

RICHMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Deep with God, Wide with the World

Session Notes September, 2021

The Session met on September 28, 2021 for its regular meeting.

Elders met both in-person and also via Zoom. Graeme Stager, the Clerk of Session, had sent regrets for this meeting so Mike Zaine was asked to act as Clerk Pro-Tem for this meeting.



Now that we have been back to in-person worship services and things seemed to have settled in at 50-60 or so persons attending each week, elders will be contacting their districts to get a sense of where our congregation is at going forward regarding return to in-person church life.

A Presbytery of Westminster Survey put together by Dale Woods (Presbytery Mission and Vision leader) regarding our future plans as a Hybrid church (both on-line and in-person services) was completed.

It was confirmed by Session that Jacqueline Cleland (student at VST) will be RPC's student intern for the fall/winter 2021/2022 school year. Jacqueline is currently one of our Program Planners working with our children and youth. Her internship is part of her education with VST in preparation for congregational ministry. Rev. Kim, as the mentor, will work with Jacqueline around worship leadership, pastoral care, discipleship, as well as developing a missional project focusing on exploring issues of identity and right-relatedness as we learn from Indigenous wisdom. This is a wonderful opportunity for RPC to support a young student in her preparation for ministry!



A Covenant Renewal will be part of the Thanksgiving Sunday worship service on October 10. This is an opportunity for our congregation to reaffirm our covenant of baptism as a community of faith. It will also be a time for our elders to renew their vows to the special ministry to which they have been called and ordained. We encourage those who can to attend our Thanksgiving service.

At the Thanksgiving service, we will celebrate and give thanks for the ministries of two of our former staff, Pearl Overhill (former Administrative Assistant) and Graeme Stager (former Music Director of 26 years). This will be a happy occasion to give thanks to God for both Graeme and Pearl. Please plan to join us!

It was agreed that on each annual Anniversary Sunday an acknowledgement of gifts/bequests received in that year will be recognized to ensure they form part of the record of the history of RPC.

The next regular Session meeting is October 26th.

*Yours in Christ,
Mike Zaine,
Clerk Pro-Tem*