

# PLAINFIELD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (PUMC) CALLED CHURCH CONFERENCE

March 11, 2018, 2:00 p.m.

Rev. Jim Bushfield, Central District Superintendent, presiding

## CONFERENCE PURPOSE:

For considering and voting on a fundraising campaign to support what the Church Council is recommending for improvements and upgrades for PUMC.

## MEETING:

Rev. Bushfield called the meeting to order and shared words from the hymn *Many Gifts, One Spirit*,

*God of change and glory, God of time and space, when we fear the future, give to us your grace.*

*In the midst of changing ways give us still the grace to praise.*

*Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways.*

*In our difference is blessing, from diversity we praise one Giver,*

*One Lord, one Spirit, one Word known in many ways,*

*Hallowing our days. For the Giver, for the gifts, praise, praise, praise!*

Rev. Bushfield read the motion before the Conference as attendees followed along with a copy of the motion as printed in the congregants' package which also contained a project summary marked as "Attachment A".

Bill Edie moved that the following motion be accepted as read. The motion was properly seconded. Motion was approved by Church Council on November 8, 2017 and reads as follows:

Whereas: there are needs for capital improvements which cannot be funded by Basic Ministry Budget; and

Whereas: many of these capital improvements serve to allow for growth; and

Whereas: our current growth makes these improvements especially timely; and

Whereas: some of the items are necessary and immediate maintenance items;

**Therefore: The PUMC Council moves** that PUMC engage in a capital finance campaign soliciting gifts and pledges to be received up to a 5 year period, which shall be used to complete as many of the projects shown on Attachment A as may be accomplished with recorded gifts and pledges and which shall be commenced in the order specified by the Transforming for Tomorrow Steering Committee after considering suggestions by the PUMC congregation and the recommendations of the Transforming for Tomorrow Project Management, Fundraising, and Communications Committees. Ten percent (10%) of the campaign gifts received shall be placed in the PUMC Major Maintenance account to pay for future capital repairs and maintenance with costs exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). Financing costs may be incurred where necessary to provide cash flow between the time when pledged gifts are received and the commencement and completion dates of a project. All project expenses and financing costs will be paid for by funds raised from the capital campaign. PUMC will incur no lasting debt in the accomplishments of these projects beyond its ability to fund the projects through recorded financial gifts and pledges.

PUMC Pastor Charlie Wilfong shared some comments:

- \$110,000 has already been pledged
- Accumulation of pledges and gifts will determine which projects get done
- Some projects are time sensitive (such as now is the time to address parking lot issues)
- Explanation of tiers
- No project will start without money in hand or pledges are made after 10% is given to the Major Maintenance Account to pay for future capital repairs and maintenance with costs exceeding ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)

Rev. Bushfield added that this is a "Faith Campaign", a second mile giving. He also added that Attachment A and the supportive motion are designed for a "guidance that will give leadership some flexibility." It was also mentioned that the Transforming for Tomorrow Steering Committee has authority to change the priorities as they deem necessary.

#### **RESULTS OF THE VOTE:**

After much discussion, Tony Perona called for the question. Charlie Wilfong lead us in reading the printed Transforming for Tomorrow prayer congregants received and encouraged people to read it daily. Members voted. Ushers Jane Iles and Ted Underwood collected the ballots. Meriam Hester, Jane Iles and Karen Hole counted the ballots while the congregation sang *Come, Thou Almighty King* accompanied by Sue Schultz. Ballots with the count were returned to Rev. Bushfield. He reported that there were 69 "yes" votes and "15" no votes. The motion was carried to allow PUMC to begin a capital financial campaign by soliciting gifts and pledges to be received up to a 5 year period in support of what the Church Council is recommending for improvements and upgrades for PUMC.

The meeting was adjourned with a benediction offered by Rev. Bushfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Hylton, acting secretary for the Church Conference

