

# HTUMC Core Team Meeting

August 21, 2023

Present: Tanya Alemu, Pastor Chad Gilbertson, Patrick Rasmussen, Lynnette Dobberpuhl, Carol Ottoson

Opened in prayer.

Finance Update:

Current budget and income/expenses: better off now than we were at this point last year, thanks in large part to our investment accounts' accumulated interest that we have been able to transfer into the general fund.

Online giving options, especially for giving via credit card accounts would be useful for many households. We are looking at Venmo and Vanco (reduced costs for credit card giving through the Minnesota & Dakotas United Methodist Foundation.)

Trustees: Vic Noer is taking over the job of chairing Trustees as Tom Grund is stepping back for health reasons.

I Team and Radical Hospitality Update:

Some of the I Team will help run the Community Fest (September 18). Thoughts include using a game with prizes to invite people to engage.

Monthly inclusion focus: If you or a loved one is experiencing an issue related to our awareness foci, we want you to know you are welcome and safe here. Each monthly focus area is relevant to members and friends of this community. Remembering this helps make this growing culture of "welcome and inclusion" through education work. These aren't just issues; these are people and beloved children of God. The I Team awareness focus for September is memory loss and care.

The Radical Hospitality survey has gone out for three weeks. Responses are coming in (slowly). There will be a workshop on Thursday, August 31 to develop relationships and become equipped for hospitality ministries: Greeting, Ushering, Guest Identification, Fellowship Time, Transportation, and Funeral Lunch Serving.

"Open Doors" mural or signage proposal in process.

The Core Team and the I Team approved updating some of our branding logos to include a colorful circle (based on our All Are Welcome signs) encircling the traditional cross-and-flame logo.

Fresh Expressions is the concept of "new faces in new spaces," extending ministering and discipling relationships into the community through social and other groups that already exist

around areas of interest and need. They have an all-day in person workshop on September 30 at River Hills in Burnsville with five people from our church who are interested in attending.

CYF: We had 21 children and youth involved with VBS (23 if you count a little brother who joined us halfway in!) Ten adults (not counting Lynnette and Chad) also contributed energy, time, and kindness in different ways to make it a wonderful week.

We are preparing Kids' Church to roll out September 10, keeping kids with their families for part of the service, then getting the option to go downstairs during the message and closing for a shorter, kid-friendly version of the message. Kids in 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up are encouraged to stay with their adults for the message!

Next meeting: Monday, September 25 at 6:30