

## SLT UPDATE

December 15, 2021

**Attendees:** Rev. Gregg DeMey, Mimi Stanton, Rob Petroelje, Kevin Van Solkema, Ken Schaafsma, Gary Van Prooyen, Todd Bouman, Aaron Ozinga, Ken Vander Wal (Elder Representative), Jennifer Stolzenbach (Deacon Representative)

The following are highlights of the December 15 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

- 1. Elders:** Ken Vander Wal presented the minutes from the Elders' meeting on December 13. He reported that the Elders rejoiced in the continued strong participation in our worship and ministries. The Elders want to foster a spirit of engagement and service among our church family. Ken also reported that the Elders endorsed a plan for a series of Vespers evening services to be organized by the PrimeTime group over the winter months.
- 2. Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach presented the minutes from the Deacons' meeting on November 15. She shared heartening stories from the Seniors' Christmas lunch on December 10 and noted that over 70 people attended. She also reported that the Deacons are arranging Christmas visits with widows and widowers. For the Thanksgiving special offering, the Deacons collected \$41,642.72 for 29 outside organizations and for ECRC's Prison Ministry, Benevolence Fund, SHE ministry, and the Elmhurst Ministries Fund. The Deacons wholeheartedly thank the congregation for their great spirit of generosity.
- 3. Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton reported that ECRC served as a host site for the cast and crew from the television series Chicago Med, who were filming scenes in the nearby area. She expressed gratitude for the opportunity to demonstrate God's love and kindness during their week of filming. Mimi reported that Riley Slovey will be leaving at the end of the year and expressed best wishes to Riley as he begins his next chapter. Mimi shared positive feedback from the Celebrate Faithfulness reception on November 30. She also reported that the Giving Trees at the December 12 worship service raised approximately \$300 for York Community Resource Center (YCRC) and over \$1,200 for World Renew. She acknowledged the generosity of the congregation in joining with YCRC to provide Christmas gifts to the children in their afterschool programs, and for supporting World Renew to provide life-enriching tools to people around the world.
- 4. Lead Pastor:** Gregg presented his report and a copy of the 2022 Lectionary. He reported that he and Pastor Jeff will prepare much of next year's preaching, daily devotionals, and weekly podcasts around the Bible readings in the Lectionary. Gregg recognized staff for their tremendous hard work and enthusiasm throughout the year and Christmas season. He expressed his appreciation to the SLT for providing for a post-New Year's staff gathering with spouses. He also conveyed the staff's gratitude for having the church offices close from January 3-5.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Ken Schaafsma reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and liquidity levels as of November 30, 2021. He reported that approximately \$520,000 must be collected by the end of the year to meet the 2021 projected expenses.
- 6. Finance Committee:** Ken Schaafsma presented the 2022 proposed budget. The SLT approved the draft budget for presentation at the Annual Congregational Meeting on February 6, 2022.
- 7. Senior Leadership Team Membership and Terms:** Rob Petroelje reported that the SLT, the Elders, and the Deacons have approved the changes to the SLT charter; including an expansion in the number of at-large members from six to eight, and to establish a single,

4-year term for all at-large members. The election for SLT at-large members will occur at the Annual meeting of the Council on January 17, 2022.