

WESLEY AURORA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH CONFERENCE SEPT. 22, 2019 MINUTES

Present: Rev. John Bell, Roger & Mari Curless, Ralph & Kathy Breazeale, Bob & Shirley McKnight, Ted Crawshaw, Emmy Lou & Herb John, Michelle Curiel, Meredith Lindgren, Bruce & Barb Lawrie, Jim Merk, Wally Loague, Thew Elliott.

Absent District Superintendent Jeffrey Bross due to scheduling conflict. Rev. John Bell served as Presiding Elder.

Conference Shepherd Team Vision shared and discussion held:

Goal 1: When was the last time you had a conversation with someone of no-faith tradition?

Where are non-Christians hanging out in our community? Aurora University?

Waubonsee Community College?

Resource is www.seeallthepeople.org

Goal 2: It can be easy or difficult to talk about race and racism. Pastor John is interested in

Holding classes that would equip our people for these types of conversations.

Goal 3: To Increase the number of highly vital congregations. Do we know our demographics?

The comment was made that we are a diverse congregation, but not from our

neighborhood. Our neighborhood listener gathered a lot of useful information last

year. Resource: UMdata.org

Business of the Church Conference

Leadership Nominations and elections will be held in the future for members of the Governing Board and the Treasurer. Roger Curless put forth a motion: In order to nominate and elect the above and share reports and other business for 2019, an all congregational Meeting will be held at a future date, yet to be determined. Emmy Lou John seconded. The motion carried.

Clergy Compensation – Kathy Breazeale, chair of SPRC presented the Clergy Compensation Report for Clergy not provided a parsonage. The recommendation for Pastor John's 2020 Base Salary: \$61,950.00, reimbursable expenses \$5500.00, housing allowance \$24,000.00 . The report was approved.

Lay Servant Reports – Roger Curless, Emmy Lou John and Herb John were recommended for renewal.

Wally Loague gave a report of the Capital Stewardship Campaign. \$311,000.00 has been collected. \$180,600 has been expensed. Present projects of \$130,000.00 are about to be started for the new sound system in the Sanctuary, replacing the railing in the gathering place, and installing door openers for the disabled.

Emmy Lou John commented that she is happy with our ordained Clergy person and would like him to stay.

Pastor John thanked Thew Elliott and Michelle Curiel for the delicious soup supper and dismissed us with prayer.