discussion expressing gratitude for the staff and volunteers for their support of the Next Ministries Food Drive.

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.

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Kim Klamm at 9:30 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

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