



PRESBYTERY of
MILWAUKEE

Presbytery Highlights

May 21, 2019

Wauwatosa Presbyterian Church



WORSHIP

The offering of \$551.90 will go to the anti-racism work of the YWCA of Southeast Wisconsin. Communion was officiated by the Rev. Nicole Melara. Scripture was Habakkuk 1: 1-12, and the YouTube video "Growing Pains" was the message. Angela Oglesby and the Wauwatosa Chancel choir provided music.

FOOD & FELLOWSHIP

Gathering over a meal is always a wonderful way to catch up with friends and colleagues. Much thanks to "Gastro Evangelist" Ben Anderson and the Fellowship Corps who provided a delicious meal, served us, and cleaned up.

DR. ROBIN DIANGELO

New York Time's Best Selling Author, Dr. Robin DiAngelo delivered a presentation about White Fragility to a full house. We were pleased to welcome so many of our church and community members to the educational portion of our meeting.

BUSINESS RECAP

- The Presbytery amended the Manual of Operation by: (1) forming a Planning Commission to organize our Presbytery Gatherings; and (2) formalizing the Personnel Committee to follow the terms and nominations process of other Presbytery groups.
- The Presbytery set aside \$50,000 for 3 years, from the Foundation, to support pastors in counseling, coaching, spiritual direction, and pastor retreats/seminars. Clergy well-being is an important investment for the Presbytery and our congregations. Reach out to COM's co-moderators, JP Kastner and Andy Holmes, if you're interested in applying for funding.
- Council reported on the use of a bequest received through the former Bethany Presbyterian Church. Council has asked Partnership Commission to investigate grant opportunities in the greater Bethany neighborhood, up to \$50,000. It also asked Partnership Commission to work with San Jose Fellowship to identify ministry opportunities, up to \$30,000. The Presbytery then approved Council's request to release the designation from the Bethany AC on the remaining funds (\$109,340.12). The funds are invested in the Foundation for future use by the Presbytery.
- With gratitude, the Presbytery elected Katie Ebel (Faith Springs) to the Nominating Committee and Nikki Blanks (Delafield) & Jeannette Bell (Good Shepherd Trinity) to the newly formed Planning Commission.
- We prayed for the 12 youth and 3 adults who will be attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium this summer and recognized our immediate past Presbytery Moderator Lee Tan, who led us faithfully during an extended term. We also recognized several ministers reaching ministry milestones. Kevin Tarvid (Greenfield Avenue) & Jean Dow (Immanuel) retire next month, and Brett Swanson (Wauwatosa), Jamie Swanson (Rock Prairie), and Andy Holmes (Jerusalem) earned Doctorate degrees.

