

Attendance: Pastor Chris Wulff, Elizabeth Stevens, Doug Price, Chris Engel, Jon Williams, Russ Strait, Crystal Pariseau, Jennie Carter

I. Planning - Congregational Annual Meeting, Sunday, August 30

- **Logistics**
 - Begins ~9am; service will be shortened to accommodate
 - Rain date: Sunday, September 13
 - Ushers: Russ and Jon—will also check-in members and pass out ballots
 - Use visitor area for any drive-in members
 - Ballots given at check-in
- **Annual Report:** Appreciate the visual, beautiful
 - Question from staff: What will be done with all of the info that was collected to create the report?
 - Provide a handout of ministry contacts if they have questions about specific ministries; *Crystal* and *Doug* to pull this list together
- Note: **Treasurer's Report** for 2019 and 2020 to date required by Constitution
 - Doug to work with Teresa to get reports before she leaves for vacation Thursday
- There will be an up-to-date, **comprehensive directory** sent out to all of our congregation, only included information families have opted to share in Realm (thanks Beth Williams and Teresa for your hard work!)
- Update on pastoral maintenance of **The Big Red Book** – Pastor Chris
 - Based on conversations with Jennie, Teresa, and Pat Hamlett, we were able to break down 195 members:
 - 133 active members: criteria is they attend Christmas, Easter, +1 additional service; include shut-ins, but does not include non-confirmed members
 - 26 courtesy members: may include non-financial givers, adult children of members, out-of-towners, etc.
 - 26 transfers/moved/unidentified:
 - What this indicates is that Peace is a missional-size church, which changes the long-term viability of our budget.
 - Council discussed implications—must change the narrative; need to cut expenditures or find new revenue streams; consistently 53 giving units over past few years
 - Synod is willing to talk to Council about our long-term viability; *Pastor Chris* will invite John Wertz
 - Discussion: Does the Annual Report need to be updated based on this?
 - *Crystal* will update Annual Report to reflect accurate representation of individuals involved in the ministry of Peace and will send to Teresa by Thursday
 - Pastor Chris shared the process for removing people from the active list: make a good faith effort to contact them (multiple ways) at least once. If no response in 6-8 weeks, send a letter. This should be done once every other year.

II. Ministries During the Pandemic

- Discussed **meeting indoors**
 - Potential measures for safety: open side and front doors, 10ft social distancing
 - Levels of comfort of those present varied between won't be comfortable for a very long time based on personal risk level to hold out until the weather doesn't allow outside meeting to comfortable now with appropriate measures

- Consider inviting ~10 people to witness the 10am virtual service indoors for September; Council asked *Pastor Chris* to discuss with re-gathering worship planning team for their input
- Discussed **re-introduction of traditional elements of a service**
 - Offeratory has been added, including music and reminding of ways to give
 - Communion: move away from intinction, wafer only, cup and wafer packaged together, pre-filled plastic cups, drive-thru; Council will continue to discuss our transition plan
- Tentative plan for **New Council member orientation**: distanced meeting and cook-out at Pastor Chris's house
 - Outgoing members should attend the next Council meeting to “pass the torch”