

Session Highlights

The PFPC Session met on Wednesday, July 7, 2021, in the fellowship hall at PFPC and via Zoom. Eleven current elders and Rev. Coleman participated. Also in attendance were Rev. Fred Holbrook, Pete Adamson, Jeff Ludwig, Mary-Catherine Sheridan, and Hayden VanDyke.

The meeting was called to order with a devotional and prayer, led by Rev. Coleman.

Subjects discussed included:

- Approval of the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting;
- Receiving of the Pastor's Report from Rev. Coleman;
- Approval of the following additions/changes to the calendar: July 11—Mission Study Team Luncheon immediately following worship service; July 25—New Member Sunday; September 26—Called Congregational Meeting following morning worship service for the purpose of electing elders;
- Approval of Rev. Coleman's vacation August 2-23 to visit her children (and grandchildren!) in Winnipeg, Canada, with Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito to moderate Session on August 4 and fill the pulpit on August 8;
- Update by Rev. Coleman on work of the Mission Study Team, which will hold a luncheon following worship on July 11 and ask attendees to consider the following questions: (1) Why are you at PFPC, and why do you stay? (2) As a church, what does PFPC do well? (3) What would you like PFPC to focus on in the near future?
- Unanimous approval of further reopening steps, presented by the Covid Response Subcommittee, to include: return of offering counters, structure of communion to be determined by Worship Committee, children's activity bags may return to sanctuary, parlor and fellowship hall may be used for approved activities, nursery will resume in September with fully vaccinated volunteers, choir will resume in the fall, New Kent Women's Club and other approved organizations may resume activities inside church building;
- Decision that Worship and Outreach Committees, together with Rev. Coleman, will come up with a proposal for August Session meeting regarding the future of virtual worship services;
- Report by Elder Lore on highlights of the June 15 Presbytery of the James meeting, including the decision that ordinands will continue to be examined by the Committee on Ministry but will no longer be examined on the floor of presbytery;
- Update by Elder Robinson on plans for upcoming VBS (July 25-29);
- Notice given that Merry Sue Hill will be filling in on July 11 and 18 while Melody Raef is on vacation;
- Report by Elder Christian on meeting of Nurture Subcommittee to consider ways to reach out to members and friends of PFPC, with particular note given to those who are no longer regularly attending;
- Adjournment with prayer.

The next stated meeting of Session is on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, with Rev. Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito moderating.

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