

PMRV Committee Reports

July 21, 2020 Leadership Team

PDA—Jon Sloan, Chair

PDA met on July 2nd

- Adjusted remaining 3 work week dates. New dates are September 10-12, October 4-10, October 18-24 as allowed by physical distancing guidelines
- Received national approval of \$7500 COVID-19 Sudanese Fellowship Grant
- Next meeting is August 13th @Noon

FELD (Faith Education Leadership Development), Linda Reffert, Chair

FELD met on June 23rd. At that meeting, we:

- Planned our Stewardship event with Steve Keiser from the Presbyterian Foundation for August 27th from 10 AM to 2 PM and discussed advertising for it. Including sharing the info with Homestead. The meeting will be on Zoom and free.
- We discussed different types of mental health training and have committee members doing investigative work.
- We brainstormed books, movies and other resources we could recommend for our congregations in regard to the possibility of us becoming Matthew 25 presbytery. We looked at the resources from PCUSA. We are also compiling a list of speakers/book group leaders/facilitators.

Mission and Evangelism, Debbie Kippley, Chair

- A motion was made to approve the Underwood Hills Presbyterian Church's mini-grant request of \$2,000.00 for the purpose of establishing a food pantry.
- We transferred \$1000 to the Nicaragua account for school uniforms since it isn't a good time to solicit funds from congregations for this purpose.
- The committee discussed at length the ongoing ministries of the Sudanese Fellowship and the Arabic Christian Fellowship.
 - a) What is the role of the M&E committee in these two ministries
 - b) What is the role of the presbytery in these two ministries
 - c) What is the role of the respective pastors and leadership in these two ministries?
 - d) Is there a way for the committee to reallocate designated finances to more adequately support Michael Kuach and family and therefore the ministry of the Sudanese Fellowship? Is there a way to help Michael complete his GED so that he can find a better tent-making job? (He did complete secondary school in Sudan. He has no documentation of that education.)
 - e) As Pastor Emad moved along in his ministry, where will the resources come from? What ways can the committee support this ministry, particularly in regards to long-term planning and financing? Who has oversight responsibility concerning the Arabic Christian Fellowship?
 - f) Is it possible for COM to assist Pastor Emad in creating a Pastor Information Form so that he can pursue employment as a pastor?
 - g) What would be good next steps to take for either of these two ongoing ministry opportunities?
 - h) It seems that their 1001 Worshiping community grant is going to his salary. This makes it hard to have money for ministry.

The Worship & Spirituality Task Group, Suzanne Gorhau

The group met June 18. For worship at the August Presbytery meeting, we're inviting people to share their experiences of racism. We discussed doing an "oral history project" where we record those stories and then find ways to share them throughout the presbytery. We're working on hosting a short, "coloring prayer" session on zoom. We meet again this Thursday, July 16.

PMRV Personnel

- Thanks for your support of Joan's farewell! She appreciated the "Thank You Cruise" on June 25 and the 29 top things about Joan. It's still not too late to send a card: Joan Royer, 19606 H Circle, Omaha NE 68134
- Nicole works Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday (8:30-4:30).
- Tina was approved to work extra accounting hours as needed.
- Nicole may be picking up more of a communications portfolio as discernment occurs. She is currently active on our PMRV Facebook and has some great ideas.

Sudanese American Presbyterian Fellowship (SAPF)

- PDA granted SAPF COVID-19 funds in the amount of \$7500! (July 3) Working on a fair and ethical means of distribution. The SAPF elder coordinating this has a background working in a social services office – so that is super helpful!
- They are meeting by phone conferencing but may look at Zoom for variety (can see faces and landlines work for audio participation).
- PMRV through SOR also gave the group COVID-19 funds during the second round (July 8). Again, looking to a wise way to distribute.

Stewardship of Resources (SOR), Gregg Carlson, Chair

- SOR completed phase two of COVID-19 Grants to the churches of the Presbytery, on July 8th, 2020. Here is the list of recipients:
 - a. \$5,000 for United Faith Church, Sidney
 - b. \$3,500 for Calvin Crest
 - c. \$5,000 for Mt View Church, Omaha
 - d. \$4,250 for Peace Church, Elkhorn
 - e. \$3,883.32 for First Church, Bellevue
 - f. \$1,500 for First Church, Neola
 - g. \$5,000 for Sudanese American Fellowship, Omaha
 - h. \$3,000 for Gethsemane Church, Council Bluffs
 - i. \$1,860 for Carter Lake Community Church
 - j. \$1,250 for United Trinity Church, Hamburg
- Decision to hold off on Phase 3 to see how the pandemic plays out. The totals of Phase 1 & 2 grants totaled \$71,211.32, leaving approximately \$29,000 remaining for Phase 3.
- For Your Information:
 1. We are still receiving Per Capita payments from some churches.
 2. Our Net Income is much better than last year at the end of June.
 3. Per Leadership Teams request, the paperwork has been turned into the Presbyterian Foundation to set up an on-line giving account. Should know more at our August meeting.