

Congregation Meeting Information  
Monday, September 14, 2020

### **Meeting Agenda**

The Congregational meeting will focus on three items:

1. Review of Church's financial performance through June 30, 2020
2. Update on the restoration Process for the Church.
3. Presentation of recommendation to the Church regarding its relationship to the CDC.

### **Material to Review**

Supporting Documents for items 1 & 3 can be found on the Church's website. Please make sure you have downloaded and reviewed that material before the meeting.

### **Questions**

Many of you have been gracious in sending questions to me you on the topics above. Your contribution of questions is deeply appreciated. I want to again encourage members to send questions to me prior to the congregational meeting.

It is not likely that we will have sufficient time or the ability for a broad discussion during the congregational meeting. For those of you now are familiar with Zoom, you recognize that with a mixture of participants on the phone and computers and given the number of anticipated participants (enrollment in the congregational meeting now exceeds 175), it would be difficult to manage a discussion in this format. It is not likely that we will be able to have a broad conversation or entertain questions.

This is why the submission of your questions before the meeting is so important. It will allow for many of your questions to be addressed during the meeting and for a written response to questions to be posted on the website immediately following everyone's review. Should any member desire to discuss these (or any other) topics with me, you are welcomed to schedule a time to speak with me.

### **Voting Process**

Separate instructions for the voting process will be distributed prior to the congregational meeting. However, a couple of important details to keep in mind are:

- Members will receive one ballot via email or text immediately following the congregational meeting.
- Voting will be open from Tuesday, September 15, 2020, and close Friday, September 18, 2020, at 10:00am. We anticipate the results will be posted on the Church's website sometime on Saturday, September 19, 2020.
- For those members who would like to vote but are unable to attend the congregational meeting, please know that the meeting will be recorded. That recording will be available on the Church's website on Tuesday, September 15, 2020 for viewing.

Some have understandably asked why we are addressing these crucial issues on this virtual platform. Shouldn't we wait until we can meet in person? While I understand the

desire to handle the Church's affairs in a more personal manner, I would also ask each member to remember:

- We do not yet know when we will be able to meet again in person. The unpredictability of the virus, the fact that we are moving into flu season (which is expected to increase the severity and impact of the virus), and the restoration process for the Church all complicate any planning for the Church to gather again in person in the immediate future.
- Both now and in the future, the Church is likely to be required to make essential decisions via a virtual platform. We must find ways to make those decisions while incorporating the congregation (as best possible) during this period when in-person meetings are not possible.

I know that this has not been easy for any of us. I thank God for your graciousness, patience, and flexibility through this time. I invite each of us to renew our efforts to be lead of God in all that we do. If we remain committed to seeing God's will done, I am confident that God will bless our efforts.

Thank you, and I look forward to sharing with you next Monday.

Sincerely,

Pastor Latimore