

November 16, 2021 Consistory Meeting Highlights

Restoration Ad Hoc Team

- The contract with Patrick J. Murphy to do the repair and restoration of the organ has been signed.
- Although we do not have a date for All Wildlife to clean the attic, we anticipate that it will take place the second week in January. Once we have confirmation, Patrick Murphy will be informed and he will come in several days prior in order to secure and protect the organ.
- A contract with Five Star Painting of Princeton has been signed to paint the interior (white) sections of the sanctuary. The windows and shutters are not included. The cost is \$26,620. The work will take place in January or February and will take one month to complete.

Classis/Denominational Issues – Jeff relayed the following information that came out of the General Synod Meeting in October:

- No decisions were made concerning the subject of gay marriage.
- There will be no restructuring of the RCA Global Mission; it will not be reorganized and will remain unchanged.
- Graceful exiting will be implemented – churches may leave the denomination with all of their assets, debts, and properties, if they choose to do so.

Minister's Report

- Faithfully Forward – Jeff reported that the team had its first meeting on November 2 with eight people in attendance. The meeting included prayer, and brainstorming about programs to introduce to the church and to the community. They will meet again on November 19.
- Confirmation Class – One student from BRC and seven students from GRC are taking the class.

Worship

- Christmas Eve – Consistory approved two Christmas Eve services this year: a family-oriented service at 4:00pm, and the traditional service at 5:30pm. Proof of vaccination or a negative Covid -19 test within the past 48 hours for people 18 years of age and older will be required. Seating arrangement protocols will be relaxed so that people may sit wherever the wish.

Communications

- The team has been looking at samples of church signs and has narrowed their selections to three. They will have a general recommendation at the December meeting for Consistory's consideration.

- The team asked Consistory, as the team liaisons, to take responsibility for getting articles and pictures to Barb R. and Barb P. for inclusion in the Beacon. The next Beacon is due to be published on January 21.

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- The Christmas pageant will take place on December 17 on Zoom. Jeff will manage the Zoom operation.