

## **Session Summary October 27, 2020 Stated Meeting**

Following is a summary of the October 27, 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 presented a devotion based on Isaiah 43: 16-21. This passage emphasizes God's steadfast love for His people by presenting them (us) with new ways and opportunities for them (us) to grow closer to Him through Jesus Christ, even and especially, in the midst of challenges and uncertainties.

### **2021 Preliminary Budget**

Clark Robinson led a discussion of the 2021 Preliminary Budget, which is based upon 2020 budget figures, due to the uncertain future financial impact of COVID-19. The elders were urged to think about budget priorities for 2021. The Session and the Board of Trustees will monitor and evaluate the financial condition of the church over the next several months to determine what modifications may be necessary prior to the approval of the 2021 Budget at their January, 2021 meetings and its presentation at the Meeting of the Congregation in February, 2021.

**The motion was made and seconded by the Board of Trustees to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget, subject to those modifications which may be necessary and approved, prior to its presentation at the Meeting of the Congregation in February, 2021.**

**The motion carried.**

**The motion was made and seconded by the Session to approve the 2021 Preliminary Budget, subject to those modifications which may be necessary and approved, prior to its presentation at the Meeting of the Congregation in February, 2021.**

**The Motion carried.**

### **Approval of the 2020 Thanksgiving and Christmas Offerings**

**The motion was made and seconded to approve the 2020 Thanksgiving Offering to be divided equally and given to Christmas Lutheran Church and Dar el Kalima University of Arts and Culture, and the Christmas Offering to be given to First Friends/Syrian Refugee Families.**

**The motion carried.**

## **2021 Session Priorities**

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a discussion of an article entitled “Disruption Gives You Momentum for Change” in connection with establishing Session priorities for 2021. An extensive list of fourteen priorities was considered, with a focus on whether a specific priority was urgent, which would require immediate/short term attention or longer term which would require more extended attention. The Dash Board goals for each of the Councils were also reviewed. Communication of Session’s 2021 priorities to the Congregation in a timely and consistent manner was also discussed.

## **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 October 27, 2020**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the September 22, 2020 Session meeting and the minutes of the October 21, 2020 meeting of the Congregation be, and are hereby approved.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the September, 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report and the October 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 October 4, 2020 by intinction.

## **RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

- **Community Life and Pastoral Care Council Minutes 10-13-20**
- **Leadership Council Minutes 9-14-20**
- **Mission Council Minutes 9-21-20**
- **Worship Council Minutes 10-13-20**
- **FPCE 2021 Preliminary Budget**

- **FPCE Financial Report 2020-10**
- **Session Priorities**
- **FPCE Connections Game Plan**
- **Disruption Gives You Momentum For Change**
- **Mission Leadership Class 2021 (Draft)**

### **Pastor's Report**

Rev. Dr. Hylton informed the Session of the requests for baptism from Benjamin and Kristan Kenny, which was approved, and from Susan and Steve Hanzlovic, which was not approved pending their completion of the membership class scheduled for February, 2021. Rev. Dr. Hyton also reported that the next Session meeting will be held on November 17, 2020.

After discussion by the Session:

**The motion was made and seconded to continue outdoor worship services in the church parking lot, pending cancellation due to weather, on November 1, 2020, with communion being self-served by attendees, and also on November 8, 2020. The motion carried.**

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

Bob Bastian presented a report on the FPCE Connection Game Plan, which sets forth a strategy for maintaining and improving contact with members.

### **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 PMC had voted unanimously to promote Jim Teague to the position of Director of Communication at its October 2, 2020 meeting.

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

None

### **Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Hylton expressed the need for prayers for our members and others who are suffering and/or dying from COVID-19 and other causes. Dick Warnecke expressed his enjoyment of the adult education class on race led by Rev. Coates. Rev. Coates expressed his joy over the six month birthday of his son, Jacob.

### **Adjournment in Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Hylton at 10:00 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