



Annual Deacon Board Report to Session – Dec 15th 2020 – Erik Kinzler

Firstly, I would like to thank our Deacons, particularly the class of 2020 finishing their three-year term.

The Deacons have maintained contact with our congregation, spreading sprinkles of joy in an otherwise bleak year. As we have been unable to be physically present, these phone calls and letters have been critical for maintaining a warm feeling of community. The Deacons received varying levels of feedback from this nearly constant communication however these efforts have had an overwhelmingly positive effect. I would like to bring attention to Nancy Gustke, our 2020 floater Deacon, who sent thousands of cards this year to our congregation. Truly remarkable. We want to thank Session for helping us reach out to all the families on our books in response to the Corona virus, particularly back in March. We also must give our thanks to our Session representative Kim Kinzler for keeping us up to date on the going's-on of church leadership.

We had an active Youth Deacon this year in Ian Russell who joined us for the majority of our meetings. Bev Crockett did a fine job as Secretary keeping us organized this year. As vice-moderator, Jeanette Schwarz kept the congregation apprised of our active monthly pastoral care Deacons. Jeanette has the difficult task of serving as moderator next year when our guiding light Helen will be retiring. Words cannot properly convey how sorely Helen will be missed. We are so thankful the Lord brought her to our church and for the many years she has brought peace and comfort to our congregation. We love you Helen and wish you well.

Major Changes Realized in 2020

In 2020 we did not have Deacon zones and instead leaned on monthly rotating teams of three Deacons for pastoral care, which we called pastoral care triads. Active pastoral care needs were divvied up amongst the pastoral care triad. Prior to each Deacon meeting we would meet up to hand off pastoral care needs to the next month's pastoral care triad. This model helped to ensure all those with pastoral care needs received care. This was confusing for the congregation early in the year but they are getting more used to it and I believe the benefits of a uniform level of care outweigh the lost benefits of a geographical Deacon zone.

Deacons also served home communion to home bound parishioners in February. Home communion will likely again be served to home bound folks once Corona health concerns allow.

Thanks to the nominating committee who have recruited another great class of Deacons:

2020 Deacon Board [4 Triads of Adults +1 Floater & 1 Youth]

Officers - Moderator: Erik Kinzler; Vice: Jeanette Schwarz; Secretary: Bev Crockett

Class of 2020: Beverly Crockett, Mary Goeckler, Nancy Moebius, Alberta Rohlfing, Mary Walker, Nancy Gustke [F], Ian Russell [Y]

Class of 2021: Jamie Martinez, Cynthia Floyd, Kathy Braeuer

Class of 2022: Patty Eng, Margaret Harris, Jeanette Schwarz, Cathy Black

On-boarding Deacons

Class of 2021: Judy Ota, Sue Thompson, Evelyn Timmins, Vierra Ezhevskaya (Y)

Class of 2022: n/a

Class of 2023: Julie Ludyani, Coco Motley, Vicki Smith, Anne Waehner

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