

Highlights from the February 2025 Session Meeting

The regular Session meeting was held on February 18, 2025. Devotions were centered on Matthew 23 through 25. After opening prayer and devotions, Session received the reports of staff, standing committees, and the Report of the Clerk and voted to approve all reports and items of a routine nature from committees and staff in the Consent Agenda.

Information pulled from Consent Agenda

1. Total attendance figures for January 2025: **389** attended in-person Worship Services and **388** viewed services online. Average Worship attendance for the last several months: January 2025, **194**, December 235, November 196, October 180, September 163, August 147, July 148, June 147. The average weekly Worship attendance for 2024 was **193**. Average weekly Worship attendance for 2025 is **194**.
 2. An electronic vote was requested on January 27, 2025, for Session approval on the Mendoza-Chesko wedding ceremony to be held on February 7, 2025. The groom is the son of member Laura Amber Tamulavage. The request was **APPROVED** with 14 voting in the affirmative and 4 not voting.
 3. Pastor reported that a Special Meeting of Session to receive new members was held after the Inquirers' Class on Sunday, February 16, 2025, four new members were received into the congregation. They are Jim and Carol Schnabel, Crystal Garcia, all by Letter of Transfer, and Andrew Behringer by Re-affirmation of Faith.
- **Finance Report** – Elder John Walton, Chair of Finance reviewed the financial statements distributed with the Session packet. Receipts for the month of January 2025 totaled \$53,581 compared to the January 2024 total of \$43,014. Receipts are slightly behind the 2025 budget. It was noted that two larger contributions were received in February and will be placed in 4011-25, Advanced Giving for 2025. This money will be moved on a monthly basis to the 6000, Pledged Giving line.

Expenses for January 2025 were \$51,495 producing net income (revenue minus expenses) for January 2025 in the amount of \$2,086.

Elder Walton reported that the Investment Committee has been established with the following members, Elders John Walton and Joe Wood, and congregation members Mark Kennedy and Dave Patton. The committee will report to the Finance Committee and meet

quarterly to review investment decisions and report to the Finance Committee and Treasurer.

Sandy Campbell presented the 2025 Operating Budget from the Finance Committee to the Session for approval. Pledged giving is up and total revenue is coming in at around \$770,600 with \$797,429 in expenses projected. This is currently producing a deficit of \$26,829 for 2025. The committee is not concerned about this deficit at this point in time since some of the one-time expenses may not materialize, contributions may increase, and there are sufficient assets on the balance sheet and in designated funds to handle a deficit of this size. Motion was made that Session approve the 2025 Operating Budget as presented. Since this is coming from a committee, no second is required. Session **APPROVED** the 2025 Operating Budget. The congregation will receive the finalized budget through the annual report later this month.

- The Youth Committee made a **motion** to approve a new designated fund for the Coordinated Youth Ministry. This is an alliance with Media Presbyterian Church (Media, PA), Swarthmore Presbyterian Church (Swarthmore, PA), First Presbyterian Church (Springfield, PA), Tree of Life (Springfield, PA), Lansdowne First Presbyterian Church (Lansdowne, PA), and The Presbyterian Church of Llanerch (Havertown, PA). The purpose is to hold funds that are raised for combined events. It will also function as a pass-through account to collect advanced registration fees or similar and then pay for coordinated events. The Director of Children and Youth Ministries will be the staff member with control of this fund. If these six churches stop the Coordinated Youth Ministry activities, or the fund is inactive for more than one year, any remaining funds will be divided equally between the six churches to support their youth initiative. Motion coming from a committee does not need a second. **Motion was APPROVED.**
- The Youth Committee requests approval to hold Confirmation Sunday, on Sunday, June 8, 2025, at the 10:00 worship service. **Request was APPROVED.**
- Committee reassignments: Elder McLaughlin to Property and Elder McPeak to sole chair of Missions. **Committee reassignments were APPROVED.**

Joseph Hare
Clerk of Session