

Meeting Summary 08/28

August 28, 2024 / 6:15pm / Zoom Meet

AGENDA

1. Staff movement
2. Future fundraising campaigns
3. Membership process
4. Membership Engagement

As is customary, the first part is a check in with everyone and members were asked to give their thoughts on a quote from St. Hildegard of Bingen, *“Dare to declare who you are. It is not far from the shores of silence to the boundaries of speech. The path is not long, but the way is deep. You must not only walk there, you must be prepared to leap.”*

Staff movement - Appreciation and welcome

- The Board expressed its deep appreciation to Amy Hoffman for her many years of committed and steadfast work as the church’s Finance Manager and wished her well on her new journey. The Board welcomes Glenda Whiteman, the new Finance Manager. Glenda officially started on August 28.

Fundraising campaigns - In good hands

- The final office administration of the completed Elevation campaign is all in good order and the Executive Director & team are managing the process very well.
- MCCT is having a fall fundraising event on October 18 highlighting the programs of the church. Details will follow ASAP.

Membership process - Growing

- 200 people expressed their desire to become members of MCCT. This good news has Rev June and Rev Deanna working through the membership process in smaller, more manageable numbers.
- MCCT continues to welcome members who are committed for the long term, and who will respond favorably to our members obligations, volunteering their time, talents, and resources, and who will actively contribute to the life of the church.

Membership engagement - Opportunity in the works

- The Board is looking at ways to maintain and strengthen membership engagement and is going to develop a membership outreach proposal. The committee intends to engage current, and former members on topics and reasons of - How can MCCT best support you and your spiritual journey; What programmes or outreach can MCCT improve, alter and to seek insight from those who have left the congregation? How could we re-engage lapsed members? The Engagement Committee is being asked to take the lead on the proposal.

Strategic planning session - Looking ahead.

- The Board is having a strategic planning session in November. The session will build on the existing mission and vision of MCCT and create an action plan that drives this vision.

NEXT MEETING: October 2024 (date to be confirmed)