



**GOVERNING BOARD and COORDINATOR MEETING by ZOOM**

**April 14, 2020**

Kathy Breazeale    Jim Merk    Bob McKnight    Debbie Fisher  
Roger Curless    Pastor John    Meredith Lindgren    Jenny Pawlowski  
Wally Loague    Mary Terrell    Carol Stoffel

**Worship** –We each lit a candle at home. Pastor John led us in worship for Easter Monday. Christ is Risen! We read Psalm 32 with responses. Roger quoted Bishop Sally’s message from today “Everyone is doing the best they can.”

**Prayers and Thanksgiving**

Bob is thankful that we can get together. It’s not the building, it’s the people.

There was a good article in the Beacon about what churches are doing to stay connected. John’s picture and quotes from him were on the front page.

Prayers were requested for Amy McIntosh’s family who is affected by the virus and for Carol’s granddaughter.

Most reported that we celebrated Easter in the isolation of our own homes but were able to connect to our families through technology.

**Minutes** of our last meeting are posted on the website.

**Discussion of YouTube church and activities**

We have received positive comments about our online worship and activities. 30 people participated in the Maundy Thursday Zoom event, for the community Good Friday service there was 100 views. Easter Sunday service was excellent. Many thanks from viewers are been received.

**Stimulus Fund**

Pastor John, Wally Loague, Deb Fisher and Lehka are researching the use of a GoFundMe page for the church. It should be launching today. We would like to encourage people who receive their government stimulus fund and are comfortable financially and don’t need to use it all would give a portion to this fund. It would be used to help those people that need it from our church and city. An application and payment process would be crafted by the committee. The total amount collected would determine the individual gift amounts.

## **Discussion of Managing Cash Flow**

Jenny, Roger and John will be meeting to discuss our financial status. Jenny reported that our people are mailing in their giving.

## **Governing Board Reach Out Calling**

The members of the Governing Board and Meredith Lindgren and Carol Stoffel split up our directory and everyone on the list was called or emailed. Callers reported that most people were very happy to have received the calls. It was decided to do another round of calls in several weeks. John has concerns that an effort be made to stay in contact with our families or some will just fall away.

## **What will Wesley Look like when we emerge from the Corona Virus ?**

**Short Term** – We will appreciate seeing everyone in person, maybe have a welcome back event to celebrate and to mourn. We will need to find a way to incorporate our online connectivity into our ministry tools going forward. We will possibly have to purchase Smart TV's so we can expand our capabilities of Zooming meetings and classes.

We will need to study, get input from our staff and the Conference to be able to do live-streaming events.

**Long Term** – The affects of the Virus will probably linger into the fall and longer, until there is a vaccine. Large group gatherings, such as concerts and large group events will be limited probably until sometime in 2021.

The question is: how do you minister to a group when you can't gather together. We will need to invest and publicize widely what we are doing online. We will need to go back to the old fashioned custom of telephone calling to have live conversations with our people.

Jenny does not receive a lot of phone calls in the church office, but she does receive many emails.

## **6 Planning Areas to keep before us**

**#1** Reinvigorating the Chapel – finished

**#2** Congregational Gatherings – postponed

**#3** January 2020 – Response to General Council developments – postponed until  
Reconvened General Council – date unknown

**#4** Communication Process – using Conference staff – postponed

**#5** Building Community – Could continue now using social media?

**#6** Energize Worship/Participation – postponed until we can gather together

### **Other**

The security camera that focuses on front of building is now up and running. The question was asked if we should mount signs around building stating that we have surveillance equipment in use. Jim and Jenny will look into that. The kitchen refrigerator needs to be cleaned of all the leftover food. Jenny volunteered to do that.

### **Closing**

Mary closed the meeting with prayer.

**Next meeting: Monday April 20, 2020 by zoom at 2:00 pm.**