

# GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

## Monthly Executive Summary | Apr. 2023

The following are highlights from the 04/10/2023 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

- **Call to order/devotional – Ms. Wilkens**
- **Members Attending:** Beth Wilkens (Chair), Ike Jordan (Vice-Chair), Angie Burch (Treasurer ), Cory Tylenda (Secretary), Valerie Benjamin, Wendy Featherstone, Jim Quinn, Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, Sr. Minister, and David Strong, Church Administrator
- **Introductory Matters:**
  - Rev. Dr. Cady and the staff were thanked for leading a great Holy Week, with solid attendance for the services.
  - Ms. Wilkens, on behalf of the GB, thanked Ms. Benjamin for her impactful leadership as a founding member of the Governance Board, for being instrumental in establishing the governance structure, and for serving as Governing Board's first Chair.
  - Ms. Wilkens reminded GB members to continue to sign up to staff the Sunday Help Desk as part of GB efforts to be available the talk with members of the congregation.
  - Ms. Wilkens distributed the Board Policy Book. GB members will review it before the May meeting, both to refresh our understanding of GB responsibilities and to see if any updates are needed. She will provide suggested language to reflect the April GB resolution regarding term limits, a topic not currently covered in the Policy Book.
  - Rev Dr. Cady noted reaction to his Palm Sunday sermon is a reminder of the extent of our digital reach, having been viewed/shared over 2,000 times. We have about 800 weekly digital visitors including live stream, weekly podcasts downloaded, podcast subscribers, YouTube watchers, and Boxcast. There isn't a way for us to know who visited our website or live cast unless the person "checks in" or tells us specifically via text or email. We need to consider how we budget for communications, staffing decisions, tasks, roles, and responsibilities. In essence, how do we effectively care for our digital members?
- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda**

◦ March 13, 2023 GB Minutes	Mr. Tylenda
◦ Senior Minister's April 10, 2023 Report	Rev. Dr. Cady
◦ PSC February 21, 2023 Minutes	Ms. Featherstone
◦ PSC March 29, 2023 Minutes – DRAFT	Ms. Featherstone
◦ Outreach Committee March 13, 2023 Minutes	Mr. Jordan
◦ PPRC March 27, 2023 Minutes	Mr. Quinn
◦ Finance Committee January 16, 2023 Minutes	Ms. Burch
- **New Business**
  - Appointment of Officers: GB officers for 2023 were appointed including Beth Wilkens (Chair), Ike Jordan (Vice-Chair), Angie Burch (Treasurer), and Cory Tylenda (Secretary). Appointment of Officers. GB officers for 2023 were appointed including Beth Wilkens (Chair), Ike Jordan (Vice-Chair), Angie Burch (Treasurer), and Cory Tylenda (Secretary).
  - Beekeeping Proposal: The Governing Board reviewed a beekeeping proposal made by the Community Garden

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Team and approved by the PSC. The proposal was approved after discussion regarding the safety plan and insurance.

- Strategic Planning: Ms. Wilkens started the strategic planning discussion by noting a number of questions including what does it mean to be a church beyond our borders, how can we sustainably ensure that we properly and fairly compensate the pastoral staff, how do we incorporate diversity and inclusion, how do we revisit the Dreamscape, and what other questions should we deal with. The GB discussed the process used between 2015 and 2017, and what process could be used to update our goals. For example, a Dreamscape goal was to have 1,000 people for worship. We have hit that goal, but in a different way that we would have never envisioned. We plan to solicit input from the former Dreamscape leadership group as to what they learned from the Dreamscape process. At its May meeting the GB plans to appoint a 4-5 person working group that would suggest a process to be used for updating our strategic plan. With the help of those recommendations, the GB could solidify the process to be used by a separate task force leading an overall review would use.
- Data Management Policy: Rev. Dr. Cady noted the ongoing need to create a data management/privacy policy, in addition to the existing cyber-security policy, related in part to how we launch our online version of our directory. Mr. Tylanda and Ms. Benjamin will propose a draft policy for review by the GB at a later meeting.

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