

## Pastor's Report for Administrative Council - August 2025

### PROGRESS REPORT ON ANNUAL GOALS

#### Goal #1 - Policies and Procedures

- Presenting a Safe Gatherings Policy for consideration, approval in September  
(H/T to Brittany Link for putting it together)
- Presenting the Governance Process section of the Governance Policy Book for consideration, approval in Sept.

#### Goal #2 - Outreach Team

- Had first meeting

#### Goal #3 - Church Building Updates

- Trustees working to rethink timeline after sewage back-up incident

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### DISCUSSION

-Continued Facility questions - Per Trustees Report

Important, difficult questions to ask ourselves:

- Is this facility an asset to our ministry? How so?
  - Are we ready to put money into the building, knowing it needs hundreds of thousands of dollars of work, given the Trustees priority list?
  - How comfortable are we incurring debt?
  - Does the congregation want to compromise on our plans, scale things back to save money?
- \*Charge Conference forms will be due September 15th\*

### ACTION

- None

### OTHER REPORTING

- Active dialogue with pastors of Webster, Unity, Lafayette Park, and The Connection UMCs
  - Brainstorming ways our congregations can collaborate in ministry
- Nominations process is underway
- Attended organizing meeting of opposition to re-districting sponsored by Missouri Jobs with Justice
- Doctoral classes start September 2
- Upcoming dates:
  - 8/31 - Pulpit Exchange - Rev. Lauren Bennett, St. Louis Metropolitan Community Church
  - 9/7 - "Get Connected" / Community Potluck
  - 9/13 - Leader's Circle
  - 9:14 - Discipleship Promise Renewal