
FAITH COMMUNITY UMC AND RIVERVIEW UMC

CHURSCH CONFERENCE

NOVEMBER 24, 2020

Attendance: Susan Shane; Tracy Wilson; Pastor Luke Whipple; Jodee Kirchner; Pamela Gill; Eric Park; Bob Gill; Barb Graw; Carol Inman; Don Inman; Jeff Edmonds; Michael Beightley. Twelve total in attendance via Google Meets due to Covid-19 restrictions.

Opening: The meeting was opened at 7:00pm by Pastor Luke Whipple with opening prayer, greetings, and a time of gathering and an introduction of our District Superintendent Eric Park.

Eric Park, District Superintendent “The Proclamation of the Word”

Philippians 1: 2 -11 “Paul’s Thanksgiving and Prayer”

Message:

In this message we find at least three important impulses in the scripture.

- Paul’s impulse to thank God for the people he is addressing
 - I thank my God every time I remember you
 - Reminds me about the people who are dearest to my heart
 - I thank my God every time I remember these two congregations at Riverview and Faith Community and every time, I remember their pastor
- Paul’s impulse to remind us how Faithful God is to his people
 - Jesus Christ will never quit on us
 - Promise that he will never leave us
 - Jesus will redeem, heal, and restore us
 - God is already working through Jesus to do good work in us
- Paul’s impulse to invite the Philippine church and us to grow in their love
 - Paul is praying that our love will overflow
 - The love of Jesus to spill out in our family, work, church, and everywhere we go
 - Maturing, durable love- Corinthians 13 kind of love
 - Sacrificial love for this world- let this be your trademark

The Election of a Recording Secretary: Pastor Luke Whipple motioned for the election of Tracy Wilson as the Recording Secretary for the Charge Conference on November 24, 2020. All in favor was voted for those in attendance.

A “State of the Church” Conversation

Where is your church healthiest or unhealthy in its life and ministry right now and how is the congregation preparing for the upcoming year?

Jodee Kirchner spoke about the transition from two pastors to a one pastor model. Church is pleased with the transition. Pastor Luke is working on guiding both churches of Faith Community UMC to be more unified. Pam Gill stated she celebrates Pastor Luke’s appointment to our church and that we are in a good place and appreciate the leadership from Rev. Eric Park and Pastor Luke Whipple. Pastor Luke discussed the plans for advent and Christmas Eve services during Covid-19. He stated he has a plan in place and will adjust as needed.

Caring for the Administration of the Church:

1. Report of the Committee on Nominations and Leadership Development reports were presented for Faith Community and motioned by Eric Park. There was no opposition to the Nominations and Leadership Development appointments and were unanimously affirmed.
2. Riverview UMC nominating committee and church council recommending moving to a “Single Board Model”. Representatives from Riverview UMC have unanimously approved to the transition of a Single Board Model. This will take effect January 1, 2021. Report of the Board Nominations was presented for Riverview UMC and motioned by Eric Park. There was no opposition to the Board of Nominations appointments and were unanimously affirmed.
3. Setting of the Pastoral Compensation for 2021
Pam Gill, Chair of SPRC made the following recommendations on salary for Pastor Luke Whipple of Faith Community UMC and Riverview UMC charge:

Pastor Luke Whipple Salary:	\$46,750.00
Reimbursement:	\$ 5,000.00
Pension:	\$ 3,798.00
Hospitalization:	\$16,956.00
Housing Exclusion:	\$ 8,000.00
Riverview Contribution	\$30,000.00

The Housing Exclusion is the untaxed portion of salary for parsonage use. The salary compensation package is one year. The pastor salary package is effective January 1, 2021 and this is 3% increase.

Eric Park motioned for the approval of the salary package. Compensation as recommended has been unanimously approved by those in attendance.

4. Report of the Pastor/Membership Records Report

Pastor Luke presented his pastor report to all in attendance.

Members received in Baptism: 4

Members removed by Transfer: 1

Members removed by Death: 9

Members removed by Audit: 50

Removal from the roles of member names were presented for Faith Community UMC and unanimously affirmed to remove names from the church roles. Rev. Eric Park affirms the decision to remove them from the roles.

5. Approval of Lay Servants

The following names were presented to be affirmed as Local Church Lay Servant:

Michael Beightley; the following names were presented to be affirmed as Certified Lay Servant: Tracy Wilson, Karen Miller and the following names were presented to be affirmed as Certified Lay Speaker: Jodee Kirchner and Susan Shane. All names were unanimously approved by all in attendance.

6. Other Administrative Matters – Pastor Nancy Zahn

Retired Pastor Nancy Zahn report was presented at the conference. Retired Relationship and still serving.

A Time of Prayer Leadership

Rev. Eric Park ending the charge conference with a time of prayer

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.