

### Highlights from Paulin Session Meeting – July 2020

**Video-conference Meeting:** 19 out of 21 active elders, together with Rev. Lisa Aide, participated in a virtual session meeting by Zoom on Monday, July 20, 2020.

**Ad hoc Committee:** The workshop for the board of managers and session members is still postponed. Jane Van Buskirk provided a summary of the concerns and solutions identified by the members of the board and session. Each group is asked to prayerfully consider how they might address the issues and incorporate the suggested solutions with a report back to session by October. Rev. Aide will no longer regularly attend Board meetings. D. Naklie has agreed to act as board/session liaison. Members of the congregation are encouraged to volunteer with the various board and session subcommittees.

**Worship Committee report & Re-opening.** C. Johnson-Hicks reported on the planning that the worship committee has done. Capacity has been determined to be approximately 60 people. Two-Thirds of the 37 people who responded to the on-line survey stated that they are not yet ready to attend in-person services in August. Session agreed to hold off on in-person worship service, to revisit this issue at our next session meeting in August and to come up with a possible date. The Property committee will be asked to have the cleaning regime documented and provided to the custodian and to any volunteer cleaners. The Worship committee will include the planned process in the next bulletin to inform people ahead of time. The Worship committee and personnel committee will negotiate the return to work for the church music director at a later date.

**Treasurer's report:** Please note that all accounting is being done on a manual basis until such time as our Office Administrator is recalled to work. These are the **final** figures for the month of June and Year to date to June 30<sup>th</sup>. Income to date: Jan to June 30 - \$91,898.42 (includes wage subsidy of \$8,789); Expenses to date: Jan to June 30- \$100,371.56 . **Income vs Expenses to date (-\$8,473.14)** Without the CRA wage subsidy, income vs expenses would be (-\$17,462). Income for the operating account for the month of June was \$18,746.26. Expense were \$14,490.20. Inc vs Expenses: **\$4,256.06**. For the first 2 weeks of July, we have only received **\$1,755** in receipted donations compared to **\$3,330** for the same period in June. Anticipated expenses are \$11,000 to \$12,000. Thanks to everyone who has made use of the different ways of financially supporting our church.

**Capital Fund Fundraising:** A reminder to submit recipes to Joanne Zuk for the Paulin Church Recipe Book fundraiser.

**Congregational Life:** A reminder to submit photos of your family holding a Bible verse or inspirational message to Amy Vreman. She will put together a video to be posted on social media and our website.

**Board Report:** The session supported the board of managers' recommendation to recall from lay-off, the office administrator up to 8 hours per week beginning September 6 and recall the custodian from lay-off for up to 8 hours per week beginning 1 week prior to our re-opening. The locks to the outside doors have been changed as of July 17<sup>th</sup> and committee chairs can contact Margaret Douthart to exchange their old key for a new key. Bob MacVicar is composing a letter to be sent to all existing community groups that rent or utilize our facility. At this time, we continue to be closed to outside groups and/or activities.

*Respectfully Submitted by A. McLachlan, Clerk of Session.*