

UUSMC Board Meeting 8/18/2021 – 6:30-8:00PM

Attendees: Ann Draper, Vicky Tosh-Morelli, Shashi Ray, Pat Thompson, John Springer, Kristina Marie Ellura, Greg Pelley

### Reopening

The rental school will be allowed to re-open as long as they follow appropriate safety and distancing measures.

We are currently planning to go forward with services.

Essential personnel such as the minister and tech team will have chance to opt out.

Our plan is to ask the opening committee to revise opening criteria given rising COVID numbers.

Greg has a plan for the in-gathering service; he plans to take his plan to the opening committee for approval, send multiple communications to the congregation.

The current plan is to shift worship to 10 AM – will this affect adult RE, which is prior to 10:30? Should we move adult RE to 11? John will consult with Karen Rege. Greg has started a conversation with Karen.

Anne Shuman will be stepping down as chair of opening committee. John will act as temporary chair of opening committee.

### Congregational Goals for this Year

Reawakening, successful sabbatical.

### Sabbatical Team

The sabbatical team needs to be organized. It will need a good working relationship with the board. What is the relationship between the worship team and the sabbatical team? The sabbatical team will start a conversation around how the congregation picks up day to day activities that Greg normally carries. The worship team will focus on services in Greg's absence. The sabbatical team will have oversight responsibilities. Sabbatical team will need to plan for contingencies, have fall-back plans. The sabbatical team will write a report of its plans but does not need to send this report to the board in advance for review.

### Assessment

The assessment team needs to meet with Greg to develop his goals for the first 6 months of the year. The assessment team will develop a written report regarding achieving these goals for consideration by the board at the December board meeting. The assessment of congregational goals will be verbally reported to the board quarterly with the written report and presentation at the annual meeting.

### RE

Greg is requesting that one board member start the process of talking to RE parents, help get a committee organized, relaunch coordination of RE activities. Does the board have the bandwidth to assume this responsibility? Greg and Kristina will continue this conversation.

