

Congregational Leadership Board Meeting

August 1, 2023 7PM

CLB Members: John Derstine (chair), Jeff Landis, Joy Thomas, Jordan Kolb, Cathi Hunsberger, Todd Alderfer, John Goshow, Robin Schilling

Pastors and Staff: Jeff Wright

Absent: --

1. Opening devotion and prayer—Robin Schilling

2. Pastoral Search Update—John Derstine

- a. John reported that the search committee continues the process of narrowing down their candidates.
- b. The group discussed effective strategies for communicating the status and results of the pastoral search with the congregation.

3. Lead Pastor's Report—Jeff Wright

- a. Jeff distributed and commented on a "State of the Union" summary document describing what Blooming Glen is currently working on and trying to accomplish. The group discussed the document, including possible changes. Jeff noted that he will maintain an updated copy as revisions occur.
- b. The CLB discussed Jeff's recent weekly and monthly reporting.
 - i. Jeff emphasized ongoing need for alignment of Blooming Glen's five core ministries (worship, family engagement, pastoral care, missional innovation, and adult formation) with staff roles.
 - ii. Conversation also focused on shifts in the nature of Jeff's role at Blooming Glen as he moves from an interim pastor to a bridge pastor.

4. Mosaic Delegates—Jeff Wright

- a. Jeff reported that Mosaic Mennonite Conference has asked Blooming Glen to adjust delegate representation to more accurately reflect the number of active congregation members. Based on an official membership count of 640, Blooming Glen is currently represented by eight people (two pastors, Elders chair, CLB chair, and four other congregants appointed by Gifts Discernment). The CLB agreed to reduce the total number of representatives by two persons. To accomplish this, two of the representative roles appointed by Gifts Discernment will not be filled after current persons complete their terms.

5. Pathways Process—All

- a. Jeff Wright suggested that it would be helpful to have an ongoing caucus of Mosaic delegates to guide conversation. He recommended the Elders and CLB chairs and two additional elected persons, who would meet regularly with Mosaic staff.
- b. The group discussed possible strategies for addressing the funding that was withheld from MCUSA Executive Committee in the budget plan.
- c. The group discussed the need for congregational engagement with Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. The CLB expressed a shared sense of importance for studying and discussing the Confession as a congregation in light of the Pathways Process.

6. Celebrating Jeff and Joy—All

- a. The group shared words of appreciation for Jeff Landis and Joy Thomas as they conclude their CLB terms.

7. Closing Prayer—Cathi Hunsberger