



January 22, 2023 Session Meeting Highlights

The following are the highlights from the January 22, 2023 Session meeting:

- Session reconfirmed allocating money from Held for Session for Pastor Stephen's retirement celebration on January 22, 2023.
- Roughly 750 members have returned census forms. There are still some 500 members that we have not heard from. Follow-up plans are being made.
- The interim pastoral care pastor search team has received some 20 resumes for this position. Pastor Carter discussed with the Session how Pastor Stephen's duties will be handled before an interim associate pastor arrives, and those plans will be shared with the congregation through the Pastor's Message in the Eblast and newsletter.
- Pastor Taylor discussed with the Session the plans for handling Faith Formation leadership until the Director of Faith Formation position is filled. Pastor Taylor will handle the lesson plans which will relate to the overall current intergenerational theme. He will also work with the preschool. Finally, volunteers and staff will be relied on to fill-in the gaps.
- The Finance Committee shared with the Session a preliminary report on the 2022 end-of-year figures and a first draft of the 2023 budget. A special budget meeting will meet to hear recommendations from the Personnel Committee regarding staff compensation and to adopt a budget for 2023. All financial reports will be shared with the congregation at the February annual meeting.
- A commission of four Elders was formed to receive Morgan and Anthony Brighenti into FPCA membership.
- The hourly rate for Preschool substitute teachers was approved.
- A Sunday morning book study using the book "Wait - Is This Racist? A Guide to Becoming an Anti-Racist Church", by Rev. Kerry Connelly was approved.
- Session gifted Pastor Stephen Emick the personal computer that he has used while pastoral care pastor at FPCA.
- Mission – Mission is now split into two teams: a mission coordinating committee and a separate mission action team. Alternative gift giving at Christmas raised over \$6,000. This was enough for FPCA through the Presbyterian Giving Catalog to give a Community Farming Bundle. This gift includes enough livestock, tools and training to support a larger farm that can serve an entire community. This bundle reflects families of chickens, multiple goats, piglets and cows, a pair of oxen with a plow and a collection of equipment — enough to help communities raise both healthy food and their standard of living.
- Sean Metzgar is the new worship tech person.