



St. John United Methodist Church Prospect, KY Administrative Council

Meeting Minutes - November 14, 2024

In attendance: Pastor Iosmar Alvarez, Chris Smith, Kyle Ray, Kellie Harrison, Gary Maslowski, Louis Fowler, Natalie Burden, Beth Scherer, Dan Breu, Steven Lundy, Diane Belt, Michael Belt, Cheryl McClain, Jeff Mayott, Rachel O'Rourke, Scott Bartelt, Jeremy Rodgers, Kristi Dorsey, Miriam Tinnell.

Devotional: Chris led us in our opening devotional, reading from I John 3:21-23.

Townhall: Chris stated that our townhall will be held Sunday, November 17th at 1 pm.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide an update regarding our church's current affiliation with the United Methodist Church and to discuss the church's future direction. An email has been sent to St. John members detailing the format for the meeting. At this time 6 people have signed up to speak. The Administrative Council will then discuss what they have learned at their next scheduled meeting on Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 7 pm in the Youth Center.

Finance Team: Chris stated that giving is down. We need to consider what cost cutting measures are needed. Dan reported on St. John's current finances. (Handout) The report indicates that we are \$271,000.00 behind at this point, compared to the budget (not actuals). He stated that across all accounts we currently have about \$1,000,000.00. Recently, \$70,000.00 was pulled from investments in order to help build the account back up. On January 1, 2025 we will transition to electronic time tracking and payroll. The Finance Team and the St. John staff will be working on the budget for 2025. This will include for the first time all departments, including the preschool and afterschool programs.

Questions: Beth asked a question about the Policy Statement Regarding St. John Mission as a Traditional UMC. She stated: *"I am unclear why Section 1 refers to the United Methodist Church and Section 2 refers to St. John UMC. The United Methodist Church allows both traditional and progressive views of human sexuality. St. John is a traditional church. Does this mean that the St. John Representatives must all adhere to traditional beliefs? If not, how is this to be interpreted?"*

Iosmar responded that members of the Administrative Council and St. John leaders should, when asked, support the traditional views of St. John. Your personal views should be reserved.

Closing Prayer: Scott led us in our closing prayer.

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The purpose of this Charge Conference is to update the membership roll of St. John.

Steven Lundy made the following motion to update St. John's membership roll:

I make a motion to update the St. John membership rolls following the 2024 membership update process; from 823 active and inactive members to 287 members. Included in this process were active and inactive members who communicated their membership update, transfers, withdrawals, and non-responses. All withdrawals, transfers, and non-responses will be listed as former members, and will be moved to an archival list.

Louis Fowler seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

This concluded the business for the Charge Conference.