

April 13, 2023

## **Visioning Committee Meeting Minutes**

Members present: Pastor Craig, Jay Tomlinson, Linda Hane

Pastor Craig opened the meeting with an opening prayer.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **I. *Pot Luck review***

Linda Hane reported that the Palm Sunday Pot Luck was well attended with 45 folks. There was a very good selection of foods available with plenty to go around. The execution and clean-up also went well. Linda strongly suggested we have more Pot Lucks during the year. We suggested that we include a third annual Pot Luck the Sunday following the 4<sup>th</sup> of July and a fourth annual Pot Luck the Sunday following New Year's Day.

#### **II. *Small Group Dinner Gatherings***

No further discussion on this topic other than to refer it to the title "*Pairs and Spares*".

#### **III. *Potential Small Group Study Sessions using the 'Journey with the Messiah' images***

Further discussion regarding the small group study/learning sessions using the *Journey with the Messiah* images focused on who would undertake the task of becoming the facilitator(s). Apparently, no progress was made to review the website or any of the tools that might be available online for study or teaching since the April meeting. Jay Tomlinson volunteered to be a facilitator with Patty Rusco. (He volunteered her without her being present based on her interest and previous willingness to help.) They would work on how best to present the study reviewing the methods suggested previously as well as new methods such as online lessons. Jay will contact Patty and they will report back at future meetings.

The time frame for the study was thought to confirm with what was previously suggested as late September into October. We talked about how to publicize the study once the format was determined. Suggested methods included announcing the study in Church, printing dates in the Bulletins, posting on our website, and using the *Parish News*.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Including addresses for prayer requests on the Prayer Chain**

Jay reported that Heidi Hansen commented on a prayer chain request that the address for Bob Lindholm's wife or family was not included for sending a card from the church congregation. Normally, Heidi would receive requests for a card to be sent from the Prayer Wall additions, not the Prayer Chain. But her comment suggested that we might include the address on the Prayer Chain request so that anyone on the Prayer Chain could send their own card if they wished to. Discussion on this centered around privacy issues and who would be appropriate to include an address for. The obvious folks would be members of our church. It was agreed that we could send the address with the prayer requests from the prayer chain only if permission was given from the person or family. This would not change how the Relationship Initiative works for cards sent from the Prayer Wall.

***Next Meeting Date & Time*** – The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.