

## **Session Summary February 23, 2021 Stated Meeting**

Following is a summary of the February 23, 2021 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. Caryl Weinberg then presented a devotion based on the first two chapters of the book, *A Church Called Tov: Forming a Goodness Culture That Resists Abuses of Power and Promotes Healing* by Scott McKnight and Laura Barringer. The first chapter explains how every church has a culture that interacts with and is influenced by its leaders. The second chapter describes the early warning signs of a toxic culture which often includes narcissism and power through fear.

### **Review of the Dashboard**

The use of the Dashboard by various church bodies in addressing the strategic goals of the Session were presented by: Bob Bastian - Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Caryl Weinberg - Board of Deacons, J.J. Ivaska - Discipleship Council, Rosemary Mauck and James Bodan - Leadership Council, Dick Warnecke - Mission Council, Lisa Bolsen-Fisher - Our Children Our Families Council, Kim Klamm - Personnel Council, Dan Allen, Betsey Newenhuyse and Hannah McConnel - Worship Council, Rev. Coates - Stewardship Committee and John Powell – Board of Trustees.

### **Discussion of Reopening the Church for In Person Worship**

John Powell presented a report on the many changes that have been made to provide a safe and sanitary environment within the church building. This led to extended discussion concerning reopening the sanctuary and in person worship.

**The motion was made and seconded that the sanctuary be opened for in person worship services during Holy Week for the Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday services, that attendance for these services would be limited through advance reservations, that live streaming of worship services would continue indefinitely, and that in person worship services in the parking lot would be approved, dependent upon the weather, and include an April 11, 2021 in person taize service, which would celebrate communion with elements being provided by the participants.**

**The motion carried.**

### **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**  
February 23, 2021

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**, that the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Session Meeting be and are hereby approved.

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

**RESOLVED**, that the January 2021 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the February 2021 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 celebrated at the virtual 10 a.m. Sunday Worship Services on February 7, 2021.

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

- Community Life and Pastoral Care Council Minutes 2-9-21
- Discipleship Council Minutes 2-4-21
- Leadership Council Minutes 2-16-21
- Mission Council Minutes 1-11-21
- Mission Council Minutes 12-14-20
- Our Families Our Children Council Minutes 2-2-21
- Worship Council Minutes 2-9-21
- FPCE Financial Report 2020 - 12
- FPCE 2021 Budget and Projections
- Sabbatical Plans Document
- FPCE Unicameral Task Force – 2021

**Pastor's Report**

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a brief discussion of the zoom Congregational meeting which will take place on February 24, 2021, and informed the Session of his plans for a sabbatical leave from April 5 to July 6, 2021.

Rev. Coates informed the Session of his plans to pursue a Doctor of Divinity at Fuller Theological Seminary and apply for a chaplaincy position with the Evanston Police Department. He also announced that a concert would take place in the church parking lot on March 27.

**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.**

**The motion was made and seconded to approve the 2021 Contract setting forth the Terms of Call for Rev. Golbek.**

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

None

**Joys and Concerns**

Rev. Dr. Hylton expressed the need for prayers for members of the congregation who were suffering from serious illness.

**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

**2021 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, Nominating Committee  
Bob Bastian, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, The Counseling Center Board, Chicago Presbytery Commissioner  
James Bodan, Leadership Council  
Lisa Bolsen-Fisher, Our Families Our Children Council, Stewardship Committee  
Bryan Carmody, Our Families Our Children Council  
J.J. Ivaska, Discipleship Council, Resource Steward Council (Budget Committee, Finance and Endowment Committee)  
Kim Klamm, Personnel Council, Resource Steward Council (Budget Committee)  
Rosemary Mauck, Leadership Council, Discipleship Council, Nominating Committee  
Betsey Newenhuyse, Worship Council  
Rick Parris, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Resource Steward Council (Finance and Endowment Committee)  
Dick Warnecke, Mission Council, Great Commission Fund