

**Platte Woods United Methodist Church**  
Meeting Minutes of the Leadership Council (LC)  
**October 12, 2020**

**Present**

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

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

The PWUMC LC was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 12, 2020 by Christie Dade. The Sept. 14, 2020 minutes were approved.

**New Business**

**Financial Update**

- September contributions were down by 19%.
- YTD (Jan. – Sept.) contributions are down 10%. Sunbeams and PDO could help make up this deficit during the session beginning in January.
- Staff is being challenged to do more with less and be creative to maintain engagement.
- Work is being done on 2020-2021 FY budget to be reviewed by finance committee members Jamie and Brad.
- 2020-2021 Fiscal Year budget will be presented at the November meeting for approval by council.

**First 3 Months in Review** – Pastor Yvi led discussion to receive input from council members on the state of the church during her first 3 months as lead pastor.

**Social Justice Statement**

Lori referred to a common language document prepared by Pastor Yvi regarding the UM's denominational social justice stance. LC can use this as a reference and share with others when having discussions related to the topic.

**Christmas Season Plans**

Pastor Yvi provided a few highlights from the plans underway for the upcoming Christmas season. She mentioned a possible caroling event, lighting of a tree, offering Christmas eve service virtually and outside and continuing the delivery of meals on Christmas Day.

**Reopening Discussion**

Staff continue to explore ways to balance preserving tradition with congregation's safety. In addition, they are working to continue meeting community needs and fill the gaps presented with the pandemic. There are many plans underway and a lot of good, creative ideas are being implemented.

Although some have a desire to worship in person, Pastor Yvi emphasized that worshipping online will continue to be our main worship offering during this time while there are still a high number of positive

COVID cases and as we enter flu season. The staff is working and planning so they can be ready to open the church when the time is right.

**Important Date**

- Next meeting – November 9, 2020 @ 6:30

Tom moved the meeting to be adjourned and Lauren second the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Submitted by Amy Schemenauer, Secretary