

Christ Church United Methodist Charge Conference

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 24, 2008 7:00 PM

FELLOWSHIP HALL

FACILITATOR	Dr. Mike Gibbons
NOTE TAKER	Kim Keller

Agenda topics

WELCOME, OPENING MUSIC, OPENING PRAYER DR. MIKE GIBBONS, ALEXA OPDYKE,
DR. GEORGE STRUNK

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Strunk welcomed the group and introduced Dr. Gibbons. • Alexa played a piece on the piano. • Dr. Gibbons opened the charge conference, and offered comments about witnessing our faith.
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APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES RICK ASHTON

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The minutes from the July 2008 Administrative Council meeting were approved.
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RECEPTION OF ORAL AND WRITTEN REPORTS DR. MIKE GIBBONS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Pastor's Report – Dr. George Strunk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you unpaid servants who have served on the Administrative Council, including the officers, at-large members, Sunday school representatives and committee chairs. ○ Thank you to paid staff ○ We have been guided by our long-range plan adopted in 2003. ○ We stand on the verge of a great opportunity with the opening of our new facility – we hope to become more of an inviting church; ○ We need to learn how to organize ourselves as a large church. On December 15 there will be a report from a consultant on our organizational effectiveness. • Laity Report – Dan Burgess, Shannon Herlihy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Congregational Assessment Team - thank you for your help in putting together the CAR. Thank you to Patty Groot on help for identifying new lay leaders. This has been a prayerful process. ○ Lisa Watkins and Mark Ray have been running the youth programs during staff transition – have done a wonderful job ○ Inviting Ministries Team led by Staci Woods is a new group ○ Outreach Efforts – Portland, 4th Ave, Healing Place, ○ Mission Trips – Gulf Coast, Belize, Uganda ○ Mobile Eucharist Service ○ Choir participated in a holocaust remembrance service ○ Future focus: Teaching on <u>5 Practices of Fruitful Congregations</u>, which are Radical Hospitality, Passionate Worship, Intentional Faith Development, Risk-taking Mission and Service, Extravagant Generosity • Lay Leadership Report – Dr. George Strunk <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ George presented lay leader nominations ○ Dr. Gibbons asked for additional nominations – none ○ Nominations Approved – will take office 1/1/09. • Clergy Compensation Report – Coleen Endres <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total Compensation \$277k, (all salaries are frozen), approved • Mission Covenant 2009 – Phil Poindexter
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RECEPTION OF WRITTEN REPORTS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Intentional Growth Goals for 2009• Mission Statement• Congregational and Pastoral Assessment Report• Pastor Assessment Reports – Dr. George Strunk, Rev. Cherie Parker, Rev. Rebecca Heid• Deacon's Report – Dr. Bonnie MacDonald• Retired Clergy Annual Reports – Rev. Sam Clark, Rev. David Allen• Trustees Report including Safe Sanctuaries Policy<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Insurance is up to date and adequate○ Safe Sanctuaries - As of the end of October, 147 volunteer applications have been received and 110 have been screened so far. No applications have required further review.○ \$21,000 investment in HVAC system-wide control. 85% of installation complete.○ The Tandy's have filed a motion for attorney's fees associated with litigation on the parking spaces. Our attorneys are preparing a brief opposing this motion.• Membership Audit• Finance Report, including audit• Recommendations for Lay Speakers – Dr. Rick Rittenhouse, Carol Wellman, John Frederick, Mark Coile: Appointment is approved.• Lay Speakers Reports• Church Historian Report• High School Juniors and Seniors Reports• Clergy Compensation Reports• Larry Stoess – Director of Portland Promise Center
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OTHER BUSINESS

DISCUSSION	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2009 Budget – Phil Poindexter<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ 2009 Budget presented with the recommendation of the finance committee. Budget was accepted.• Worship Committee re: new sanctuary events – Sue Tonberg<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Lots of excitement and anticipation for new sanctuary – several special services are being planned: January 4 will be last service in current sanctuary; 1st service will be 7:00 PM Saturday January 10. This will be a reflective service paying tribute to those who have brought us to that day. January 11 will be first worship service. There will be special music. January 18 Dr. Gibbons and Bishop Davis will help consecrate the new sanctuary. January 25 will be first service with new organ. That afternoon will be a community open house. Theme for promotions will be Built on a Promise. February 8 will be Invite a Friend to Church Sunday.• Communications Update – Kathy Keadle<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ New church website is being developed. It will be designed to be inviting to potential church members, as well as very useful for regular attendees. We will soon have the ability to deliver reflections via e-mail.
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Please fill out Congregational Survey and return to Patty Groot.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim Keller
Recording Secretary