

**Trinity Episcopal Church, Wethersfield**  
**Vestry Meeting**  
**November 19, 2020**

**Present:** The Rev. Tom Furrer (missional priest), Rebecca Scruton (co-warden), Connie Harasymiw (co-warden), Warren Blessing (co-warden), Leslie Jones (clerk), Robert Heath (treasurer), Greg Joseph, Tina LaMorte, JR Stanko, Linda Traue, Ann Marie Stavola

**Absent:** Cheryl Lewis

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R. Scruton opened the ZOOM meeting with prayer at 6:34 pm.

### **Dwelling in the Word**

R. Scruton led a guided meditation on James 3:13-4:12 and vestry members shared the phrases that stood out to them and discussed how God is inviting us to respond in our relationships with God, vestry, parish and neighborhoods.

### **Monthly Reports**

- *A motion was made by R. Heath to accept the October 22, 2020 minutes. Seconded by G. Joseph. Unanimously approved.*
- *A motion was made by G. Joseph to receive the October budget report. Seconded by C. Harasymiw. Unanimously received.*

### **Old Business**

- Mission Outreach Update – W. Blessing reported that Lunch in the Park took place on November 7 and the Community Dinner will be on November 23. The Mission and Outreach Committee is considering a donation to St. Monica's for Christmas gifts. Checks have recently been sent as follows: \$1000 to St. Vincent's School in Haiti, \$700 to Wethersfield Food Bank, \$1000 to Food Share, and \$200 to Children's Medical Center.
- Covid Update — R. Scruton presented the Protocol for Closing Down Indoor Services (attached) and invited vestry members to direct comments to the Covid Committee made up of R. Scruton, G. Joseph, C. Harasymiw and Carol Jones. Covid cases are steadily rising throughout our state (and nation) and the church will remain closed until further notice.
- Signage — T. LaMorte reported that she is continuing to work with the Property Committee. *A motion was made T. LaMorte for approval of funds up to \$210 for an outside banner and a variety of lawn signs for events. Seconded by T. Furrer. Unanimously approved.*

### **New Business**

- 2021 Budget Draft — R. Heath presented a general overview of the 2021 draft budget which will be reviewed again at the December vestry meeting, after updates from the stewardship campaign and when estimates are tightened up a bit more. A \$29,000 shortfall is anticipated with the current numbers although some lines of expense may come down (e.g. property insurance, etc.). An item to be discussed and decided next month will be the amount (% of income) to be budgeted for Outreach and Mission.

- Annual Meeting — The meeting date is set for February 7, 2021.
- Staying Connected — C. Harasymiw suggested that we continue to keep in touch with parishioners throughout the holiday season since most of us will be isolated from families because of Covid. Vestry members are being asked to continue calling their contacts but also to write a personal note during this season.

### **Closing**

R. Scruton closed the meeting with prayer at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Leslie Jones  
Parish Clerk