SESSION HIGHLIGHTS: MARCH - MAY

For the initial update on the Mission Strategy Steering Committee's progress, there was a large turnout and even some of the visitors stayed for the discussion. Openness and transparency from the staff and from church members were evident. When asked about their fears, members spoke honestly. Kim Miner, Donna Taggart, and Jim Tintle are the Session members who are on the Steering Committee.

JC reminded Session members that, as spiritual representatives of the church, they are encouraged to respond to member concerns, and as appropriate bring forward concerns to the strategy committee. Please note that the committee will not respond to anonymous complaints/comments.

Worship Committee's recommendation for summer worship, one joint service at 10 a.m. beginning on Memorial Day and continuing at least through Labor Day weekend, September 3, 2023, was accepted.

A motion to call Suzanne Trump as Pastoral Associate for Formation and Compassion carried, and we are pleased that she has assumed her role.

We thanked Rich Hjorth for his faithful service as he completed his time on Session.

Session approved the addition of this sentence at the end of the Core Value, "Expansively Welcoming": "We affirm LGBTQ+ individuals and celebrate their full participation in the life and leadership of the church."

The Trustees are to present our Core Values to any entity inquiring about use of space, requesting that their representative(s) sign a statement that their organization has no conflict with those Values.

Session approved policies recommended by Trustees on alcoholic beverages served on church property, and on Memorial Garden disinterment.

Session was pleased to authorize the baptism of Malin Anastasiya Masthay, daughter of Bekah and Ted Masthay on April 23, 2023.

Session formally affirmed and restated its intention for the scope of work for the Strategic Mission Steering Committee and for the Trustees and/or Facilities Usage Task Force to include the following:

- Strategic Mission Steering Committee—Long term adaptive reuse and land development; whole campus planning (both through the lens of mission and community needs/impact; etc.)
- Trustees and/or Facilities Usage Task Force—Leases of existing building space for 3 years or less
- Each group should forward opportunities within the scope of the other to the relevant leadership as soon as possible.

Air conditioning repairs and replacements were not anticipated but are necessary. Thus, a cash flow deficit is anticipated for fourth quarter 2023. Although increased giving may offset some of the deficit, Trustees anticipate the need for additional monies. Session approved Trustees' motion to investigate other methods of financing the HVAC work.

Session approved a motion by the Personnel Committee to close the church offices on Monday, July 3 for staff holiday (2023 only).

Session approved the budget for the Preschool's upcoming year as well as some staffing requests.

We are very grateful to Rebecca Angione for covering for Kevin Konczyk while he was recuperating from surgery.