

JANUARY 24TH 2020 MEETING NOTES

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend our Congregational Meeting on January 24th held over Zoom. It was so nice to get to see so many familiar faces—even if it wasn't quite the same as being together in the building again! There were no items up for a congregational vote during this meeting, but there were many important updates given. In addition to a brief overview, we've also included the Powerpoint Presentation that was shown. Please note that the financial slides have been removed, as we do not put specific Budget numbers online. If you would like more information, there is information on how to get in touch with council and staff members below.

- Pastor Katy opened us in prayer
- Paul De La Port confirmed that we met quorum for our meeting (yay!)
- Delbert Richardson was introduced as our guest lecturer and speaker for an upcoming Lenten Anti-Racism workshop that will take place over three Saturdays in Lent. Delbert introduced himself and extended an invitation to these workshops.
- Pastor Mike offered some tragic news about the passing of a young man from our congregation over the weekend, and gave information about sending condolence cards to the family. For more information, contact Pastor Mike at pastormike@hslckirkland.org
- Pastor Mike offered a State of the Congregation. It is strong! Our congregation is thriving and even growing throughout these difficult times. We continue to do our ministry online and to work to find innovative ways to worship and connect through our online ministries.
- Pastor Mike also announced that he will be transitioning into retirement this Summer. He plans to spend more time with his family in Minnesota, but will continue at HSLC in a part-time capacity to continue teaching and assisting with Pastoral Care. You can read his full letter at hslckirkland.org/pastor-mike-letter.
- Dave Papenhausen from the Transition & Call Committee joined the conversation to talk about the upcoming pastoral transition. He shared that Pastor Katy will continue as Lead Pastor, and that a call committee will begin the search for an Associate Pastor. During the February council meeting they will work on forming the final Call Committee and start working on a timeline to share with the congregation. If you have

questions about the transition or the call committee, you can reach Pastor Katy, Dave Papenhausen, or Jessica Thompson through the church office at office@hslckirkland.org

- Tracy Dunlap offered an overview of the budget. She reported that in these trying times we are in a good financial state. Giving is not high enough to support the current budget, but expenses are under the budget, in part due to the building being closed. Giving was also supplemented by two large one-time donations given at Christmas.
- Dave Papenhausen and Bill Carberry shared an update from the re-open committee. They shared that the committee is not recommending any changes to our current policy and that the church building and sanctuary remain closed except for extremely limited staff access. They are committed to putting forth policy that is in-line with our state's Healthy Washington guidelines.
- Pastor Mike dismissed us in prayer.