

## COUNCIL NOTES FROM THE MEETING ON OCTOBER 21:

- **The Pastor Search Committee** presented their recommendation to Council that Faith CRC should consider Rev. Matthew Lanser for the position of Minister of Congregational Life. The Pastor Search Committee also recommended the call process steps that Council should follow as consideration is given to Rev. Lanser for this position. Subsequently, the Council approved the recommendation to consider Rev. Lanser and the proposed call process steps to be taken.
- **Evangelism Committee** gave an update on recent events such as Feed My Starving Children and the Men's breakfast and also discussed upcoming events planned. The Angel Tree ministry providing Christmas gifts to the families of prisoners will continue however some changes are being planned and will be communicated once finalized for this Christmas season. Plans are also being made for some evangelistic training by CRC Home Missions staff early next year.
- **Youth Ministries** provided an update on the many youth programs and the participation level in each program. Appreciation was expressed for the many leaders who volunteer and dedicate their time to educate and encourage youth in their Christian faith and walk. Council reminds parents of the importance of having our children attend and participate in these programs.
- **Missions Committee** expressed appreciation for being able to have four of the missionaries we support visit this year and are excited and planning for mission emphasis week in 2014.
- **Music Committee** discussed the planned Burt Kettinger hymn sing and also the special music being planned for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.
- **Council spent time** discussing the budget receipts shortfall at this time and the importance of keeping the congregation informed of our status. Council recommends that members take advantage of the electronic giving option to help keep our receipts more steady.
- **Staff Relations reported** that the CRC and RCA (Reformed Church of America) health insurance plans are being merged together for 2014 in an effort to be more cost efficient and to continue to provide adequate coverage for our pastors and their families.
- **Property Committee** reported that the work on the entrances is progressing and should be completed over the next few weeks. The automatic doors need to be installed at both entrances, tile work completed by the west entrance, and then the finishing details need to be added.
- **Council spent time** considering how well Faith CRC is expressing God's love within our church family, to our guests and visitors, and also outside our church to our community and the world. Areas where we can improve were discussed as well as programs that are being planned that will assist in this activity.