

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**August 25, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER, OPENING DEVOTIONAL AND PRAYER, AND ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS**

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 moderator declared that a quorum was present. Ruling Elder Bob. Ostrum gave the devotional on the difference between joy and happiness and offered the opening prayer.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes: July 28, 2020 stated session meeting  
August 12, 2020 called meeting
- B. Approval excused absences
- C. Admit to the session records
  1. The celebration of the Lord's Supper on August 2, 2020
  2. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:

**SPECIAL ORDER**

The session welcomed representatives of the Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Commission on Ministry, the Rev. CeCe Armstrong of St. James Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Alan Rousseau of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, who conducted the triennial visit [G-3.0202d, G-3.0303]. As the name suggests these visits are scheduled very three years to discuss the health of the congregation and its relationship to the presbytery.

**TIME FOR MUTUAL GROWTH AND EDUCATION**

Dan. Holloway of Pinnacle Leadership began his series of coaching lessons of the session and discussed some of the challenges facing the church at-large today.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

- STEPS August 29 via Zoom
- Called meeting via Zoom to receive new members on August 30 at 5:00 PM
- Charleston Atlantic Presbytery Stated Meeting Sept 19 to be by Zoom

**DEACONS REPORT**

The deacons continue their work, albeit hampered by COVID-19. Postcards will be mailed to all members of the congregation.

**ACTION ITEMS FROM COMMITTEES** The following items were approved.

- Pinnacle Work Group: With an explanation affixed that the correct letter to be sent to the congregation.
- Christian Education: That the following be appointed to the Learning Center Board of Directors:  
Active members of MPPC – Beverly Hutchinson, Laura Dozier, Paula Angelos,  
Andrew de Holl (elder)  
Parent Advisory Committee Rep (for first 2 years of LC Board only) – Katie Womble

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

- Christian Education: A number of new learning opportunities will be announced in the upcoming issue of the Pelican
- Fellowship & Congregational Life: The new Time & Talent survey is being given to the new members class.

- Finance: The new fiscal year started July 1. As of 31 July: Revenue: \$187,570 Expenses: \$189,671
- Mission: ESOL classes will resume in September using Zoom.
- Property & Grounds: The Fellowship Hall has been painted. A comprehensive cleaning plan is being developed. Mold remediation of the sanctuary will be conducted for a lower price.
- Personnel: Lorie Baney is the interim director of the Learning Center. Joy Cobb has been hired as the new executive administrative assistant.
- Pinnacle work Group: Plans continue for an October safely distanced, outdoor session retreat.
- Worship: An electronic Fellowship Pad has been introduced to track attendance in order to enhance connectivity with the congregation including prayer requests.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

- The following elders were elected as commissioners to the summer stated meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery: E. Amory, M. Davis, A. de Holl, J. Molinari, and K. Richardson

Elder Ellen Creed Branham offered the closing prayer.