

**United Church of Chapel Hill
Church Council Meeting, Special Meeting – March 13, 2020
Meeting Minutes**

X	Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator		Kirstin Frescoln, BJOS
X	Melanie Joiner, Assistant Moderator		
X	Derek Harrison, Treasurer		Andrea Vizoso, MES
	Karen Demby, Clerk		
		X	Ron Johnson, Trustees
X	Cameron Barr, Senior Pastor		
		X	Millie Brobston, Youth & Young Adults
X	Jeff Hall, Adult Education		
		X	Angel Collie, At Large
	Christine Harding, Children's		Helen Hoenig, At Large
			David Tanner, At Large
	Peter Schay, Deacons		Ingrid Schmidt, At Large
X	Lee Sorensen, Fellowship		Guest:
		X	Ian McPherson – Assoc. Pastor

Call to Order – 6:31 PM

Gaylen Brubaker, Moderator

Opening Prayer

Rev. Ian MacPherson, Associate Pastor

Update on Decisions Related to COVID-19

Cameron Barr, Sr. Pastor, explained that he had been meeting with other local pastors and medical professionals and solicited input from his contacts at other UCC churches. As of Thursday morning, a group of about 20 local pastors had agreed that in-person worship services and other programs that could result in direct exposures (choirs, faith formation, in-person bible study) would be cancelled for a minimum of 2 weeks, after which the situation would be reassessed. Cameron also reported that several leaders and medical professionals within UCCH had met (by Zoom) the previous night and provided input regarding our policies for building use by those outside the church. This resulted in a decision that the building will remain available as long as the groups commit to good health practices. Church staff will explain to groups the expectations for these practices.

An abbreviated Sunday worship service will be taped Sunday morning and put on the web to be available by 11:00. It will be bi-lingual, and a bi-lingual bullet will be provided on the website as well.

Proposal to Support Chapel Hill Schools During COVID-19 Closure

Cameron summarized a meeting in which he participated along with several other local pastors, representatives from other non-profit groups (Table and Porch) and the Superintendent of Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools. The schools will be closed for the next few weeks but plan to use their staff and buses to distribute breakfast and snacks to many of their students at multiple locations (15 to 20) throughout the area. They have asked UCCH and other religious organizations to participate by providing 5 to 6 volunteers, each day at each location, to help control traffic and distribute the food. In addition, it is not clear whether the school districts will be reimbursed for all this food, so they are asking for financial support. The Proposal which Cameron presented asked that UCCH support 3 distribution areas (15 to 18

people per day from about 11-1) and ask for congregational support through a designated offering, with a goal of \$10,500. A motion was made and seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. In addition, Kirstin Frescoln and Jeff Hall expressed their support, by email, before the call. Ian volunteered to help coordinate the volunteers, but Cameron asked that we try to recruit a lay Project Manager.

Proposal Regarding PRC Appointment

Finally, Melanie Joiner asked that the Council approve the nomination of Andrew Short to fill the term of Dennis Pagano on the Pastoral Relations Committee. Dennis has moved to Twin Lakes in Burlington and has therefor resigned. Andy's appointment was seconded and approved by all present.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 7:15 pm

Next Council Meeting: March 24, 2020. It will probably be conducted using Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,
Karen Demby, Clerk