

**UPG Parish & St. John's Windish Lutheran Church
Joint Council Meeting
ZOOM**

**Bethlehem, PA
January 18, 2022**

Members Present: Joe Bleier, Jimmy Bleier, Gina Brockway, Sandra Butch, Ron Dalla Piazza, Susan DeAngelis, Lou Dravec, Bonnie Harper, Tracy Heberling, Buzz Heidecker, David Kolman, Nancy Kostas, Ron Leposa, Sharon Lintner, Michel Lloyd, Donna Mackaravitz, Donna Musselman, Tina Piscitello, Kenda Riley, Tom Seifert, Jon Terry, Susan Vitez			
Members Excused: Matt Bleier, Teryan Gerhard			
Members Absent: Migdalia DeJesus, Steve Granlund, Harmony Gubich, James Ritchie, Lois Ritchie, Tom Sarver, Linda Toltesi, Mick Truchan			
Clergy/Staff members/Guests present: Pastor Suzanne Trump, Pastor Mike Button, Brynn Anderson, Josh Gulotta, Linda Maule, Maria Skrilec, Catherine Ziel			
Topic	Discussion	Action	Resolution
<i>Call to Order</i>		@ 1906 by Gina Brockway (presider), David Kolman, & Tom Seifert	
<i>Opening Prayer</i>		Offered by Pastor Suzanne	
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>		Motion to approve made by: Susan Vitez 2 nd by: Donna Mackaravitz	Approved unanimously
<i>Approval of Minutes December 16, 2021</i>	As distributed	Motion to approve December minutes as distributed made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: David Kolman	Approved unanimously
<i>Treasurer's Updates</i>	LOC as submitted & reported by Catherine Ziel St. Peter's as submitted & reported by Joe Bleier St. John's Windish deferred until February due to staff illness	Motion to approve submitted reports for the UPG made by: Nancy Kostas 2 nd by: Bonnie Harper	Approved unanimously
<i>Staff Concerns</i>			
<i>Issues from Staff Meeting</i>	None		
<i>Update on Live-Stream Equipment</i>	No report		
<i>Update on Transition Task Force Team Reports</i>	Information technology & financial assets reports as distributed	Motion to accept Transition Team reports made by: Donna Musselman	Approved unanimously

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<p><i>Town Hall Meeting</i></p> <p><i>Vote (to agree to move forward with potential consolidation/merger)</i></p>	<p>Due to the COVID pandemic the meeting has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 27, 2022 @ St. Peter's</p> <p>Will be moved to the end of March based upon rescheduled town hall meeting date Much, much work needs to be done prior to an actual merger/consolidation vote: by-laws, constitution, new name</p>	<p>2nd by: Sandy Butch Suggestion made to research ability to open this meeting via live stream for those who are unable to, or do not feel comfortable to attend in the COVID world</p> <p>Recommendation will be given to the Transition Team to have the church service & vote @ a single campus that Sunday Motion made to have this vote taken on March 27, 2022 by: Kenda Riley 2nd by: Donna Mackaravitz</p>	<p>Approved unanimously</p>
<p><i>Committee Reports</i></p>			
<p><i>LOC</i></p>	<p>Property Committee report as distributed</p>	<p>Motion to accept the report as distributed made by: Bonnie Harper 2nd by: Sandy Butch</p>	<p>Approved unanimously</p>
<p><i>St. Peter's</i></p>	<p>None</p>		
<p><i>St. John's</i></p>	<p>None</p>		
<p><i>Joint GWOH & Stewards & Angels in Ministry</i></p>	<p>Meeting held January 11 Mittens & hats have been distributed Coats collected have been distributed to Northampton County Prison Hats & scarves have been distributed 1st responders' breakfast/lunch will be rescheduled to a later date due to the COVID pandemic Souper Bowl & pantry Sunday have been rescheduled to February 13, 2022</p>		<p>Informational</p>

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<i>Worship & Music Committee</i>	Recommendation made to hold a single worship service @ 1030 on the Sunday of the joint town hall meeting & Sunday of the vote – much discussion & several suggestions offered Recommendation made to return to live stream only due to current COVID situation Expressed concerns about the quality of the live stream transmission – it isn't always reliable	Motion to hold one (1) worship service @ 0930 on each of these Sundays made by: Tom Seifert 2 nd by: Sharon Lintner Enacted on an emergency basis prior to the joint council meeting David Kolman will reach out to Rich Hawk for additional information on these concerns	Approved unanimously Informational Informational
<i>Old Business</i>			
<i>COVID-19</i>	Explosion of omicron variant has become a huge issue in terms of number of people infected across the LV		Informational
<i>Installation of Council Members</i>	Rescheduled for the 1 st Sunday upon return to in-person worship services		Informational
<i>New Business</i>			
<i>Return to In-Person Worship & Ministries</i>	Will be determined based upon local COVID situation		Informational
<i>LOC Bequest</i>	A bequest was made to the LOC campus; funds have not yet been received	LOC council asked to consider potential use for the tithed amount of this bequest	Informational
<i>St. Peter's needs to add several people as authorized signers for the Ministry Checking Account</i>	Josh Gulotta, Joseph Bleier, & David Kolman need to be authorized signatories for this account	Motion to approve these signatories made by: Joe Bleier 2 nd by: Kenda Riley	Approved unanimously by St. Peter's Council members
<i>St. Peter's Bequest</i>	A bequest was made to the St. Peter's campus	St. Peter's council asked to consider potential use for the tithed amount of this bequest	Informational
<i>Monthly donation to St. Peter's by Pastors & Guardians</i>	These monthly donations have not increased since 2019	Suggestion made to hold the current monthly donation amount for the LV Chinese Church & determine a new	Informational

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<i>of Holy Israel and the LV Chinese Church</i>	LV Chinese Church has been submitting monthly donation through the entire pandemic: even when not using the facilities	monthly donation amount for Pastors & Guardians of Holy Israel	
<i>February Joint Council Meeting</i>	Tuesday February 15, 2022 Place TBA based upon pandemic guidelines	Tom Seifert presides	Informational
<i>Announcements</i> <i>ELCA Summer Youth Gathering</i> <i>Sunday Bible Studies</i> <i>Coffee & Conversation</i> <i>Thursday Bible Study by Pastor Mathisen</i>	Has been put on hold due to the COVID pandemic Will hold via ZOOM until in-person activities restart Will restart via ZOOM during the suspension of in-person activities Start date has been moved from January 27 to February 10 due to current COVID situation		All informational
<i>Adjournment & Lord's Prayer</i>	@ 2030	Motion to adjourn made by: Sandy Butch 2 nd by: Tracy Heberling	Approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted, Donna Musselman, St. Peter's Congregational & Joint Council Secretary
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