

Holy Trinity United Methodist
Church Conference
12/17/17

This church conference has been authorized by the Annual Conference to be held, presided over by two elders, Chad Gilbertson and District Superintendent Cynthia Williams.

- I. Opened with prayer
- II. Business:
 - a. Appointed Clergy Report (information attached)
 - b. 2018 Stewardship Summary and Budget (information attached)
 - c. Pastoral Compensation Package-led by Mary Haugen, SPRT Chair. The pastoral compensation worksheet was presented. Mary entertained a motion by Vic Noer to approve compensation as presented. Rene Meyer seconded. Motion carried.
 - d. Approval of (continuing) Certified Lay Speaker-Required (Form 2) Carol has been continuing her education and faith activities, has been active on the lay speaking team for the annual conference, and will be the conference representative at a training in February. Jim Weninger moved and Dan Stanley seconded to approve Carol Ottoson continuing as Certified Lay Speaker/Minister, motion carried.
 - e. Inactive/Unresponsive Membership Report-Required
 - a. One Year Inactive/Unresponsive. This list was received.
 - i. Jeff & Christy Blount
 - ii. Kyle & Sara Strege
 - iii. Keith & Kris & Megan Lolling
 - b. Two Years Inactive/Unresponsive. This list was received. These people will be moved to a constituent list and will continue to receive contact. They can be reinstated upon request.
 - i. Lori Boeckman
 - ii. Shawn Hutchison
 - iii. Scott & Mignyon & Logan Warren

Erica Rankka was removed from the “two years inactive” list because Liz Weninger believes she was present in church within that time.

- f. 2017 Leadership List-Required. List of new and continuing leadership was presented (attached). Some additional people may be added to SPRT and Core Team. Any leaders who join after the conference can be nominated and approved by the Core Team. The list was presented and approved.
- III. Report by the Accessibility Team formed in November 2016 at last year’s conference. While we are not in violation of laws or annual conference rules, the issue of how people of all abilities are able to access all our activities and areas is an issue of hospitality and justice. Ballots (attached) were distributed describing four

recommendations for improving accessibility to and in our two buildings. Currently \$35,000 is available to cover the costs of whatever is approved. For additional funding needed there will be an “ask” made to the congregation. If more money is needed there is the resource of Metro East, which offers grants and loans with very low interest. We could also go back to the original donors of funds donated for the Capital Campaign for a new building 8-10 years ago to find out if they would reallocate their contributions. There is no plan for a new building at this time, but that is not ruled out by any action approved today. Forty-five ballots were distributed with the following results:

- a. Item 1: 45 yes
- b. Item 2: 44 yes
- c. Item 3: 36 yes
- d. Item 4: 35 yes
 - i. For the question of “Will Holy Trinity authorize a new Building Committee or empower the Trustees Team to effect improvements approved” the conference voted to empower the Trustees.

IV. New and Emerging Ministry Reports

- a. Bread Oven Ministry-applied for an Investing in Congregation Grant, which was partially approved. Rene Meyer reported that the Bread Oven Ministry Planning Team was established to make initial decisions, including recruiting a Building Team (Jim W and?) and an Event Team. This ministry needs people who are looking for a place to fit. The planning team will meet again at the end of January, please pray. Our original request for a grant was for materials for \$6,500, approved for \$2,500 as seed money (can’t be used for capital projects). Future grants are possible. Rene moved that we accept the grant. Seconded by Lois Burkart. Motion approved.
- b. “Inspire” Worship Service-Pastor Chad reported that Inspire Worship service is preparing to be launched in January. God breathed into the first human beings in Genesis, inspiring life, and that is how we view this service. All are invited to give the new service a chance, previewing Jan 28 at 10:30 service, knowing that it is in development and will grow and change in many ways as we continue to strive for excellence in both services. Paul Winchester, a music director at a church in Minnetonka has been hired as a coordinator to assemble a worship design team, assemble a band or ensemble group and get this new worship experience underway. He will be introduced at the morning worship service (9:30 a.m.) Sunday, Dec. 24. We continue to look for a person to act as the ongoing worship leader. Clarification was made that the worship leader is not a preacher, but “help usher in the presence of Christ” as a front person to the musical ensemble. Measure of success, that people attend who haven’t been attending here (or maybe anywhere). That people who haven’t been involved become involved, and grow in faith.