

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY – JUNE 2020

The Leadership Council met for our regular meeting via Zoom teleconference on June 17. A summary of discussions and actions are highlighted below.

Financial Report: The financial report was presented. We are still ahead YTD. We dropped \$18K from last month. Local pledges are still strong. Wider Mission pledges are softer. Facilities showed a negative figure due to refunds from event deposits. A projection of finances through year end will be prepared and presented at the July meeting.

Member Reinstatement: Kathy Bell reported that past member Chris Wagner would like to be reinstated to current membership. One of the pastors will contact Chris to welcome him and review current membership standards.

Camp Caz Update: Kathy Bell gave a report on what's been happening within the NCNC-UCC, UCCR, and Camp Cazadero. As a result of COVID-19 and other issues, the UCCR will no longer be managing and running the camp property. Beginning June 22, the Conference will be in charge of running the Camp. There are 3 committees working on the process - Facilities, Camp Envisioning and Interim Management. Members from our church as well as other churches are on the various committees. There are many aspects involved in the transfer and updates will be given as it progresses.

Safe Return Task Force: Kathy Bell and Pastor Lacey reported that the Safe Return Task Force has been meeting for the past 3 weeks. Pastor Lacey presented a list of values to consider during this process and we read them out loud. It's important to consider the safety and comfort levels of all involved. The Task Force is working on guidelines and will report on the overall return plan at the July meeting.

Council Visioning: A conversation was held about ways that the Leadership Council and congregation could get involved in gender, race and other social issues. A core group from the Outreach committee is interested in brainstorming. Bobbie and Joyce agreed to plan a peaceful social distance demonstration out in front of the church to show support for the recent social issues. Pastor Ben will lead a book study on racism issues with Council as a separate monthly meeting so Council is better able to carry this issue to the congregation.

Council Member for Faith Formation: The Nominating Committee recommended Larell Fineren as the Council Member for Faith Formation to replace Kendall Tripathi-Clark. The recommendation was approved. Larell will serve in this position now and will be presented for congregation vote of approval at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

Community Life Team: Pastor Rachel reported that a new team has been formed under Care & Fellowship. The name is Community Life and some of their goals are: creating pen pals, phone pals fellowship with book clubs, movie nights and ways to gather socially.

Youth Update: Pastor Lacey reported that the youth Zoom meetings have less attendance since summer vacation. They will meet less often during summer. Several parents and

grandparents have expressed interest in learning how to have race discussions with their children. Lacey is working on ideas to make that happen.

Facilities: The Grounds team is working in accordance with the Social Distancing rules. There are plans to remove the lawn in front of the sanctuary due to gopher and redwood tree root damage. Indigenous plants and mulch will replace the grass. The Facilities Committee has completed repair of the courtyard between Fellowship hall and the Sanctuary.

Outreach: The Food Pantry has received a \$1,200 grant from Alternative Gifts.

The congregation is invited to discuss these items as well as any other issues, concerns, ideas or appreciations to any of the Council Members. The Council Members are:

Michael Ott – Moderator

Kathy Bell – Council Officer for Personnel

John Henel – Council Officer for Finances

Larry Stallings – Council Officer for Facilities

Joyce Cox – Council Member for Outreach

Larell Fineren – Council Member for Faith Formation

Bobbie Johanson – Council Member for Care and Fellowship

Linda Roa – Council Member for Worship and Arts