

BONHOMME PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
14820 Conway Rd., Chesterfield, MO
Stated Meeting of the Session
December 19, 2017

Moderator: Rev. Phil Hargrove
Clerk of Session: Jeffrey S. Russell

Place: Board Room
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Ruling Elders Present: Mike Boland, Bob Buchanan, Pam Douthit, Steve Ecker, Cris Heffernan, Helen Hume, Scott Martin

Teaching Elders Present: Rev. Phil Hargrove, Rev. Don Everts, Rev. Tom Hobson, Rev. Chris Macky

Staff and Others Present: AmyRuth Barlett

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m., and a quorum was declared. Rev. Hargrove asked all present for prayer requests and opened the meeting with prayer in response to those requests.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The approval of minutes for the October 17, 2017 meeting of the Session was deferred to allow distribution to Session members. The November 21, 2017 minutes were approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rev. Hobson reported that between November 21, 2017 and December 19, 2017, communion was served to 328 people at Traditional Service and 259 at Contemporary Service, as well as 17 residents at DG Chesterfield Villa on December 17, 2017.

BUDGET UPDATE

Rev. Hargrove provided an update on the stewardship campaign. Bob Buchanan asked about the practice of pledging at other churches, and the Session discussed the topic.

PERSONNEL COMMISSION

Mike Boland reported on the budget effects of vacant positions, the hiring of a new technical director, a new childcare coordinator and new custodians.

OLD BUSINESS

After observing five minutes of silence at the invitation of Rev. Hargrove, the Session discussed the church planting initiative. Rev. Macky presented a five-year church planting strategy with three phases. He also presented a church planting charter, which the Session reviewed and discussed. The Session agreed that a revised charter incorporating suggestions would be circulated by Rev. Macky, and an electronic vote on the charter will be initiated.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW COVENANT PARTNER APPROVAL PROCESS

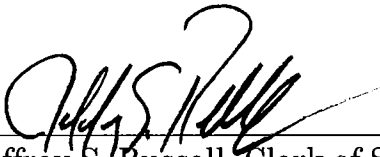
Rev. Everts discussed the revised new covenant partner approval process. He presented the covenant partner questionnaire of Bonnie Maxey and moved for her acceptance as a new covenant partner. The motion was seconded and passed.

LENTEN READING

AmyRuth Bartlett provided copies of Henri's Nouwen's *Making All Things New* and encouraged elders to lead a Lenten Group study of the book. The Session discussed the plan for Lenten Small Groups.

CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting was adjourned, on motion, and was closed with prayer, peace and harmony prevailing.



Jeffrey S. Russell, Clerk of Session