

MINUTES OF THE SESSION

Called Meeting

First Presbyterian Church, Durham, NC

Monday, April 9, 2018

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Called to order at 5:37 pm with prayer by Mindy Douglas.

Present were:

- Moderator Mindy Douglas , Pastor
- Marilyn Hedgpeth, Assoc. Pastor
- Christyn Klinck, Clerk
- the following Elders, representing a quorum:

**Class of 2018**

Al Arrowood

Lenore Champion

Miriam Morey

Eric Wiebe

Sigfried Fullenkamp

**Class of 2019**

George Bernhardt

Barbara Buckley

Libby Gully

Delia Kwon

**Class of 2020**

Carol Carson

Andy Henry

Tyler Momsen-Hudson

Alice Raney

Jane Wettach

**The item of business to be discussed is:**

The church's role in the Lilly Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Grant (LCRSG), for which Mindy hopes to apply in 2018 for a sabbatical in 2019.

See Mindy's summary and grant application notes attached to this report.

Mindy noted that the grant application does not need session approval, but she wants to be sure that the session is informed. She would like the session's support, advice, and input for the application. About 6-8 people from the congregation attended an interest meeting held after church on Sunday April 8, 2018.

Mindy described the grant and summarized her application and the process.

- When she came to FPC from Chapel in the Pines, she gave up a sabbatical she was planning. Part of her contract at FPC includes a sabbatical after three years.
- An important aspect of this grant is for the congregation to do something in alignment with the sabbatical while the pastor is on sabbatical.

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- Mindy's sabbatical theme is breaking down dividing walls and reconciliation, particularly regarding racial equity.
- Part of the reason Mindy felt called to FPC was the church's history with this issue.
- The sabbatical would start on May 19, 2019, and continue for three months.
- She'll hear whether she was awarded the grant in August. If she doesn't get this grant, she'll still go on a sabbatical, probably with the same theme.

Session members asked questions and offered suggestions for the grant application. Questions included what FPC would be doing in her absence, how she might modify the trip, what conversations and presentations would take place between Mindy and the church after her return. Suggestions were made for resources (people, books, services, other organizations), schedule adjustments, and phrasing within the application.

Mindy stated that she does not intend to leave her position at FPC, and would not for at least a year after the sabbatical concludes.

After discussion concluded, Mindy closed the meeting with prayer at 6:07 p.m.

This meeting and all meetings of the year are moderated according to **The Book of Order** and **Robert's Rules of Order**.

**Next Stated Meeting – April 23, 2018**

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Christyn F. Klinck, Clerk

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Rev. Mindy Douglas, Moderator

Approved by Session: \_\_\_\_\_