



## SESSION SUMMARY

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### **Actions taken by the Session at its called meetings, September 14 and 22, 2021.**

- Decided to meet monthly to pray with one another for our church and to have discussions on shepherding the congregation and equipping elders for ministry.
- Approved the practice to extend the requirement for indoor masking of children ages two to four (the practice had already been to require masks for children ages five to eleven) in light of state and local guidance and consistent with the previously adopted Regathering Plan.
- Received the resignation from active service in the office of ruling elder from Jonathan Hayes. Jonathan and his family have moved to Florida.

### **Actions taken by the Session at its called meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2021.**

- Extended the Racial & Ethnic Reconciliation Committee term of service through January 2022 to continue to develop specific actions for our church to implement based on the report from the 2018 Presbyterian Church in America's General Assembly.
- Approved the Fall 2021 Regathering Overview and assigned several ruling elders to participate in the Regathering Task Force alongside the deacons, Board of Women, staff, and Acting Senior Pastor.
- Approved funds for special one-time projects for our missions partners as recommended by the Missions Committee. Previously, at the July 20, 2021 meeting, the Session released \$150K of the \$700K of surplus funds from the General Fund to missions benevolence. The funds will be distributed as follows:
  - \$40K to the Philemon Project to address immediate needs of the families they serve
  - \$70K to Kibera Mercy Ministries to expand their worship space
  - \$20K to Romanian Christian Enterprises to respond to needs of families impacted by the COVID pandemic.

### **Actions taken by the Session at its called meeting, Sunday, October 17, 2021.**

- Received the testimonies of eight individuals seeking to join the church and admitted them to membership contingent upon them completing their membership vows.

**Actions taken by the Session at its called meeting, Tuesday October 19, 2021.**

- Heard an update from the Pulpit Search Committee and called a congregational meeting on October 31, 2021 for the purpose of electing a Senior Pastor.

**Actions taken by the Session at its quarterly meeting, November 9, 2021.**

- Dismissed the King's Cross Commission with thanks. The Commission was established to provide spiritual oversight of the King's Cross church plant. Now that King's Cross has particularized – became its own independent church with a Session and Board of Deacons – King's Cross no longer needs our Session to provide such oversight.
- Called Timoteo (Timo) Sazo to serve as a part-time Assistant Pastor for Community at the Reston site to facilitate connections, administration, and missional engagement with the community.
- Approved recommendations from the Racial & Ethnic Reconciliation Committee to address racial reconciliation through liturgy and preaching and to encourage ourselves as elders to shepherd racial reconciliation into the lives of our members.
- Extended invitations to individuals nominated by the congregation for elder, deacon, and Board of Women to begin instruction in the qualifications and work of the respective office to which they have been nominated.
- Appointed elders to present the call of Ryan Laughlin to be Senior Pastor before Potomac Presbytery.
- Appointed elders to serve as commissioners to Potomac Presbytery.
- Scheduled the next annual congregational meeting for June 1, 2022.
- Approved housing allowances for pastors for Calendar Year 2022. The housing allowance is a portion of the pastor's salary that may be excluded from income for tax purposes.
- Issued guidelines to the Board of Deacons for preparation of the FY 2023 General Fund budget.
- Updated the church's Financial Policy to clean up some older terminology and offer flexibility in some of timelines and roles.
- Received the resignation from active service in the office of ruling elder from John Renken at the end of December 2021.



**Actions taken by the Session at its called meeting, Sunday, November 14, 2021.**

- Received the testimonies of eight individuals seeking to join the church and admitted them to membership contingent upon them completing their membership vows.