

Session Summary
November 19, 2019 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the November 19, 2019 Session meeting. For further information or clarification, please contact one of the elders listed at the end of this summary.

Rev. Hylton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and lead a responsive reading concerning Thanksgiving from the Psalms.

Board of Deacons Year in Review

Board of Deacons Moderator, Cynthia Bridges, along with other deacons, provided an overview of the deacon programs in 2019. These activities included the Fellowship Hour, Lemonade on the Lawn and the Hot Dog Social in the summer months, Deacon's Clothes Closet, Communion at Home, the Back Packs for Kids Project, the Angel Tree Project, and the Overnight Shelter. Following a short time for questions, this portion of the meeting was closed in prayer for the deacons and their work.

Devotion and Prayer as a Session

Sharyn Wilson Woods presented a devotion based upon changing our attitudes from "if only" to "already," recognizing that we have already received an abundance of blessings, and that we should focus on being grateful to God, and being anchored and steadfast as we respond to His love, mercy and grace.

Sharyn closed the devotion with prayer.

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 19, 2019

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the October 20, 2019 Congregational meeting and the October 22, 2019 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the October, 2019 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the November, 2019 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 Holy Communion was served at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday worship services on November 3, 2019.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Worship Ministry Council Minutes 11-12-19**
- **Pastoral Care Council Minutes 11-12-19**
- **EMD Council Minutes 11-12-19**
- **FPCE 2020 Preliminary Budget Requests**
- **FPCE 2020 Governance Model and Council Realignment**
- **FPCE 2020 Strategic Plan Phase Two**

A discussion followed concerning the next steps to be considered in connection with the change in the FPCE Bylaws. Individual meetings will be scheduled with certain members of the Congregation, if appropriate, and two all church adult education opportunities between services were approved for January 12 and January 19. An easy to understand summary of the reasons for the proposed changes in the Bylaws would also be made available well in advance of the January meetings.

Monthly/Quarterly Reporting for Councils

Dan Shiau presented a “Dash Board” model of reporting for church councils which could improve communication among the councils and their committees. The purpose of this model is to report in a more concise manner on the current status, trends, partnerships, resources availability and progress in attaining monthly and longer term goals regarding the church’s various ministries.

Church Governance/Council Realignment Report

Rev. Hylton led a discussion of the Governance/Council Realignment Report regarding the evaluation of FPCE councils and ministries, in the context of the following questions:

1. Were there surprises to the number of ministries under your council?
2. Does it seem like too many? Or too few?
3. Any ministries you think should go to a different council?
4. Any ministries you think we need to phase out?

And looking forward, under the new structure:

5. What changes need to be made (especially in light of the discussion of 1-4 above)?
6. What committees do you anticipate your council needing?
7. Does this structure seem sustainable?

Pastors' Report

Rev. Hylton presented a brief report on 2020 Stewardship, the Session's annual Christmas Party and the hiring of Don Wilkins as the Interim Facilities Manager.

Nominating Committee Report

Mr. Klemt, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, reported that elders Hugh Parry, Barb Smith, and Marge Stromberg have agreed to continue their service on Session in 2020. In addition, J.J. Ivaska will be nominated to serve on Session and John Powell and Clark Robinson will be nominated to serve on the Board of Trustees at a congregational meeting to be held between services on December 8, 2019. The installation of these church officers will take place on January 12, 2020 at the 9 a.m. service.

2020 Budget Update

Mr. Klemt reported that the final 2020 budget will be considered by the Session at their January 28, 2020 meeting and submitted to the congregation at their February 23, 2020 meeting.

Executive Session

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

Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes

None

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Hylton and several elders expressed their joys concerning recent joyful interactions with members of our congregation and others. Concerns were expressed over those of our members who are dealing with serious illness or loss of a loved one.

How Did We Do?

No discussion.

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed with prayer by Rev. Hylton at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRoy Klemt, Interim Clerk

2019 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, Interim Clerk of Session

Daniel Allen, Children's Ministry Council
Bob Bastian, The Counseling Center Board
Sonia Bodi, Worship Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner
Brian Carmody, Worship Ministry Council
Dwayne Dobschuetz, Youth Ministry Council, Stewardship Committee
Katie Duke, Pastoral Care Ministry Council
Susan Hood, Youth Ministry Council
Laura Jones, Pastoral Care Ministry Council
Kim Klamm, Personnel Ministry Council, Budget Committee
Rosemary Mauck, Evangelism & Membership Development Council,
Nominating Committee
Matt McCleod, Adult Discipleship Ministry Council, Nominating Committee
Hugh Parry, Personnel Ministry Council, Finance and Endowment Committee
Dan Shiau, Adult Discipleship Ministry Council
Barb Smith, Evangelism & Membership Development Council, Chicago Presbytery
Commissioner
Marge Stromberg, Children's Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner
Dick Warnecke, Mission Ministry Council
Sharyn Wilson Woods, Mission Ministry Council, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner