

TVLC Church Council Meeting Highlights – June 19th, 2018

1. The Call Committee; Joe Arnette, Tara Hudson, Deborah Maggard, Stan Matthews, Janet Smith, Jim Verhaeghe and chaired by John Davidson presented an update. The Committee is developing and updating interview questions and exploring the use of technology to interview out of state candidates. Interviews will begin as soon as candidates are reviewed by the Grand Canyon Synod Bishop and Pastor Josh.
2. The annual Church Council Retreat was held June 9th. The process of assessing TVLC's **S**trengths, **W**eaknesses, **O**pportunities and **T**hreats (SWOT), as a basis for future visioning and Strategic Planning, was begun during the Retreat. Members of Council were asked to prioritize each category and return spreadsheets to Council President Karl Deutsch.
3. The Council was updated regarding the positions of Director of Family Ministry and Communications person. For the Family Ministry position, there are candidates from the area as well as out of state. The Personnel Committee (Phoebe Coleman, chair, Gayle Tonon, Vickie Denning, Ralph Jensen, and Pastor Josh) is reviewing applications and will be setting up interviews shortly. The job description for the Communications person is still being developed.
4. Report on the Grand Canyon Synod Assembly held June 14th, 15th and 16th at Resurrection Lutheran in Oro Valley. There were approximately 305 (106 clergy, 2 Deacons/deaconesses, 115 lay females and 81 lay males) voting members and 77 visitors attending the Assembly. Presiding ELCA Bishop Elizabeth Eaton participated in the meeting and was very enthusiastic about ELCA activities church wide and internationally. For details regarding reports, please refer to gcsynod.org. One of the main focuses of the Assembly was the election of a Bishop. There were 48 nominees on the First Ballot, this was narrowed to 7 and then after a question and answer session, narrowed to 3 nominees. After brief speeches by each nominee, the top 2 were selected and a final election was conducted. **Rev. Deborah Hutterer** was elected to fill a 6-year term as Bishop of the Grand Canyon Synod.
5. Preparations for Pastor Josh's Instillation Service June 24th at 10:00 were discussed. There will be regular Saturday evening worship but only one service on Sunday morning. There will be a reception serving pie following the service.

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