

SLT UPDATE

October 26, 2022

Attendees: Rev. Gregg DeMey, Mimi Stanton, Rob Petroelje, Gary Van Prooyen, Aaron Ozinga
Erika Rooks Wilgenburg, Ken Schaafsma, Bastiaan van den Berg
Jennifer Stolzenbach (Deacon Representative)

The following are highlights of the October 26 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

- 1. Elders:** The minutes from the October 10 Elders' meeting were provided for information. Pastor Gregg DeMey reported that the Elders discussed the Communion process noting the October 2 worship service was the first time since March 2020 that Communion was served directly to congregants. The Elders agreed that Communion will be served in the same fashion at the November 6 worship service. Pastor Gregg also reported that the Elders have committed to praying personally for each one of our middle school and high school students.
- 2. Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach presented minutes from the Deacons' meetings on September 19 and October 17. She shared feedback from the Deacons who have been participating in Alpha groups. She also reported that the Deacons are considering ways to connect our youth with stewardship experiences and inspire them to share their time, talent, and treasure. At the November 6 worship service, middle school students will assist with offering collection. Jennifer reported that the Christmas brunch is scheduled for December 9.
- 3. Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton presented her report for information. She also provided a quote to make repairs to the roof. Mimi reported that Rebekah Wilson is resigning from her position as Discipleship Coordinator so she can focus on raising her four children. Mimi expressed gratitude for the time Rebekah spent on staff and noted that her family will remain as members of Elmhurst CRC and continue to be involved in various ways. Mimi also requested that the church offices be closed from January 2-4, 2023, to give staff members time to rest and rejuvenate after the busy Christmas season. The SLT endorsed the request.
- 4. Lead Pastor:** Pastor Gregg DeMey presented his report for information. He shared plans for the November "Month of Gratitude" worship messages and noted that a physical offering will be taken each Sunday. He also reported that on November 29, the annual Celebrate Faithfulness reception will be held in the Garden Room at 7pm. At the reception, leadership will highlight accomplishments in 2022, report on the current financial position relative to the 2022 budget, and share ministry goals for 2023. All congregants are invited to attend the reception.
- 5. Treasurer's Report:** Bastiaan van den Berg presented the Treasurer's report, Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Liquidity Levels as of September 30. He noted that expenses are running approximately \$43,000 under budget. Bas also reported that as of October 16, giving is \$318,000 below the YTD projections. He reviewed the loan payment schedule, current rate and terms.
- 6. Personnel Committee:** Erika Rooks Wilgenburg reported that the Sabbatical Advisory Team met to discuss the 2023 ministry calendar and pastoral responsibilities during Pastor Gregg's Sabbatical time. Rob Petroelje expressed gratitude for the foresight of previous Elmhurst CRC leadership in establishing a Sabbatical policy for ordained staff.
- 7. Legacy Ministry Program** – Rob Petroelje provided copies of the Legacy Ministry Survey to the SLT and requested the team complete the questionnaire. The intent of the survey is to provide relevant data to the Barnabas Foundation as they seek to support the advancement of ministries at Elmhurst CRC. Rob also reported that the Legacy Ministry task force will distribute surveys to attendees at the Celebrate Faithfulness reception on November 29.