

Christ United Methodist Church  
Charge Conference Zoom  
November 5, 2020

In attendance: 14 members and friends, DS, Pastor Mi-Sook

DS Rev. Darneather Murph-Heath welcomed all and called this meeting to order at 6:31PM. She led us in prayer.

Bishop Sally Dyck shared a message. Our DS gave thoughts on “ Why Church”.

Scripture reading from Ephesians 2:14-22. When someone asks, “Why church?” will we have an answer?

Sharing Conference Shepherding Team Vision – DS and Pastor Mi-Sook

Goal 1: To Grow and Reach New Disciples of Jesus Christ

Welcoming 5 confirmands, baptisms and welcoming new members on hold during Pandemic. Working to communicate through eNews and newsletters, Zoom Sunday school and Youth activities, drive by home visits. Working slowly, but more personal.

Goal 2: To Live Out the Conviction that Racism Is Incompatible with Christian Teachings Prayer Vigil after the killing of George Floyd, 30 day challenge, Wednesday morning Studies, McHenry County Interfaith Leaders. Areas for growth – Social Justice and possibly pairing with a church of a different ethnicity and just talking.

Goal 3: To Increase the Number of Highly Vital Congregations

Good communication with many sources, improved website, live stream services, eNews and newsletters, Advent – reaching out to church family and to the nearby businesses, classes to reach new groups, plans for Eagle Scout project to provide mini food pantry box for us to stock with groceries and encouragement.

Holy Conferencing.

How has Christ UMC moved – even in the pandemic? Showing support for each other, graduation and birthday parades, Zoom chats – such as Sunday Cafe’ Zoom and the Wednesday morning group, the way the Wednesday morning people keep track of everyone, the services – including our bell choir and praise team, Mi-Sook’s excellent communication- eNews and the newsletters.

What did we learn during the pandemic about what is most important? Support each other, look out for each other, the people – church family is family, support shown during medical issues.

Did you stop doing programs or ministries that now you realize should not be reinstated? No.

Where has God been more visible? Closer to family, communicating more, the world has slowed down, the Nurturing Team has reached out to church family.

What to do to reclaim the mission of the church? Focus on our website, outreach and community service.

Business of the Church

- ❖ Leadership Nominations and Elections. By saying, “yes”, we approved with unanimous vote the Leadership Team for 2021 as presented.
- ❖ Clergy Compensation. Effective January 1 - an increase of 3% for pastor’s compensation and 3% for pastor’s housing allowance. This compensation package carried by unanimous vote.

- ❖ Ministry Recommendations – none
- ❖ Lay Service Reports – Gary Gruebnau- Thank you, Gary, for your continued service.
- ❖ Additional Business
  - Finance - Budget presented by Larry Fournier. Thank you from DS for our apportionment payments. If we believe the apportionment is too high, there is an appeal process. This budget was approved by a unanimous Yes vote.
  - Membership- Michele Linner. For 2020 no 1<sup>st</sup> year letters will be sent. We have a total of 143, with 5 names removed and 1 death of a constituent. Important to note that while we vote to take names off our membership list, we will always welcome them back. We unanimously agreed to remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> year names.

Our DS The Reverend Darneather Murph-Heath will be retiring as of July 1, 2021. Many words of appreciation and well wishes to her as she prepares to move to the next chapter of her life.

Pastor Mi-Sook closed this meeting with a prayer.

Adjournment at 7:42 PM.

In service to our awesome God,  
Linda Mullen