

**CARLISLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
LEADERSHIP COUNCIL
July 20, 2020
OPEN SESSION MINUTES**

Our Mission: “Inviting all to become disciples of Jesus Christ serving Carlisle and beyond.”

Our Vision: Living like Jesus improves our lives, our families, the Carlisle community and beyond. At Carlisle United Methodist Church, we strive to LIVE LIKE JESUS.

Present (via Zoom): Bill Bunt, Ron Chipriano, Debbi Goeltsch, Wayne Henderson, Mira Hewlett, Kerm Leitner, John Seaton, Darlene Sheaffer, Jake Waybright, Michelle Williams, Roger Woods, and Marian Gible, Recording Secretary. Absent: None.

I. Call to Order: The Open Session was called to order by Kerm Leitner at 5:51pm following Executive Session. Minutes of the June 15, 2020 Executive Session and Open Session were approved online by the Leadership Council. Minutes of July 6, 2020 Special Session were approved online by the leadership Council with the following notation: Bill Bunt is not in agreement with “B” and “D” as worded in the approved minutes.

II. Devotions and opening prayer were led by Roger Woods during Executive Session.

III. Moments with the Pastors:

A. Pastor Mira:

1. Pastor Mira has been spending most of her time getting to know Pastor Jake and asks for patience in learning the difference in styles and personalities.
2. We have a lot on our plates related to re-opening the church.
3. Pastor Mira has been working a lot with Capital Campaign 2.
4. Much time has been spent re-tweaking spreadsheets for the move to SGC.

B. Pastor Jake:

1. He is taking a lot of time getting oriented to CUMC, especially with the pandemic and role changes.
2. Pastor Mira has been very patient with him.
3. He has spent a lot of time getting accustomed to the rhythms of services and feels good about that.
4. He has been thinking a lot about getting to know people.
5. Pastor Jake thanked the church for help in getting his family settled in the parsonage. His family is having a good time becoming acquainted with Carlisle.

IV. Announcements, Kerm Leitner reporting:

- A. Kerm expressed thanks to everybody for hanging in with this pandemic. We are doing OK. Giving for June was the best June we have ever had.
- B. He asked for continued prayers for Pastor Mira and Pastor Jake.
- C. Kerm announced that he emailed the staff and explained that he and Bill Bunt, vice chair, expect the staff to respect the pastors’ personal observances of the Sabbath. Pastor Jake will be observing his Sabbath on Fridays, and Pastor Mira on Saturdays. Both groups (staff and Leadership Council) have been directed to refrain from calling or texting the pastors on their Sabbaths. To the general congregation, this means that one should use discretion and

only consider contacting either pastor on his/her Sabbath if there is an emergency or essential need.

- D. The pastors and Leadership Council greatly appreciate the ongoing generosity of the congregation in continuing to give their tithes and offerings and capital campaign donations at very high levels
- E. Jim and Amy VanZandt were extremely appreciative and overwhelmed by the monetary gift from the congregation, the cards, our dinner and the car processional. As they say in PA Dutch country, "We done good, CUMC."

V. Financial Report, Wayne Henderson reporting:

- A. Wayne pointed out that the Monthly Finance Report shows the offering for this past Sunday was \$5,628 better than the same Sunday in 2019. Actual offerings for the month of June were \$80,717; budgeted amount was \$67,398. General Funds available are \$310,343; budgeted amount was \$220,485.
- B. The Leadership Council will need to make a decision regarding Shares of Ministry. Kerm reported he was late in getting out his letter to the Conference requesting a reduction in our Shares of Ministry.
- C. We need to look at the status of our current building. Pastor Mira stated we hope the sale date will be November 1 instead of December 31, 2020.
- D. Average Sunday worship attendance during the pandemic, considering both online and drive-in worship, has been 440.
- E. Bill Bunt thought the finance report was good. We will have to do some serious changes in the budget in the future, depending on the Capital Campaigns.

VI. Old Business, Kerm Leitner reporting:

A. Reopening Team Report:

- 1. Following a motion by Kerm Leitner and a second by John Seaton, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the following recommendations from the Reopening Team:
 - (a) Any decision to reopen for worship services will be made three weeks in advance of the date to reopen.
 - (b) We do not plan to reopen at the current facility.
 - (c) We do plan to have a Farewell to the Current Facility event during the weekend of August 29 and 30.

Note: While CUMC is exempt as a religious group, the Reopening Team and Leadership Council continue to maintain the position that it is important CUMC follows the best practices required by other businesses and groups or exceeds those requirements in making decisions regarding the health and safety of all members and friends.

- 2. Bill Bunt commended the pastors' and Kerm's Summary Report provided to the Reopening Team prior to its meeting. Kerm announced that the LC will receive the summary after this meeting.

B. Moving to SGC:

- 1. The move to SGC is tentatively set for September 8-11 and will be handled by professional movers. We will need volunteers to direct the movers.
- 2. LLLC's move has been delayed to October 9 following a scheduled facilities evaluation by the State of PA.

- C. Pastor Mira stated LLLC may have school-aged classes. She stated she has been spending a lot of her time on LLLC. She reviewed the DHS report regarding LLLC.

D. Building Committee Recognition Dinner – Debbi reported that the event is being planned for October 16. More on this later.

VII. New Business, Kerm Leitner reporting:

- A. Following a motion by Bill Bunt and a second by Debbi Goeltsch, the Leadership Council approved the revised Facilities Use Policy as amended at the meeting.
- B. Election of Leadership Council members was discussed. Following a motion by Ron Chipriano and a second by Roger Woods, the Leadership Council unanimously approved the Timeline for the 2020 Leadership Council Election.
- C. Following a motion by Michelle Williams and a second by Darlene Sheaffer, the Leadership Council unanimously approved revisions to Article V Section 2 of the Leadership Council’s By-Laws. Note: A later newsletter or special letter will fully explain changes in the process of electing Leadership Council members as directed by our Susquehanna Conference District Superintendent, Rev. Barry Robison, following last year’s annual Church Conference.
- D. The Leadership Council will have a dinner on Friday, November 13 for current and past Leadership Council members. Bill Bunt and Kathy Charette have offered to plan this event. More on this later.

VIII. Around the Table:

- A. Pastor Jake stated he couldn’t be happier to be here. He thanked everyone for all they have done, and he is looking forward to what is ahead.
- B. Debbi Goeltsch likes the new format in the chapel for online worship services.
- C. Wayne Henderson suggested that if you see anybody in the congregation, thank them for their generosity in giving to the church.
- D. Pastor Mira said we received over \$3,000 for the backpacks and Letort teachers.
- E. Darlene Sheaffer will meet with Lia on Wednesday.
- F. Roger Woods, Chuck Steel and Pastor Jake have been meeting about Adult GROW.
- G. Debbi Goeltsch and Michelle Williams are working on a Connect initiative to offer training on technology to stay connected, participate in worship and classes. Team members are calling to check in on members if they are interested, and an announcement will go out in the MidWeek Minutes.

IX. The meeting closed at 7:08pm with prayer by Pastor Mira.

Respectfully submitted,
Marian Gibble, Recording Secretary

Next Meeting: Monday, August 17, 2020 (Devotions: Bill Bunt) at 5pm Location TBA