

Session Summary April 28, 2020 Stated Meeting

Following is a summary of the April 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 and led a devotion based on the Book of Second Chronicles, Chapter Thirty-Two Verses 1 to 8. This passage describes the invasion of Judah and the attack on Jerusalem by the Assyrian king, Sennacherib, and the response of Hezekiah, the king of Judah, to these dual threats. Hezekiah prepared for the invasion with planning and organization, but more importantly encouraged his people to faithfully rely on God for deliverance from these mortal dangers. We too are facing mortal danger to our church and congregation during this pandemic; and we should make appropriate plans and take prudent action, but we must not give in to our fears, but faithfully rely on God's deliverance from COVID-19, as we serve His church and the wider community.

Executive Session

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

The motion was made and seconded to end the executive session. The motion carried.

The working group established consisting of Rev. Dr. Hylton, Bob Bastian and Laura Jones, with the assistance of the TCC Board and the advice of the Session will continue to deal with issues concerning the future of TCC.

Financial Report

Clark Robinson, John Powell and Jide Nzelibe presented a mostly positive report on the church's current financial position, which included comments on the application for a PPP Small Business Loan, current building maintenance and various future building projects.

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
April 28, 2020

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the March 24, 2020 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.

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

RESOLVED, that the March 2020 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the April 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 April 5, 2020 by intinction.

RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS

- **Mission Council Minutes 3-27-20**
- **Community Life and Pastoral Care Council Minutes 4-14-20**
- **Leadership Council Minutes 4-15-20**
- **Discipleship Council Minutes 4-16-20**
- **Worship Ministry Council Minutes 4-21-20**
- **Financial Report 2020-04**
- **Ministry Architects 2020 FPCE Revised Sustainability Proposal**
- **Ken Braddy's 24 Questions re: Reopening the Church**

Pastors' Report

Rev. Dr. Hylton reported that plans for the Chicago Presbytery meeting, which was scheduled to take place at the church on May 19, 2020, have been cancelled and that the meeting will be conducted on Zoom.

J.J. Ivaska and John Powell reported on the COVID-19 Task Force and its efforts and objectives for serving our congregation during this time of closure of the church building. Emphasis has been placed on reaching out to all of our members through the Small Group Ministry and personal telephone calls. Benevolence assistance regarding unemployment and mortgage relief issues and direct financial assistance are also being considered.

Caryl Weinberg reported on the church's efforts to provide housing at local hotels for the homeless during COVID -19.

The motion was made and seconded to approve a total gift of \$7,000 to be paid from the Mission budget (\$3,000) and the Great Commission Fund (\$4,000) to provide one week's lodging at local hotels for the homeless. The motion carried.

Rosemary Mauck led a discussion of how communication to the congregation may be improved by updating and improving the church web site to make it more timely and effective.

Ministry Architects Proposal

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a discussion of the Ministry Architects proposal for additional consulting during 2020. The discussion dealt mainly with the cost of an engagement focusing on: Establishment of an Equipping Ministry, Developing a Membership Assimilation System, Establishing a Timeline and Providing Coaching for the Senior Pastor and Senior Staff.

The motion was made and seconded to authorize engagement during 2020 with Ministry Architects at a cost of \$12,705. The motion carried.

Extending Virtual Worship

Rev. Dr. Hylton led a discussion concerning the closing of the church building and the extension of virtual worship and virtual serving of communion through the end of May.

The motion was made and seconded to extend the closing of the church building, and to approve virtual worship and the virtual serving of communion through the end of May. The motion carried.

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.

Pastor Amanda Golbek's contract as Minister of Children and Youth was renewed for another year.

Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes

None

Joys and Concerns

Joy was expressed over the birth of Jacob David Coates. Concerns were expressed regarding individuals who are suffering with COVID-19 issues.

Adjournment in Prayer

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Dr. Hylton at 9:10 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