

SLT UPDATE

September 21, 2022

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

The following are highlights of the September 21 Senior Leadership Team meeting:

1. **Elders:** Jon Vander Plas presented the minutes from the September 12 Elders' meeting. He reported that Pastor Gregg DeMey led the Elders through a dialogue focusing on Section 7 of the [Human Sexuality Report](#) and highlighted the inclusion of everyone in the family of God; whether they are young, old, male, female, single, or married. Jon also reported that the Elders discussed the August 28 Leadership Retreat and reflected on the characterization of Elmhurst CRC's Core Values. The Elders approved a motion to define Elmhurst CRC's four Core Values as:

Children – Generosity – Faithfulness – Hospitality

2. **Deacons:** Jennifer Stolzenbach reported that the Deacons met on September 19 and she gave a verbal update. Jennifer also reported that she attended the Classis Northern Illinois meeting as Elmhurst CRC's Deacon representative.
3. **Executive Director:** Mimi Stanton presented her report for information. She provided a quote for patio maintenance by the east entry doors. She also provided a draft rental agreement for SLT approval. Mimi shared an announcement from Calvin University that Andrew Vogt is the 2022/23 recipient of the Elmhurst CRC Scholarship. Andrew recorded a short message introducing Calvin University Pastor, Dr. Rev. Mary Hulst, for the September 25 worship service.
4. **Lead Pastor:** Rev. Gregg DeMey presented his report for information. He expressed thanks to the SLT for their presence and participation in the Elmhurst CRC Leadership Retreat on August 28. He requested feedback from the SLT regarding the three goals that were set for the upcoming ministry year; particularly the second goal, "to highlight and empower our high school, college, and post-graduate congregants." Pastor Gregg reported that he attended the Classis Northern Illinois meeting on September 21 at Trinity Christian College, with Elder Sam Hamstra and Deacon Jennifer Stolzenbach. He shared that two candidates were examined for the position of Commissioned Pastor: Elder Diego Flores at Ebenezer CRC and Eric Crawford at Lawndale CRC. In addition, candidate William Roelofs was examined to serve as Minister of the Word and Sacraments in the Christian Reformed Church North America (CRCNA) while acting as Staff Chaplain at St. Alexius Medical Center. Pastor Gregg reported that Christ Community Church (formerly Plainfield CRC) will revert to "emerging church" status, becoming a satellite of Orland Park CRC and come under the authority of OPCRC's Council. Pastor Gregg also noted that Christ Community Church will transfer into Classis Chicago South as a result. Finally, Gregg reported that he and Pastor Jeff will spend October 11-12 on a retreat to plan messages and key moments in 2023.
5. **Treasurer's Report:** Bastiaan van den Berg reviewed the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, Loan Balance, and liquidity levels as of September 16, 2022. He reported adequate liquidity levels and reported that expenses are running approximately \$2,600 under budget. He noted the two large expenditures in August for parking lot maintenance and the first of the monthly Christian Education Program (CEP) disbursements to Timothy

Christian Schools. Bas also reported that as of September 11, giving is \$233,000 below the YTD projections.

6. **Audit Committee:** Todd Bouman presented the minutes from the September 14 meeting. As part of the audit process, the audit service provider prepares comprehensive reports detailing Elmhurst CRC's financial data, benchmarks, and operating metrics. Todd reviewed these reports and highlighted several indicators that demonstrate a positive analysis of Elmhurst CRC's financial health. Rob thanked Mimi Stanton and the Audit Committee for their assistance in obtaining this assessment of the church's financial position.