

**Subject:** May 2024 Congregational Meeting Minutes

**Date:** May 19, 2024

**Attendees:** 20 in person, 7 online

#	Topic	Notes
1	Welcome (Lindsay)	Lindsay opened the meeting at 12:02pm
2	Approval of past minutes (Lindsay)	<b>Minutes passed with 22 affirmative votes</b>
3	Moderator's report (Lindsay)	<p>Racial Justice Audit follow up survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- The survey goal is to look at the goals set forth in that original report and assess how we have progressed</li><li>- Survey results will be used to help us reset and set us on the right path forward</li><li>- If you have not already, please reply to the survey by May 25 (next Saturday)</li><li>- Commission reports are also due on May 25</li><li>- Thank you to Kim and Janneke for working on the survey!</li></ul> <p>De-escalation training:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Took place at First Church in mid-April</li><li>- Staff, church members, drop-in center volunteers, event hosts participated</li><li>- Led by DC Peace Team</li><li>- Goals of peaceful de-escalation and bystander intervention techniques</li><li>- See write-up in the most recent Horn</li><li>- Next step is how to have those who are trained disseminate the information to the rest of the congregation</li></ul> <p>Balcony:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Goal is to get it done over the summer</li></ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Still waiting on a final quote, after which Council will vote officially on it</li> <li>- Expect final cost to be around \$50K</li> </ul>
4	Senior Minister's report (Rev. Amanda)	<p>Upcoming events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- May 22nd we will host an event on white Christian nationalism and the 2024 elections with Robert Jones, as part of the Central Atlantic Conference's Faith &amp; Democracy work</li> <li>- June 1 Potomac Association is hosting a revival at Peoples UCC, where our choir will be singing. Rev. Karen Georgia Thompson, the General Minister and President of the UCC, is the guest preacher</li> <li>- June 9 is Pride Sunday, and it will also be a new member Sunday</li> <li>- Poor People's campaign coming up at the end of June, we will be hosting before the march. Sandy Sorensen is our point person</li> </ul> <p>The next six months will be challenging. You have permission to face reality and you also have permission to take the long view. That means we can unhitch ourselves from outcomes. We are part of a long arc and we don't have to do it all; we can do a few things and we can do them very well.</p> <p>Lean into our church community. We feel how good it is to not have to walk this journey alone. We have been called to be a community that walks together by virtue of the Holy Spirit.</p>
5	Associate Minister's report (Rev Sam)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Huge thank you for the congregation's support for the children and youth - a delight to see our youth able to express themselves and incredibly grateful that we found budget to have Dennis lead the children in music</li> <li>- Purchasing walkie talkies in the next week or so to better communicate with the CE suite in case of an emergency or disruption</li> <li>- Looking to do small group trainings</li> <li>- June 16 we will be celebrating our graduates, and the next day we will leave for the service trip</li> </ul>
6	Treasurer's report (John Smeltzer)	<p>Please refer to notes in the budget document for commentary on items we are tracking and where we want to make adjustments <a href="#">FCC April 2024 budget to actual May 15 2024 for cong mtg.pdf</a></p> <p><b>Motion to approve proposed adjustments - passes unanimously</b></p>
7	Closing Prayer	Rev. Amanda closed us in prayer at 12:58p