

## Session in Review November 2019

Session met November 12 with Erik Hanson as moderator.

Jennifer Yeomans led the Session in a time of teaching on prayer in anticipation of a season of prayer in advance of the upcoming decision on selecting a new church name and the capital campaign. A plan for prayer, "Open Heart Prayer" as a way of approaching this concentrated prayer focus was presented. Jennifer prayed about our time together and upcoming decisions.

Session approved minutes and ministry reports for Session, Deacons, KidTrek, MESH, Roots and Student & Family.

Session approved John Lamb to officiate a wedding at First Pres next June.

Session received the following as new Covenant Partners:

Ken Alford, Janet Alford, Katelyn Cano, Spencer Desebout, Shallon Desebout, Megan Glaze, Deb Harrison, TC Johnstone, Kristen Johnstone, Jeremy Mink, Nicole Mink, Clint Rosenblatt, Katherine Rosenblatt, Allison Williams, Melissa Williams

Jim Keller and Joe Cutshall presented a report from the Music and Worship Department. This ministry is responsible for a number of areas related to worship and events including technical and logistics support. The ministry team works well together and includes Christine Brockett, Ingrid Anderson and Eunie Kim as well as Jim and Joe. The arrangement with the Boulder Symphony provides orchestral support for Glory of Christmas and instrumental musicians for worship services. Joe has enjoyed opportunities to produce videos and multimedia content and the development of Walnut Street Sounds (WSS) as a creative outlet for musicians in Boulder. Challenges have primarily centered on technical support. For a church of the size of First Pres a communications director and technical director are needed. Working with the interns Bailey and Alex, the tech team, and the rest of the music ministry team is a pleasure.

### **Session Discussions:**

As Session approaches the time to make a decision on the church name, Session agreed to pray daily over the decision and to fast together on Friday, November 15 seeking God's voice in this decision.

Session discussed the role of Trustees with the hope of clarifying their responsibilities as they related to the Vision Project. A team of one elder, Kha Le, one trustee, Alan Williams, and one pastor, Erik Hanson, was formed to clarify the governance structure as it relates specifically to the Boulder Vision Project work. Session is to vote on their recommendation at their December meeting.

Session discussed the potential risks that are associated with a capital campaign. Session voted and approved the following motion: To request from the Boulder Vision Project team a Status and Recommendation Document for the buildout of the Annex and the Main campus that includes risk assessment and risk mitigation, to be presented to Trustees for suggested refinement and presented to Session for approval in January 2020.

Session spent time in Executive Session to hear a report from the Church Naming Team.

**Staff Reports:**

Cathy – Transitioning from being a parent to being a grandparent (grandchild on the way).

Jane – Excited for this new class of Covenant Partners. The opportunity to participate in the retreat at The Transforming Center was a tremendous blessing and life changing.

Carl – This past Sunday was the wrap up of the class “Scripture Untamed.” Teaching with Allan Harvey was a treat.

Daniel – He has been in six countries in the past few weeks visiting mission partners. In Ecuador he met with Compassion and Stadia (a church planting mission that works with Compassion) about partnering with them in future ministry.

Erik – Participated in two of the capital campaign dinners with two more coming up this week.

Meeting adjourned with the singing of the Doxology.