

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**March 24, 2020**

Due to the COVID-12 crisis the meeting was held via Zoom videoconference. Senior Pastor Peter Bynum moderated the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m  
The consent agenda was approved as follows:

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes:
  - February 25, 2020 stated session meeting
  - March 8, 2020 annual meeting of the congregation
  - March 13, called session meeting
- B. Approve the following for inclusion in the records of the session
  - That the sacrament of the Lord's Supper was celebrated on March 1 and March 5, 2020
- C. Excused absences were approved.
- D. To hold a called session meeting on April 19, 2020 at 11:45 a.m. for the purpose of examining the confirmation class
- E. To approve a request from the Bridge Builders to become an Action Partner with the Charleston Jewish Federation for their remembrance of the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Liberation of the Concentration Camps. This involves no financial cost but asks us to spread awareness of the event, April 19, aboard the USS Yorktown.
- F. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

**REPORTS**

CLERK The spring stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery has been postponed.

STANDING COMMITTEES Reports were received from all standing committees of the session. Of note are the following:

Finance Committee Continued payment to nursery workers was approved by the committee. The Mission Committee was directed to go ahead and spend out their budget for the fiscal year. It was the sense of the session that the same should be done for the scholarship singers in the choir. The Stewardship Campaign theme is being redirected in light of the COVID-19 situation.

Christian Education Lenten study groups and other CE activities are continuing via the internet.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. P. Bynum updated the session about the upcoming Pinnacle Leadership listening session. These will now take place via Zoom or via another videoconferencing platform.
- 2. In accordance with A-6.01 of the MPPC Manual of Administrative operations Elders T. Garrett, C. Mazingo, and K. Richardson were elected to an *ad hoc* committee to

recommend session committee appointments. The clerk and moderator also serve on the committee

3. By unanimous consent, the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee is to be re-activated and charged to search for an Executive Associate Pastor and the Congregational Nominating Committee is charged with securing nominees for any vacancies on that committee
4. A motion to cease all on-campus meetings other than live streaming of worship with any exceptions to be approved by the senior pastor was approved.
5. By unanimous consent it was agreed to close the church office to daytime public traffic until further notice.
6. By unanimous consent it was agreed to send a letter after consulting legal counsel to families of the MPPC Learning Center to inform them of known cases of COVID-19.
7. The session expressed its appreciation to the pastoral staff for its leadership as well as the continued excellent work of programmatic and support staff, noting also the efforts of Michael Hardee and Logan Prochaska for enhancing our electronic communication abilities to keep us linked together during this time of separation.

**STAFF** Members of the staff present offered brief reports.