# PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS SESSION MEETING APRIL 25, 2021 12:30 PM (CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM)

Session Members in Attendance: Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator; Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk; Lynn Fisher; Nancy Vanzandt; Larry Foster; Kimmothy Cole attended as facilitator for the discussion on Purpose to Practice.

The meeting was called to order with prayer at 12:36 pm by Rev. Barden.

The minutes from the March 28, 2021, Session meeting were accepted with one correction.

# **Moderator's Report**

Rev. Barden polled the Session on how they felt about being in the sanctuary during the recording of the Easter Sunday service. The response was generally good. After discussion, it was decided that, beginning on Saturday, May 1, 10 people will be allowed to attend the Saturday recording sessions. These 10 people will be masked and socially distanced in the sanctuary. They will also become alternates in the following weeks so that all members and friends have the opportunity to attend. The process will be evaluated at the May Session meeting.

Nick Broline is hospitalized but improving. Bob Kelley is home and doing better.

### **Committee Reports**

Reports contained in the Session Packet were accepted.

There was no report from the Nominating Committee.

### **Committee Assignments**

Larry Neumann has agreed to chair the Property Committee. Dom Cavalucci will be a member of the Property Committee; Larry Foster will be Session Liaison for the Property Committee.

Terry McKetta has agreed to chair the Hospitality Committee.

## Conversation on Purpose to Practice

Session members joined Rev. Barden and Kimmothy Cole in a conversation about putting our vision of PCLT into practice. Kimmothy provided feedback and reflection on the discussion of our vision of a growing church. Rev. Barden and Kimmothy will meet to decide on the direction of the continuing conversation at the May Session meeting.

## **Finance Committee**

The Synod of the Sun has approved a grant of \$2,500 to PCLT for our Hudson Bend mission work. PCLT has received a total of \$11,500 in grants and gifts for this work.

Larry Foster provided a review of 2020 financials:

- Revenue was well above budget.
- Expenses, particularly in Mission, increased.
- Strategic investment in staff allowed PCLT to spend less on itself.

### 2021 Budget

- Expenses are currently where we expect.
- The first Paycheck Protection Loan should be forgiven very soon.
- The second Paycheck Protection Loan expected to be approved.
- Larry and Nancy Woodworth will focus their attention on expected mission expenses.

### Additional Notes

- 2020 pledges did not drop as much as Presbyterian churches nationwide.
- No data on 2021 pledges so far. We will need to compare both Covid years.

Rev. Barden reported that a memorial water feature has been installed in the parking lot median. The effort was led by Chrystie Thrasher and Leslie Wilkinson. Electricity will be provided to the water feature to create a fountain, and landscaping will be added.

The next session meeting will be May 23.

Rev. Barden closed the meeting with prayer at 2:02 pm.

Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk

Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Pastor