

**United Church on the Green**  
**Leadership Council Meeting via Zoom**

**March 12, 2025**

**Present:** Roger Adams; Adam Guerra, Moderator; Chris Maursky, Gwanglip Moon; Julia Peterman; Stephen Ray, Pastor; John Sawyer; Angelyn Singer

Abram called the meeting to order at 7:10 and offered a prayer.

**February Meeting Minutes:**

Cher moved to accept the February Minutes as amended and June seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

**Financial Report** John Sawyer:

John reported that we are 67% through the year and have so far collected 68% of the budgeted income. For next year we will have some income from the Parking Lot and from IRIS but we don't yet know how much. It will probably not be equal to our past income of \$182K. John and Jack Russell will be meeting with Michael Schaeffer, the owner of the Gold Building. They will discuss the parking lot rental for next year.

IRIS fiscal year is from September to August. They have lost half of their federal funding and had to close their Hartford office and have had to lay off some of their staff.

John said that the steeple window project will still be done but there will be no discretionary spending on the building for the next fiscal year.

**Member in Discernment:** Roger Adams

Roger presented Gwanglip to the meeting. Gwanglip told us about his faith journey including that he came to America to study at the Yale Divinity School

Gwanglip then left the meeting and the rest of us voted, unanimously, to support his application as a Member in Discernment with the Committee on Ministry of the New Haven Association.

**Pastor's Report:** Stephen Ray

Stephen discussed getting legal counsel on our rights regarding the presence of IRIS in our parish house. He discussed his participation the the Clergy Council of CONECT, the National Jewish-Black Christian Dialogue and there was a long discussion about the city's proposed modifications to Temple Street access. This plan would involve re-routing the bus stops to State Street and would also limit

vehicle access to Temple street between Elm and Chapel streets. There was a concerned discussion about this and no one at the meeting was in favor of this plan.

Stephen offered a closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:12 PM.