



SESSION SUMMARY

Actions taken by the Session at its stated meeting, May 11, 2022.

- Admitted 28 individuals from the Communicants class into membership of the church contingent upon them professing their faith in Christ and completing the membership vows. These individuals, mostly sixth graders, provided their testimonies to the elders on May 1 and May 8. They will take their vows and participate in the Lord's Supper in one of the June 5 worship services.
- Dismissed with thanks the stated Racial and Ethnic Reconciliation (RE) Committee. The Committee has completed its work by providing session-approved recommendations to now be implemented by other standing committees. This committee was established by the Session in November 2020 to assess ongoing racial and ethnic reconciliation at the Capital Pres Family (CPF) and to recommend actions for racial and ethnic reconciliation for CPF in line with our denomination's 2018 RER Study Committee Report's nine specific recommendations for local congregations. (for more information, contact Pastor [J.T. Tarter](#))
- Approved the draft FY 2023 budget, recommended by the Board of Deacons, to be presented to the congregation at the Annual meeting June 1. Consistent with our bylaws, the Session will approve the budget after presentation to the congregation.
- Acted upon three recommendations from the Board of Deacons related to the release of excess funds in the General Fund¹ to further ministry objectives.
 - Transferred \$450,000 from the existing General Fund balance to the Future Growth Fund in order to fund which will position the church for greater support to the Reston site and potentially costs related to construction at the McLean site.
 - Allocated \$100,000 from the existing General Fund balance to be paid out bonuses to the staff in recognition for their exceptional service during an extremely challenging ministry season.
 - Referred to the Session Steering Committee the recommendation from the Board of Deacons to allocate \$750,000 from the existing General Fund balance for other Session-determined kingdom priorities (e.g., local and global mission partners, refugee assistance).

¹ Our Finance Policy establishes a goal of maintaining three months of operating expenses in reserve within the General Fund balance. The General Fund has grown to \$2.7M which represents about five and a half months of operating expenses. These three recommendations would draw down the General Fund Balance to that three month operating expense target.