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

**Members present**: Matthew Bleier, Donna Musselman, Bonnie Harper, Nancy Kostas, Rich Hawk, Ron Dalla Piazza, Lou Dravecz, Jon Terry, Gina Brockway, Harmony Gubich, Mike Truchan, Lois Ritchie, Steve Granlund, Maria Skrilec, Tracy Heberling, James Ritchie, Sandy Butch, Kathy Remaly, Ron Leposa, Michel Lloyd

Members excused: Migdalia DeJesus

Members absent: Keith Young, Teryan Gerhard, Pam Royal, Penny Weiss, Donna Makaravitz, Tom Seifert, Buzz Heidecker, Sandy Vajda

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| Topic  | Discussion                          | Action                               | Resolution                     |  |  |  |
| Call to Order  |                                     | @ 1904 by Rich Hawk (presider),      |                                |  |  |  |
|  |                                     | Nancy Kostas, & Gina Brockway        |                                |  |  |  |
| Opening Prayer   |                                     | Offered by Pastor Jerry              |                                |  |  |  |
| Approval of Agenda   | Suggestion made to move approval    | Motion to approve made by: Donna     | Approved unanimously           |  |  |  |
|  | of minutes to follow here           | Musselman                            |                                |  |  |  |
|  |                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Ron Dalla Piazza |                                |  |  |  |
| Approval of Minutes  | Ron Leposa was in attendance @      | Ron's name added to those in         | Approved unanimously           |  |  |  |
| October 20, 2020 &   | the November council meeting        | attendance on November minutes       | Amended minutes will be resent |  |  |  |
| November 17, 2020  |                                     |                                      |                                |  |  |  |
| ,  | Community program (October          | Spelling corrected                   |                                |  |  |  |
|  | minutes) is Power Lehigh Valley,    | Motion to approve with corrections   |                                |  |  |  |
|  | NOT EmPower Lehigh Valley           | made by: Ron Laposa                  |                                |  |  |  |
|  |                                     | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Sandy Butch      |                                |  |  |  |
|  | Gina Brockway presided @ the        | Presider is located under Call to    |                                |  |  |  |
|  | November council meeting            | Order – Action – in parentheses      |                                |  |  |  |
|  | Nancy Kostas presided @ the         | behind the person's name             |                                |  |  |  |
|  | October meeting                     | 1                                    |                                |  |  |  |
| Treasurer's Updates  | LOC as submitted & reported by      | Motion to approve submitted          | Approved unanimously           |  |  |  |
| 1  | Catherine Ziel                      | reports for the UPG & St. John's     |                                |  |  |  |
|  | St. Peter's as submitted & reported | Windish made by: Nancy Kostas        |                                |  |  |  |
|  | by Joe Bleier                       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Harmony Gubich   |                                |  |  |  |
|  | St. John's Windish as reported by   |                                      |                                |  |  |  |
|  | Maria Skrilec                       |                                      |                                |  |  |  |
| Update on continuation of on-line                                    | Discussion concerning maintaining   | Motion to approve plan made by:      | Approved unanimously           |  |  |  |
| worship through April 04,  | on-line worship in order to avoid   | Sandy Butch                          |                                |  |  |  |
| 2021(Easter)   | switching formats mid-Lent season   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Bonnie Harper    |                                |  |  |  |
| 2021(20001)  | Maintaining one format will make    | 2 cy. Bomie Harper                   |                                |  |  |  |
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|                                 | life easier for Pastors Jerry &        |                                     |                      |
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|                                 | Suzanne for planning Lent &            |                                     |                      |
|                                 | Easter season                          |                                     |                      |
|                                 | Question posed about on-line vs. in    | Decision to be made at the March    | Informational        |
|                                 | person worship later in April          | council meeting                     |                      |
| Update on Live-Stream           | Team has met on the process to         |                                     | Informational        |
| Equipment                       | wire                                   |                                     |                      |
|                                 | Current costs are less than expected   |                                     |                      |
| Update on Transition Task Force |  |                                     |                      |
| Worship Sub-team Report         | Refer to report distributed with       | Motion to accept the report made    | Approved unanimously |
|                                 | council packet                         | by: Donna Musselman                 |                      |
| Active Ministries Sub-team      |  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Tracy Heberling |                      |
| Report                          | Refer to report distributed with       | Motion to accept report made by:    | Approved unanimously |
|                                 | council packet                         | Kathy Remaly                        |                      |
| Upcoming Sub-teams              |  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Marie Skrilec   |                      |
| Financial Assets                | Mike Horvath, LOC, is the lead for     |                                     | Informational        |
|                                 | this team; goal is to total all assets |                                     |                      |
|                                 | from the 3 communities of faith;       |                                     |                      |
|                                 | each campus treasurer will also be     |                                     |                      |
| G , CP                          | asked to serve on this team            |                                     | T.C                  |
| Staffing                        | Joe Boligitz, SJWL, is the lead for    |                                     | Informational        |
| OHD :                           | this team                              |                                     |                      |
| Old Business                    | None                                   | M 1 1 1 C 1                         |                      |
| New Business                    | Discussion surrounding                 | Motion to cancel made by: Sandy     | Approved unanimously |
| February 2021 Council           | cancellation of the February           | Butch                               |                      |
| Meeting                         | council meeting                        | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Ron Leposa      | T.C                  |
| Growing Young                   | Josh Gulatta described book; will      | Contact Josh if you are interested  | Informational        |
|                                 | be a ZOOM book club &                  | in participating                    |                      |
|                                 | discussion; open to anyone, any        |                                     |                      |
| D 11.17.11                      | age; there are extra books available   |                                     | T.C                  |
| Power Lehigh Valley             | Hosting an interfaith prayer service   |                                     | Informational        |
|                                 | on Wednesday, January 20, 2021         |                                     |                      |
|                                 | on their Facebook page                 |                                     | T.C: 1               |
| Thank you                       | `Mike Truchan offered thanks to        |                                     | Informational        |

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Bethlehem, PA January 19, 2021

|  | the UPG & SJWL for the mat<br>ministry that has benefited a group<br>of homeless people in the area of<br>Sand Island |                                 |                      |  |  |
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| Adjournment & Lord's Prayer  | @ 1935  | Motion by: Ron Leposa           | Approved unanimously |  |  |
|  |   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> by: Sandy Butch |                      |  |  |
| Next council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 @ 1900 via ZOOM |   |                                 |                      |  |  |

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Musselman, St. Peter's Congregational & UPG Council Secretary