



St. John United Methodist Church Prospect, KY Administrative Council

Meeting Minutes - June 13, 2024

In attendance: Chris Smith, Louis Fowler, Dan Breu, Jeremy Rodgers, Kyle Ray, Michael Belt, Steven Lundy, Jack Meisburg, Kellie Harrison, Beverly Smith, Carmen Cantrell, Natalie Burden, Kristi Dorsey, Miriam Tinnell. **Glory Sightings:** Glory Sightings were shared by Beverly, Natalie, Kyle, Dan, and Jack.

Opening Prayer: Our opening prayer was led by Louis.

Minutes: Kellie made a motion to approve the minutes for May 9, 2024. Steven seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Trustee Motion for St. John Facilities Use (Handout): The Administrative Council discussed the proposed plan for facilities use. Kellie made a motion to return the proposed facilities plan to the Trustee Team for refinement of the following sections:

1. The section on leadership development needs to be better defined. (II B, Current Trends)
2. There are concerns about being compliant with church policies, and policies as stated in the Book of Discipline. (III B, Noncompliance by Church Representatives) Jack seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Post Survey Communication with the District Superintendent: Chris reviewed the results of the May 19, 2024 church survey. He then stated that Pastor Iosmar has sent a letter to the District Superintendent with the results of the survey taken on May 19, 2024.

Church Membership Maintenance: There are 831 people on St. John's membership roll. A total of 262 people voted in the May 19, 2024 church survey. There is a process for "cleaning up" the membership roll. A letter can be sent to those listed on the membership roll. They would be given 4 weeks to return a card indicating their intention to remain a member of St. John. Kyle made a motion to clean up the membership roll. Natalie seconded the motion. The motion passed. Chris will send a copy of the membership letter to the Administrative Council for their approval before mailing.

Kentucky United Methodist Annual Conference: Chris noted that delegates to the June 2024 annual conference passed a motion to address a possible exit path for churches to leave the UMC. The Administrative Council discussed the motion passed by delegates to the annual conference. It was suggested that Chris talk with Pastor Iosmar about sending a survey to the St. John Administrative Council with the following question: Do you support exploring an exit strategy for St. John to leave the United Methodist Church?

Closing Prayer: Chris led us in our closing prayer.

Update on Administrative Council Survey Chris stated in an email dated June 20, 2024 that the St. John Administrative Council approved the proposal to explore an exit from the United Methodist Church. The survey asked the question: Would you approve the formation of a committee to explore options to exit the UMC? Results: 12 voted yes, and 3 voted no. A committee will be formed to explore our options.