

**MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2020
REGULAR MEETING OF SESSION**

On Monday, March 30, 2020, Session conducted a supplemental meeting to its March 16, 2020 regular meeting. The meeting was set up as a Zoom video meeting due to recent developments with the Coronavirus pandemic. Dr. Lancaster opened the meeting with prayer at 7:00 p.m.

Session members attending were Dr. Lancaster, Rev. Rogers, Rev. Freyer and Elders Bacik, Burgess, Canose, Castelli, Conley, Davis, Dilly, Galbreath, Heilman, Jenkins, LeBeau, Lee, McClintock-Comeaux, Myers, Null, O'Brien, Rex, Sheap, Singleton, Wagner, Walker, Watson, Weber, Widmar and Williams, constituting a quorum.

REPORT OF THE CLERK – None

BUSINESS ITEMS

Retention of counsel to pursue WECEP insurance claim.

At its February 17, 2020 regular meeting, the Clerk advised Session that Andrew Roman, the attorney representing Westminster Church on the insurance claim filed on behalf of WECEP, LLC, relocated to another local law firm. Session directed the Clerk to reach out to Mr. Roman and discuss the terms under which he could continue to represent Westminster Church on the claim. Mr. Roman has subsequently confirmed that he can continue his representation on the same terms as agreed to in his prior firm. The Clerk asked for and received Session authorization to execute Mr. Roman's new engagement letter confirming his continued representation of Westminster Church and WECEP, LLC on WECEP's insurance claim upon the same terms as agreed to with Mr. Roman's prior firm.

Matters relating to Coronavirus pandemic.

Session approval for virtual Communion service on April 5.

Dr. Lancaster and Rev. Rogers sought Session approval to conduct a virtual Communion service on Sunday, April 5. Rev. Freyer explained how the service would be conducted and noted that he recently participated in a service conducted by another church. After a short discussion, Session voted unanimously to approve a virtual communion service on Sunday, April 5, 2020.

Maintenance of Church closure.

Dr. Lancaster sought Session's guidance on whether to decide to extend the Church closure given the recently updated social distancing guideline. Session determined to address the matter at its next regular meeting on April 20, 2020.

Update – How is everybody doing?

Members of Session shared their recent experiences living in a world so suddenly changed from normalcy by the Coronavirus pandemic.

COMMISSION & COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTIONS - None**PASTORS' REPORTS**

Dr. Lancaster expressed his appreciation to Rev. Rogers, Rev Freyer and the Church staff and employees for their efforts helping the Church continue to meet the needs of the congregation and the community during this time of crisis and closure. He also asked that the Church be made aware by email or phone of any persons who have been laid off from work. He also noted that to date, no member of Westminster Church has tested positive for the Coronavirus.

Rev. Rogers shared the results of a recent congregational care call conducted by the deacons. Church members contacted appreciated the human contact the calls offered. Another care call will be conducted at or around Easter. Rev. Rogers also reported that the Church staff and WECEP Board of Directors and staff are in the process of applying for a Small Business Administration sponsored paycheck protection loan under the recently passed Federal Care Acts this week. Rev. Rogers asked that Session members keep all those persons involved in reopening local schools online and in providing health care to their communities in their prayers. Finally, Rev. Rogers expressed her appreciation for Rev. Freyer's work in implementing all the new online programming on the Church's website, and for Dr. Lancaster's message delivered online this past Sunday.

Rev. Freyer shared statistical data collected on viewing of recent online worship services and programs. Views are increasing dramatically indicating a high level of approval and appreciation of these opportunities. He also noted that this Thursday he will participate on the Jewish Christian dialogue online.

CONCERNS AND JOYS

Members of Session shared joys and concerns over new lifestyles in a world suddenly changed by the Coronavirus pandemic.


ADJOURNMENT WITH PRAYER

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 7:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of Session will be held on April 20, 2020.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Apr. 5 Palm Sunday
- 9 Maundy Thursday Worship Service 7:30 pm
- 10 Good Friday
- 12 Easter

Respectfully submitted,



H. Brian Peck
Clerk of Session

Date approved: April 20, 2020