

RICHMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Session Notes – 25 Jan 2022

Session met for the second time this year on our normal 4th Tuesday of the month. We had met on Jan 12 to work on the budget, to be presented to the congregation for approval at our Annual Congregational Meeting.

Much of this past week's meeting also involved preparation for the ACM. I won't detail it here since it will be part of the annual report presented to you then. You'll have a chance to read up, hear from the various committee and team leads, ask questions, and vote.



The ACM will be held via Zoom after worship on March 6. As pandemic restrictions and cautions continue to limit in-person attendance, it was felt that Zoom provided the best option for the widest participation. A hybrid in-person/Zoom meeting of that size is difficult to execute well, and inevitably the Zoom participants are at a disadvantage. We will contact those few members who do not have Zoom access and work out a way for them to be included. Since the meeting follows worship directly, the March 6 service will be online only, then we move straight into the ACM. Details to come closer to the date.

In other business, Session subcommittees for Finance, Personnel, and Church Building & Maintenance have been formed and are now getting busy. We will be seeking a few people outside Session to serve on these teams, and we look for your support if you are asked to help.

Two special Sundays are in store.

This week, Deborah Jones from Cougar Creek Streamkeepers will make a presentation themed around our stewardship of Creation and based on the Rain Garden project which will be undertaken this year off the SE corner of the parking lot. This project makes a statement to the community about our duty of care to God's world; it involves our youth; and it is funded for us.

Next Sunday, Feb 6, is PWS&D Sunday. Presbyterian World Service and Development is the arm of the PCC which offers aid worldwide for emergencies, development, and refugees. Our own Andrea Perrett is the Convener of the national PWS&D Committee and will be offering the sermon on the 6th.

Be sure to attend/watch both these services which highlight ways RPC can go Wide with the World.



Like the flu, COVID is here to stay in some form or other. We are learning to live with it, and we can hope that as it moves from pandemic to endemic, restrictions will ease. It's time to get back to hands-on, non-virtual Christian ministry, while keeping within all mandated PHO policies. Be prepared for a number of initiatives this spring, from bible studies to community interaction, as we move from primarily on-line back to primarily on-ground.

Faithfully,
Graeme Stager
Session Clerk