

DRAFT Vision Team Minutes

Attendance

TE Steve Huston
TE Jeremy Campbell
CRE Kirk Woodward
RE Gayle Griffin
RE Skip Winter Jr.
TE Dan Martian
TE Bill Schramm
TE Joanne Van Sant
TE Berj Gulleyan
RE Roger Widicus
RE Linwood Bagby

Excused

TE Timothy Son
CRE Doris Peterson
CRE Maria Santa
TE Wanda Lundy
RE Debbie Murphy

Guests

Jamie Cella
Liz Hutchinson

The Vision team met for its regular meeting on Tuesday October 25th at 4PM via zoom. A quorum were present.

As there were guests joining us to share about the preparation of the annual budget we took that up first as an order of the day. Members of the Finance Task Force shared about their process in putting the budget together from the various requests from teams. Elder James Cella shared about both investment performance assumptions and experience which informed the preparation of this budget. After the guests departed there was vigorous discussion of budget — it was agreed to present budget as it is and make additional withdrawals from investments during the year if needed to cover cash flow. This represents essentially a status quo budget, not even one full budget cycle into the life of the new combined presbytery, and it was agreed by all the by next years budget cycle we will have had a full year of per capita and mission giving experience which will help inform the income side of the budget and should also have a better idea of the ministry being supported by the expense side. It was also agreed that next year the process needs to start sooner to provide ample time for communication.

Flowing from the budget discussion was a Per capita discussion. Statements have already gone out to churches by email informing them of their 2023 per capita apportionment. This will be followed up with a stewardship letter to both sessions and treasurers. Rev. Jeremy Campbell asked vision team members to provide short stories of impact on churches of presbytery ministry and mission to help in the development of that latter.

Rev. Steve Huston presented the updated position description for the new Finance Committee and it was VOTED to adopt it, forward it to nominating in order to bring a slate for election at the November meeting to begin their work in January. This position description represents months worth of work back and forth between the Finance Task Force and the Vision team, as

well as a new format focusing on what is “Necessary” and what is “Helpful” words the book of order uses to describe the work of the presbytery’s teams and commissions. As we begin to review other position descriptions in light of both the relationships on the MAP which Steve has been sharing over the summer, and our evolving sense of ministry and mission needs as we learn in this transitional time.

Steve then shared about plans for something of a “Reengagement Roadshow” more aptly a group gatherings with churches grouped according to thematic groupings... The hope is that this will help form new relationships across the presbytery as well as encourage sharing as we re-emerge into an endemic era.

Lastly it was moved seconded and VOTED that the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey cover the cost of separation from the United Methodist Church for Iglesia Presbyteriana Metodista Hispana. As had been discussed previously, this separation is prompted by the Methodist Diocese and not through any initiative of the church, and the vision team feels therefore that this is a mid-council to mid-council expense. It was agreed by the Methodist Bishop office on separation payment of \$29,300.93.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Attest

Jeremy Campbell
Organizing Co-Leader/Stated Clerk/Corporate Secretary