

**Session Summary  
January 28, 2020 Stated Meeting**

Following is a summary of the January 28, 2020 Session meeting. For further information or clarification please contact one of the elders listed at the end of this summary.

Rev. Coates opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. with prayer and led a devotion based on Matthew 28:16-20 and Ephesians 4:11-16.

**Discussion of the 2020 Budget**

Clark Robinson, FPCE Treasurer, presented and led a discussion of the proposed 2020 budget. After a lengthy discussion, the proposed 2020 budget was approved by a motion setting forth the following adjustments.

**The motion was made and seconded to approve the proposed 2020 budget with the following adjustments.**

**Community Life and Pastoral Care Council budget is increased by \$10,000 to \$20,900,  
Leadership Council budget is increased by \$4,000 to \$5,000,  
Worship Council budget (for child care) is increased by \$10,000 to \$59,400,  
Projected 2020 budget deficit is increased by \$24,000 to \$164,500, and  
Any deficit in 2020 pledge giving will be allocated proportionately among the budgets of all the Councils, not just the Mission Council budget as in past years.**

**The motion carried.**

The members of the Board of Trustees were excused. The Session engaged in a discussion of the 2020 Building Committee budget. No action was taken on the budget and the matter was tabled pending more detailed information.

**Clerk's Report**

Clerk's Omnibus Motion

**The motion was made and seconded to approve the Clerk's Omnibus Motion. The motion carried.**

**CLERK'S OMNIBUS MOTION  
January 28, 2020**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**RESOLVED, that the minutes of the November 19, 2019 Session meeting be, and are hereby approved.**

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT, INCIDENTAL LISTS,  
STATUS CHANGE REQUESTS, AND BAPTISM REQUESTS**

**RESOLVED**, that the November and December 2019 Incidental Lists and Membership Report; and the January 2020 Baptisms and Membership Status Change Requests be, and are hereby approved and incorporated in these minutes as if they had been fully set forth therein.

**COMMUNION**

**RESOLVED**, that Holy Communion was served by intinction at the 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Sunday worship services on December 1, 2019, at the January 5, 2020 10:00 a.m. worship service and at the January 11, 2020 Leadership Retreat.

**RECEIPT OF WRITTEN REPORTS**

**Deacons' Meeting Minutes 1-21-20  
FPCE 2020 Preliminary Budget Proposal  
FPCE 2020 Building Committee Budget  
FPCE 2020 Financial Report  
Power Point Regarding Unicameral Governance**

**Election of the Clerk and the Chicago Presbytery Commissioners**

The motions were made and seconded first to elect LeRoy Klemt as Clerk of the Session and then the following persons as Commissioners to the Chicago Presbytery: Olga Ricketts-Peart, Clark Robinson, Barb Smith, Marge Stromberg and Sharyn Wilson-Woods. The motions carried.

**Installation of Church Officers**

The Session reports the installation of the following officers: Lisa Bolsen-Fischer and J.J. Ivaska as elders, Cynthia Bridges, Kristin Collins, Al Covert, Lorna Gayle, David Jones, Kim Langlois, Julie Lewis, Stanley Morales, Marlene Sefton, Jack Stewart, Dee Strain, Tricia Vaaga as deacons and John Powell as a trustee.

**Pastors' Report**

Rev. Coates presented brief reports on Rev. Hylton's sabbatical leave, which is scheduled to begin on April 14, 2020 and end on July 14, 2020, the expected maternity/paternity leaves for Rev. Golbek and himself, which are expected to begin around the end of April 2020, the all church retreat scheduled for March 13 and 14 and the plans for the Chicago Presbytery meeting, which will take place at the church on May 19, 2020.

### **Discussion of the January 12 and 19 Adult Education Classes**

Mr. Klemt, led a discussion of the adult education classes which took place on January 12 and 19. While there appeared to be improved understanding of the proposed unicameral governance model at the second class, elders were encouraged to continue to reach out and discuss this issue with members of their councils, their small groups and other members of the congregation. An additional education class is contemplated for the summer prior to submitting the proposed bylaws to the congregation in August.

### **Discussion of the Leadership Retreat Church Priorities for 2020**

The Session engaged in a discussion of the Leadership Retreat which was held on January 10 and 11. Appreciation was expressed for the fine job former elder, Dan Shiao, and Rev. Golbek did in leading an excellent and meaningful retreat. The Session also discussed two priorities for 2020, which are to increase the number kids regularly attending NUBS and PYGS and to develop a robust training program for new lay leaders, mentors and volunteers.

### **Executive Session**

**The motion to move to executive session was made and seconded. The motion carried. The motion to leave executive session was made and seconded. The motion carried.**

### **Questions and/or comments regarding Board/Council Minutes**

None

### **Joys and Concerns**

Several elders expressed their joys concerning recent joyful interactions with members of our congregation and others. Concerns were expressed over those of our members who are dealing with serious illness or loss of a loved one. Joy was expressed over the process which resulted in the approval of the 2020 budget.

### **How Did We Do?**

Very well

### **Adjournment in Prayer**

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Sharyn Wilson-Woods at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

LeRoy Klemt, Clerk

## 2020 Session

### Ordained Pastors

Rev. Dr. Raymond Hylton, Senior Pastor and Moderator of Session  
Rev. Henry Coates, Associate Pastor for Discipleship and Fellowship

### Ruling Elders

Daniel Allen, Worship Council  
Bob Bastian, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council and TCC Board  
Brian Carmody, Worship Council  
Dwayne Dobschuetz, Our Families Our Children Council and Discipleship Council  
(Stewardship Committee)  
Katie Duke, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council  
Lisa Bolsen-Fischer, Discipleship Council (Stewardship Committee)  
J. J. Ivaska, Discipleship Council and Resource Steward Council (Budget Committee,  
Finance and Endowment Committee)  
Laura Jones, Our Families Our Children Council  
Kim Klamm, Personnel Council and Resource Steward Council (Budget Committee)  
Rosemary Mauck, Leadership Council (Nominating Committee)  
Hugh Parry, Personnel Council and Resource Steward Council (Finance and Endowment  
Committee)  
Barb Smith, Mission Council and Chicago Presbytery Commissioner  
Marge Stromberg, Leadership Council (Nominating Committee) and Chicago Presbytery  
Commissioner  
Dick Warnecke, Mission Council and Great Commission Fund  
Sharyn Wilson-Woods, Community Life and Pastoral Care Council, Mission Council and  
Chicago Presbytery Commissioner