



## NEWS FROM YOUR SESSION

### **Welcome to the first installment of "News From Your Session"**

Each month the elders will provide some highlights of the current month's Session meeting. In each meeting we review minutes and recent communications, get committee reports, and get updates on Presbytery business. We receive a devotional, pray together, consider RPC and RPDS concerns, member needs, and mission in our community. Remember, that you're always welcome to contact elders with your questions and concerns. Here are some highlights of the September Session meeting:

### **We love Carol DiGiusto!**

With deep gratitude for her service at RPC, Pastor Brian reported that Carol DiGiusto will retire at the end of January. A Search Committee was formed to fill the parish associate position and their work will begin immediately. We will all miss Carol because we've all been touched by her compassion and faithful ministry. There will be opportunities to thank her, but don't wait! Even as we continue to work alongside her, send her a card or email expressing your gratitude for her ministry and presence with us.

### **Update on the Capital Campaign Feasibility Study**

Martin Harrell, RPC Elder and RPDS Campus Development Co-Chair, provided a recap of the progress made prior to COVID when everything came to a halt in March. The Winkler Group, a fundraising and strategic planning consulting firm, is conducting interviews and collecting survey responses and will provide a report of their findings in early November. Watch for the electronic survey and be sure to respond. All of the responses will help us understand our longterm priorities for our campus. The Session also voted to form a task force which will be initiated by Ben Ketchum and Brian Lays which will work to make a recommendation to the Session regarding the parameters of our contribution to global and community outreach.

### **RPC is now a Matthew 25 church**

The PCUSA has launched an effort called the Matthew 25 Initiative and has invited presbyteries and congregations to sign on. The PCUSA website states: "Matthew 25:31-46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities." The focus areas of the Matthew 25 Initiative include building congregational vitality, dismantling structural racism, and eradicating systemic poverty. Certainly, RPC in its outreach efforts and involvement in ICARE has supported these focus areas and in these times we'd like to strengthen that involvement. You can get more information at [www.presbyterianmission.org](http://www.presbyterianmission.org). The Matthew 25 Task Force will include members of the Community Outreach, Global Outreach, Adult Education and Worship Committees, ICARE, and anyone who would like to join. Contact Lisa Williams, Chair, Global Outreach, to get involved, [lisaow@gmail.com](mailto:lisaow@gmail.com)

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