

Mount Olive Lutheran Church- Mission & Ministry Council Meetings Summary (OCTOBER 15, 2013)

PASTOR'S REPORT:

1. "The Story" Update: After five weeks of "The Story," enthusiasm has been at a high level. Parents enjoy sharing this experience with their children and worship attendance has been up this fall.
2. PLI Senior Pastor: Pastor Haakana has completed 75% of this two-year program. The final seminar will be "The Missional Church," which will be held in Arizona in May 2014.
3. "New Wineskins:" 2013 President's Professional Church Workers Conference- The Best Practices of Minnesota South. The purpose is to develop leaders intentionally engaged in the mission of God.
4. Minnesota Religious Freedom Forum: Will take place from 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on October 24th at the St. Paul River Centre. It is a one-day seminar empowering people of faith to work and live to their deeply held spiritual beliefs.
5. Mach Kuel Update: He has re-enrolled into seminary classes towards ordination and will continue to work as a Deacon with the Sudanese Nuer community in the North Metro area.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

FINANCE TEAM:

1. Reviewed Treasurer's Report and Giving Units Report through September 30, 2013.
2. We paid off the \$12,200 that the General Fund owed to the Revolving Reserve.
3. Due to there being five Sundays in the month of September, we exceeded contribution goals by \$6,582 to the General Fund and \$1,446 to the Building Fund.

TRUSTEES MINISTRY TEAM:

1. The shed was stained in the Outdoor Nature Center.
2. It was discovered that there is a leak in the canopy over the Main Entrance. Repairs will be made to end the leaking.
3. This upcoming week, the Cana Hall floor will be polished, the old dishwasher will be removed from the kitchen, and a faucet will be replaced in the upstairs men's restroom.

ENDOWMENT FUND COMMITTEE:

1. Gift Planning Services gave a demonstration on October 10th.
2. A \$5,000 donation was made by an anonymous donor to cover one year of services.
3. We get four days where up to 20 families in the congregation can schedule appointments to assist in estate planning.

STEWARDSHIP ACTION TEAM: No meeting has taken place as of yet.

CALL COMMITTEE FOR MELINDA NEUENFELDT

1. Committee met with Linda Stroming and Melinda Neuenfeldt on October 10th. As a result, after meeting with them and reviewing paperwork, the Call Committee recommends to the Vision Assembly to extend a call to Melinda.

LOAN STATUS: Current loan balance as of September 30, 2013: \$3,017,242.26.

CAPITAL APPEAL UPDATE FOR 2012/2013: Goal: \$275,000. Pledged: \$207,640.

OPEN FORUM:

1. Staff Appreciation Event: Christmas Party at Pastor Haakana's house.
2. MMC Nominations
3. Policy Statement for Calling a Teacher

4. Election of MMC Secretary to Complete Damon Sandness' Term

FUTURE MMC MEETING DATES: 1/21/14, 3/18/14, 5/20/14, 8/19/14, & 10/21/14.

FUTURE VISION ASSEMBLY DATES: 12/2/2013, 6/3/2014, & 12/1/2014.

Respectfully Submitted,

Damon Sandness, MMC Secretary