

SLT UPDATE

April 20, 2022

Attendees: Rev. Gregg DeMey, Mimi Stanton, Rob Petroelje, Todd Bouman
Gary Van Prooyen, Aaron Ozinga, Erika Rooks Wilgenburg, Bastiaan van den Berg
Jon Vander Plas (Elder Representative), Jennifer Stolzenbach (Deacon Representative)

The following are highlights of the April 20 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

- 1. Elders:** Jon Vander Plas presented the minutes of the Elders' meeting on March 14. He reported that the Elders have been discussing the CRCNA's Human Sexuality report. This month, the Elders concentrated on the fourth and fifth sections which deal with the topic of pornography. Jon stated that the Elders are broadly supportive of the report and are discerning how to guide, encourage, and pray for those in the body of Elmhurst CRC.
- 2. Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach presented the minutes from the March 21 meeting. She reported that the new Deacons; Brent Molendyk, Kristin Loerop, Sean McNichols, and Steve Hengst have brought a variety of talents and experience to the group. They have shown enthusiasm, wisdom, and thoroughness in their work. Rob thanked God for bringing the right people to the forefront to serve our community.
- 3. Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton presented her report for information. She reported the attendance totals from Easter Sunday. There were 42 people at the sunrise service, approximately 300 people in attendance at the 8:30 am service, and over 700 people at the 10 am service, not including children. Mimi also reported that 55 people attended the Trivia Night event on April 8 with over \$2,250 in donations received for York Community Resource Center. She acknowledged the work done by Sara Plasman, Kelly Day, and Annie Tazelaar to organize the event.
- 4. Lead Pastor:** Gregg presented his report for information. He thanked the Elders for their letter to the congregation, published in the March 25 ECRC E-news. He also shared his observation that our worship experiences have had an increasing feeling of togetherness, joy, and spiritual vitality. He reported the upcoming sermon series will focus on the book of Revelation. Gregg reported that as delegate to the 2022 Synod, he has begun the reviewing the high volume of materials and reports that are part of the Agenda for Synod.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Bastiaan van den Berg reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and liquidity levels as of March 31, 2022. He reported that giving is approximately \$216,000 under YTD projections and that we have collected nearly an identical amount to last year at the end of the first quarter. The Celebrate Ministries week and Giving Day collections in early June are anticipated to bring receipts in-line with the budgeted projections.
- 6. Audit Committee:** Mimi Stanton reported that pre-work for the audit is complete.
- 7. Christian Education Committee:** Gary Van Prooyen reported that they have received 30 applications for the 2022/23 Covenant Education Plan. The deadline to register is April 30. He shared that the committee has received several notes of gratitude.
- 8. Legacy Ministry:** Rob Petroelje reported that the Legacy Ministry team will host breakfast gatherings on April 24 and May 1 prior to the worship services. Elmhurst CRC members and friends will share how living into their legacies has impacted their lives and their commitment to ECRC. A short survey, created with the help of the Barnabas Foundation, will be available to help the team gather feedback on the variety of ways to wisely use their spiritual and financial blessings to make a meaningful impact in the lives of future generations.