

Session Highlights From April 27, 2020

In response to suggestions by some members of the congregation this feature will appear monthly to update the congregation.

At the April 27 meeting, the Session approved the following:

- Approved a motion to continue the suspension of all worship services and activities until May 17, 2020. (Note: The Session will meet on May 18 to review the situation again.)
- Approved a motion requesting WMLA to create a plan for re-opening the church for worship, including social distancing, bulletin distribution, seating, etc. This plan would inform the Session to determine the steps needed to safely re-open and any phases in doing so.
- Approved the establishment of a COVID-19 Relief Fund. This money, administered by the Mission Committee, would be used to assist those with hunger and housing needs during the current pandemic crisis through our mission partners.
- Approved the appointment of the Clerk of Session, Richard Hilton, and the VPC Treasurer, Max Gould, to one-year terms beginning June 1, 2020.
- Approved the appointment of Officers of the Corporation for 2020-2021.
- Approved the ministry team assignments for the coming year.
- Approved the church's application for a loan/grant under the SBA's Payroll Protection Program which is part of the federal CARES Act.
- Approved an Adult Education class led by Dr. Lou Thompson and Finely Lee to be held on Sundays starting on September 20.
- Approved a motion by the Debt Reduction Task Force for VPC to enter into a contract with Generis Partners, LLC. Our consultant, Allen Walworth, will support our efforts in developing and implementing strategies to increase awareness and understanding of the theological foundations of generosity within the congregation. A feasibility study will be conducted to assess our readiness for raising funds in the future to retire debt and implement major capital improvements. This important study will be paid for by the Endowment Trust and not out of our church operating funds for this year.

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