

**Platte Woods United Methodist Church**  
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)  
**November 9, 2020**

**Present**

**LC:** Jamie Grayson, Christie Dade, Michael Hundt, Brad Darnell, Warren Dudley, Amy Schemenauer, Lauren Hogel and Tom Short

**Staff:** Yvi Martin, Britton Fields and Lori Bogart

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, 2020. The Oct 12, 2020 minutes were moved to be approved by Warren and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lauren. Jamie opened the meeting with prayer.

**New Business**

**Financial Update**

Misty presented 2020-2021 Budget

- Summary sent to all
- Details provided on each section
- Items in Orange = portion of funds could come from Temporary Restricted Funds available in those areas if needed.
- Revenue
  - Contributions decrease by 15% (reflect trend July-Oct)
  - Other Revenue – same principle
  - PDO – decreased by 25% and Sunbeams decreased by 27%
    - Based off of enrollment as of Aug. 2020
    - Project levels to remain steady – could be increase in January
- Expenses
  - Salaries
    - Pastoral support (previously) approved
    - Staff salaries – no increase in pay
      - decrease due to departure of couple of staff/ 1 FT now PT
      - does include small Christmas bonus
  - Admin
    - Other Personnel Exp decrease coincides with reduction in salaries
    - Development Exp decrease – no “Unstuck” expense and no Outside Stewardship Campaign
    - Communication – Increase due to Web Site redesign and for addition of contract videographer
    - Supply/Equip – Steady
    - Other Exp – Increase due to more on-line giving results in additional process fees

## **Christmas Season Plans**

Pastor Yvi provided a few highlights from the plans underway for the upcoming Christmas season. An advent sermon series will begin the first weekend in December called "Learning to walk in the dark." In addition, a drive-in caroling event is being planned. A few staff are working on how to leverage the Wednesday with Walter concert to host a Christmas concert. Special planning is underway for the longest night of the year worship on Dec. 21 to honor those who are dealing with grief. There will be a special walk in the dark with candle lit stations that tell the Christmas story. The holiday events will focus on music, worship and family. The congregation will be encouraged to invite others to worship with us. Christmas eve services will be offered both virtually and outside. There will also be delivery of meals on Christmas Day.

A December calendar is in the works and will be coming out soon. This year's holiday events will be different but creatively designed to celebrate in a variety of ways.

## **LC Nominations**

Warren and Christie will be moving off LC. Yvi asked the group to think of potential people to serve in this capacity. People who want to serve are willing. She encouraged everyone to send in recommendations and short bio of why they were nominating these individuals. Tom suggested that there might be a benefit to asking these two members to stay. Warren and Christie are familiar with the challenges of the pandemic and could see us through another year to help get us through the uncertainty of the current status. Lori and Yvi will connect with these two member and explore options.

## **Important Date**

- Next meeting – Jan. 11, 2021 @ 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary