

PWUMC Leadership Council Minutes November 14, 2022

Members in attendance: David Collins, Laurie Price, Mary-Ann Abekhe, Brad Darnell, Ermalyn Kubart, Lauren Hogle, & Preston Drobeck. Donice Mahan, Tom Short

Staff in attendance: Yvi Martin, Jess Horsley, Choongho Kwon, Mat Thornton, Lori Bogart, Misty Wilkinson,

Devotion: Yvi led us in Communion after a discussion of Table traditions and a reflection on the Eucharist. The meeting was called to order at 6:50 by Lauren. October minutes approved by motion from Ermalyn 2nd by David. Approved by Council.

Business: 1. Yvi met with Bishop Farr and other pastors from Large Churches in our conference. She shared that many churches are in similar situations that we are with current challenges. She shared that in Missouri, approximately 3% of churches are expected to disaffiliate. There is a shortage of clergy in Missouri and discussions were held about partnering with churches that are minus a pastor. This model is expected to help address pastoral needs for these churches. **2.** Choongho shared a summary of his time at South Central Jurisdictional Conference. New bishops were elected with diverse representation which is a celebration. Resolutions were voted on including one from queer delegates asking for current practice to continue in regard to queer pastors and delegates until the 2024 General Conference. A Hope Filled Future for the direction of the UMC was addressed by Bishop Saenz.

3. Missing You project—300 Welcome back to the Church postcards were addressed to previous member/participants who have been absent since the pandemic.

4. Leadership Nominations—Yvi shared that one member self-nominated for LC and she has two other members she will be approaching about serving next term. She will take the names of these three members to the Nominations Committee for approval. Cluster Charge Conference will be held at Ashland UMC in St. Joseph on January 21 or The Summit UMC in Lee's Summit on January 22 with the council to determine which location/date to attend. New members will be put forward for approval at that time. We will not be able to have our own Charge conference at Platte Woods this year.

5. Generosity team- This group meets monthly with Laura Murphy. We have implemented Generosity videos for worship. Year-end Thank You letters will go out. Intentional Giving Cards will be available online and will be distributed. Venmo will go live soon for giving option.

6. Finance Committee will set up meeting in January once new member is on board to review first 6 months of the fiscal year.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m. with a motion by Preston, 2nd by Brad. (Minutes submitted to Lori Bogart.)