

## SLT UPDATE

March 16, 2022

**Attendees:** Rev. Gregg DeMey, Mimi Stanton, Rob Petroelje, Todd Bouman, Ken Schaafsma, Gary Van Prooyen, Aaron Ozinga, Erika Rooks Wilgenburg, Jon Vander Plas (Elder Representative), Jennifer Stolzenbach (Deacon Representative), Ken Vander Wal (Audit Committee)

The following are highlights of the March 16 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

- 1. Elders:** Jon Vander Plas presented the minutes from the Elders' meeting on March 14. He reported that the Elders discussed the decision to continue with one worship service and prepared a letter to the congregation, affirming and clarifying the motivations and desired outcomes of the decision. The letter will be posted in the March 18 ECRC E-news. Jon also shared that the Elders were grateful for the prayers, correspondence, and opportunity to have discussions with individuals in the congregation. Jon noted the encouragement felt among the Elders as they focus on the concept of: UP in worship, IN through discipleship, and OUT with acts of service and outreach. Jon also reported that Kyle Groters and Pastor Gregg are working with four students who are in the process of making their Profession of Faith.
- 2. Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach presented the minutes from the February 22 meeting. She reported that the slate of elected officers for 2022-23 are as follows: Rhonda Tameling will serve as Chair; Jack Lanenga will continue serving as Treasurer; and Jennifer will continue serving as Secretary. In her report, Jennifer also shared that the Deacons have spent time considering practical ways to provide for physical needs as they minister to the congregation and community.
- 3. Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton presented her report for information. She reported that registration is open for the Trivia Night on April 8. Mimi also provided an update on the transfer of data from Church Community Builder (CCB) to the Planning Center platform, noting that staff will participate in a half-day training session on Friday, March 18. The transition will be complete by April 1.
- 4. Lead Pastor:** Gregg DeMey presented his report for information. He attended the Classis Northern Illinois semi-annual meeting on March 9. He reported that Classis approved the dissolution of Plainfield CRC to become a satellite campus of Orland Park CRC thereby transferring it into the Classis Chicago South. Pastor Gregg also highlighted the Classis' approval of three commissioned pastors. He reported that he has been appointed as the Classis Northern Illinois' delegate to 2022 Synod. He noted there is a significant amount of work required in the weeks leading up to and serving at Synod and, as such, the SLT has counseled Pastor Gregg to reduce some of his commitments in the weeks leading up to Synod. The Elders have endorsed Pastor Gregg stepping away from the pulpit for the season between Easter and Pentecost.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Ken Schaafsma reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and liquidity levels as of February 28, 2022. He reported that giving is approximately \$167,000 under YTD projections. This is \$10,000 above the giving levels at the end of February 2021.
- 6. Audit Committee:** Ken Vander Wal reported that the annual Audit will begin on April 11.

7. **Christian Education Committee:** Gary Van Prooyen reported that registration is open for the 2022-23 Covenant Education Plan. Families that want to participate in the program must submit required forms by April 30, 2022.
  
8. **Personnel:** Erika Rooks Wilgenburg reported that the Employee Manual is due for an update. Once the review is complete, the manual will be submitted to the SLT for approval.