

Unity Committee Meeting Recap

1. Meet on October 3rd and October 9th, 2022
2. Discussed:
 - a. Reviewed the history of how 3 churches wanted to become one. It started with St Peters and Light of Christ forming a parish agreement in 2019. Later, St Johns wanted to join, and then we started a new process with the Transition Team. All three churches voted together in March 2022 to form a blending of three congregations, which started the Unity Team in May 2022.
 - b. The Unity Team will discuss and present to the Joint Council recommendations as we continue in our process of blending together to become Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church. The Joint Council will be responsible for taking action on the recommendations from the Unity Team.
 - c. Unity Team recap presentation was presented on Saturday Oct 8th and Sunday Oct 9th. This presentation gave a recap of progress and next steps as of the August meeting. There was a question asked on how the developer knew about the possibility of our churches being sold. It started with a Facebook post stating that St Johns was for sale. A realtor saw the post and contacted St Johns who told them about the three churches blending into one. The realtor proactively got in contact with a developer who expressed interest to the realtor who then contacted St Johns. Later, the Unity Team established contact with the realtor to start discussion with the developer about the possibility of the four locations being sold to one and the realtor and developer helping us with finding a new location.
 - d. Sub-committee updates
 - Constitution & Bylaws (Mary Mann)** = the Joint Council approved the proposed Constitution and Bylaws. We are scheduled for the Synods October 15th meeting. The Synod has already expressed that the name, constitution, and bylaws have already received approval.
 - New Property Location (Mike Horwath)** = currently searching for properties without the help of a realtor. Still need more information before any real decision or search can be started.
 - Asset Disposition (Kenda Riley)** = appraiser visited all properties, still awaiting appraisal documents. Received 2 separate Letters of Intent by various ways of communication. There is no plan to sign any of the Letters of Intent, there is still work that needs to be done before any recommendation. Discussed if there any ongoing wishes of each congregation about the future use of each location.
 - Archive (Kenda Riley)** = continuing to assess archives.
 - Non-Fixed Assets (Nancy Kostas)** = continuing to inventory building contents by categories.
 - Attorney (Joe Bleier)** = continuing to gather requested documents. The attorney is knowledgeable and capable of assisting us the sale and purchase of properties. As one of our next steps will be filing for a Federal EIN number for Blessed Trinity Lutheran Church. This Federal number does not constitute any transfer of properties, all properties will remain with each respective community of faith.

Mission Statement (Kevin Remaly) = started gathering volunteers and will be meeting soon. It was mentioned that we may want to revisit the Mission Statement again once we are settled in at our new location.

Fellowship (Linda Toltesi) = started this committee and shortly will be presented to the members for volunteers.

- e. Our Synod representative, Pastor Jean Huber, will be meeting with us in November to review the current process in a Call Process.
- f. We want to remind everyone about the worries and continued focus on the buildings and money. We understand that this is a concern on people's heart, but our we need to remain strong on the real reason of joining together, **OUR MINISTRIES**. Our purpose is to spread God's word and how we can use our deep roots in each congregation to achieve that goal.

3. Next Steps

- a. Follow up with sub-committees with progress
- b. Start next sub-committees: (open for volunteers...please contact liaison)
Fellowship (Linda Toltesi = Unity team liaison)...more information to follow

4. Next Meeting on Sunday, November 13th

- 5. All questions or concerns for Unity Committee please contact one of the three co-chairs or the sub-committee Unity Team liaison.



Pictured Left from Right:

Gina Brockway, Pastor Mike Button (liaison), Nancy Kostas, Mike Horwath, Kenda Riley, Joe Bleier, Mary Mann, Kevin Remaly, David Kolman, Linda Toltesi, and Pastor Suzanne Trump (liaison)