

CHURCH OF THE COVENANT  
MINUTES OF THE SESSION MEETING: MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2018

ELDERS PRESENT: John Artuso, Charlie Bowers, George Camlin, Sue Denmead, Jason Dille, Ben Evans, Wayne Hunnell, Jim Hyland, Lucy Johnson, Patty Mounts, Chuck Neff, Butch Richmond, Connie Simon, Katie Wichterman, and Jeremy Zajdel

ELDERS EXCUSED: Dan Halulko, Robynne Myers, and Kim O'Donnell

STAFF PRESENT: The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg, Rev. Kay Balderose, Kayla Goncalves, Jessica Hickman, and Debi Nicolella

GUESTS PRESENT: Fred and Cathy Boni, Gordon and Lois Core, Steve Johnson, and Steve and Linda Marriner

OPENING PRAYER AND DEVOTIONS

The Rev. Dr. Stuart D. Broberg convened the regularly scheduled meeting of the Session of The Church of the Covenant, on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:38 p.m. at Dr. Broberg's home. Dr. Broberg opened with a prayer. The group then sang Christmas carols.

RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE WHO COORDINATED OUR 2019 FUNDRAISING EFFORTS

Dr. Broberg recognized the following for their efforts during 2018 fundraising activities: John and Missy Artuso, Fred and Cathy Boni, Gordon and Lois Core, Tom and Rachel Gladden, Steve and Lucy Johnson, and Steve and Linda Marriner. Dr. Broberg also gave special thanks to Debi Nicolella for her above-and-beyond efforts in helping organize and keep records for the fundraisers. The Session approved by consensus a motion to recognize and thank all these folks for their hard work.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

Dr. Broberg asked the Session to approve placing Matilda "Tilly" Meyer on the Church's Active Roll. Ms. Meyer will join the Church at Christmas. Charlie Bowers made a motion to approve placing her on the Active Roll, Ben Evans seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

Dr. Broberg asked the Session to approve a motion to remove people from the Active Roll who have become inactive. All people on the list (to be provided to the Session by Dr. Broberg) were contacted to check and see if they wanted to remain on the Active Roll. If there was no response or they indicated it was acceptable to be removed, the Membership and Fellowship Committee compiled the list of names to be removed. George Camlin made a motion to approve removing the people on the list from the Active Roll, Chuck Neff seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion.

Sue Denmead made a motion to approve the 2019 Communion schedule (including February 2, 2019, when Communion training for new elders and deacons will be held). John Artuso seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved by the Session. .

Dr. Broberg asked the Session to approve a baptism that fell outside the Church's baptism policy. Susan Kepler and her son Ryan Kepler have asked if Ryan's infant son can be baptized in the Rusch Chapel on December 30, 2018 at 12:30 p.m., after the 11:00 a.m. worship service. The Session unanimously approved the exception to the baptism policy.

#### MISSION COMMITTEE'S REQUEST TO PROVIDE THE PRESBYTERY WITH A GIFT

The Mission Committee moved that the Church should provide the Washington Presbytery with a \$5,000 end-of-year gift, should the Church have sufficient excess funds in 2018 as to be determined by the Finance Committee at its upcoming December 20, 2018 meeting. Since the motion came from Committee, no second was needed. Some discussion ensued at this time. Dr. Broberg noted that the Presbytery could use help regarding its finances this year. Jason Dille (Finance Committee chairperson) felt that we are likely to be all right regarding this request, considering our typical December income. The Session then voted unanimously to approve the Mission Committee's request to approve giving \$5,000 to the Washington Presbytery, assuming that we have sufficient excess funds.

#### ADJOURNING AND CLOSING PRAYER

Dr. Broberg thanked the Session for all of their hard work and support in 2018. Ben Evans then moved to adjourn this meeting, Sue Denmead seconded the motion, and the Session unanimously approved the motion to adjourn. Dr. Broberg adjourned the meeting with a prayer at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jonathan M. Pachter**

Jonathan M. Pachter, Clerk of Session