
Weekly Advisory Team Update

We travel well; not because the road is always easy, but because we know how to journey together with faith, laughter, and grace. In the challenges, we discover hope; and in hope, we see God's grace carrying us forward.

This past week, our Council gathered to celebrate how each area of UNITY ministry is moving forward with purpose and hope. Together, we trust that God is guiding our next steps with grace, courage, and joy.

As a group, we discussed the following:

1. Our Staff Openings.
 - We hope to extend an offer for Director of Music Ministry this week and welcome this person to staff in September.
 - We are interviewing a Director of Christian Education candidate this week and are grateful for the many UNITY members ready to support this ministry.
 - We look forward to celebrating Lynn Key and Michelle Aprahamian this fall! Watch for more details soon.
2. Update on the Senior Interim Pastor.
 - We have had two encouraging conversations with our first pastoral candidate and continue discerning where this path may lead.
 - We also received another candidate from the Synod Leadership Team and will connect with this pastor in the coming week.
 - A new interim pastor may join after Labor Day or perhaps later this fall.
3. Finance and Property teams have begun thoughtful discussions about caring for both campuses and planning for short and long-term budget needs.
4. Finance, Stewardship, and Servant Ministries are working together for UNITY's ministry growth.
 - Finance, Stewardship, and Servant Ministries met to strengthen support for UNITY's programs, volunteers, and giving.
 - Watch for communications on meaningful ways you can get involved and help our ministries thrive.
5. The congregation will have two opportunities to share input and hear additional updates in upcoming 60–90 minute listening sessions.
 - **Sunday, August 23, after 10AM worship at Christ the King.** Worship will be inside, and Marge Kipp is coordinating food. Please let her know if you'd like to bring a dish.
 - **Wednesday, August 26, at 6:30PM at Cross of Life.** Desserts and beverages will be shared. Please let Carole Syse know if you'd like to bring something sweet.

As we continue this journey together, we are listening closely, moving faithfully, and trusting God's grace to guide each step. We are deeply grateful for UNITY's Staff and Council, whose gifts and care continue to support and strengthen our congregation.

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