

**MOUNT PLEASANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)**  
**Stated Session Meeting Digest**  
**January 24, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. by Transitional Pastor Danie DeBeer who moderated the meeting. Terry Steyer gave the opening devotional on I Cor 12:12-27 and offered the opening prayer. Following the celebration of the Lord's Supper, the meeting moved to Grace Hall 123-125.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Approval of minutes:  
Stated meeting of November 29, 2022  
Special meetings of December 4, 2022 and January 11, 2023
- B. Approval of excused absences: Caroline Feller, Bob Ostrom, Dan Wiard
- C. Admit/Approve routine changes to the membership rolls:
- D. Approval of the request of the S.T.E.P.S. Committee of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery to hold their annual event on Saturday August 26, 2023.

**TRIENNIEL VISIT OF THE COMMISSION ON MINISTRY OF CHARLESTON ATLANTIC PRESBYTERY**

Once every three years T. Daniels and D. Yandle engaged in a conversation with the session, mostly listening to session members about concerns and successes during this interim time.

**DEACONS' REPORT** Deacon K. Blowder reported on the deacons and how they are offering the "ministry of presence" as they tend to grieving families at the time of memorial services.

**CLERK'S REPORT**

\*The Lord's Supper was celebrated on December 4 and 24, 2022

\*Via electronic poll on December 1, 2022, in accordance with the MPPC Manual of Administrative Operations, the wedding of Hanna Crosby and Nick Hunkin on May 20, 2023 with the Rev. James Rogers of First (Scots) to officiate was approved.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Congregational Nominating Committee**

Suggestions for next year's slate of officers will be received from the congregation and from the session until January 25, 2023. The committee will then begin its discernment process.

**Fellowship and Congregational Life** The Saturday Night Live meal program is off to a slow start attendance-wise in 2023. A chili cookoff will be held January 29.

**Missions Committee** The Wise Giving campaign raised \$17,292.00 for local and international missions. Water Missions International will present a program on January 29<sup>th</sup> the Sunday Night Live. A mission trip to build two buildings is planned for Honduras on February 21<sup>st</sup>. Jeff Taylor will be hosting this, and it will run two weeks back-to-back. Seven people have committed for the summer mission trip to Honduras to Lamb Institute.

**Personnel** A Youth Transition Team is in place. In the short term, Danie is serving as the point person for Youth Ministry Lynn Wiard is filling in 15-hours a week in the Children's Ministry. She reports directly to Danie, so as to avoid any conflict. Communications Director Logan's Garabato's husband has been transferred to Charlotte. She will relocate with him, but continue to work remotely,

returning to campus as needed. Bart Edwards is completing Transitional Pastor training.

**Property and Grounds Committee** One of the sanctuary HVAC units has stopped working and replacement/repair is being investigated. The new sexton is Wayne Stewart and is currently working his 6-month probationary period.

**Worship Committee** The Holy Week/Easter schedule is being planned for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There will be three services on Easter: 9:00 am - The NET; and 10:00 am and 11:30 a.m. in the sanctuary with choir and brass. Attendance numbers are as follows.

2022		Nov 6	Nov 13	Nov 20	Nov 27
<b>Streaming</b>		112	154	126	107
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	112	110	N/A	101
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	240	211	141	201
<b>Total</b>		464	475	267	409

2022		Dec 4	Dec 11	Dec 18	Dec 25
<b>Streaming</b>		85	162	112	69
<b>9:00</b>	In-person	135	183	N/A	N/A
<b>11:00</b>	In-person	220	311	348	68
<b>Total</b>		440	656	460	117

Christmas Eve Services: 4PM ~700, 6PM 495, 8PM 99, 11PM 68 and streaming 177; total 1539

**Christan Education** Learning Center enrollment for next year is now open. Lynn Wiard has been hired for 15 hours/week to assist with Children’s Ministry. Dan and Lynn Wiard have agreed to direct the Vacation Bible School which will be “Marketplace 29 AD.” A number of volunteers have stepped up to assist with the youth program including the ski trip this past weekend. More than 15 Lenten groups have formed.

**Finance & Stewardship**

To date, we have received 310 pledges for \$1,631,414.33 (285 for \$1,520,779 in 2022; of which \$1,404,371 or 93.66% was collected). In 2022, we budgeted for \$500,000 in unpledged giving and \$477,516 (95.5%) was collected.

As of December 31, 2022	Actual YTD	Budgeted YTD	Difference
Total Revenues	\$1,988,846.12	\$2,064,000	(\$75,553.88)
Total Expenses	\$2,418,751.72	\$2,307,649	(\$111,102.72)
Net Total	(\$429,906.6)	(\$243,249.00)	(\$186,656.60)

Bank Balances	Operating	Temporary Restricted	Endowment
	\$136,848	\$538,790	\$1,402.248

The following motion was made on behalf of the committee by M. Cross and it was approved: To transfer an additional \$22,210.02 in Youth Ministry TRF to the operating account to fully offset the \$51,580 Youth budget in 2023.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- 1) Mack Cross, Jim Deavor, Andrew deHoll, Theresa Reed, and Terry Steyer, with Susan Mellichamp as alternate, were elected as commissioners to the Winter Stated Meeting of Charleston Atlantic Presbytery, February 25 at Peace Presbyterian Church, Goose Creek:
- 2) The 2022 Statistical Report was approved by unanimous consent.