

**Bethlehem United Church of Christ**  
**Leadership Council**  
**Minutes**

**August 11, 2015**

Attendance: Kurt Schmerberg, Michelle Loukotka, Shannon O'Reilly, Fritz Port, Karen Samford, and Pastor John Kennedy.

Excused Absence: Dennis Huibregtse, Cresson Slotten.

Call to Order: Having gathered at the Schmerbergs' Lakehouse, Kurt called the meeting to order at 7:48 PM.

- 1) Opening Prayer: Pastor John offered an opening prayer.
- 2) Agenda: Kurt had circulated the agenda by email. It was approved without change.
- 3) Approval of last meeting's minutes. Motion for approval was made, it was seconded and passed.
- 4) Formal Approval of Pastor Greg's Grant Proposal to Michigan Conference: Having previously approved Greg's proposal by e-mail voting, Greg's grant proposal was discussed and a motion was made and seconded to enthusiastically approve his proposal. The motion passed.
- 5) Review/Approve the rewritten Associate Pastor Job Description: The job description for the Associate Pastor was reviewed and it was noted that the text largely followed or copied text from the current Bylaws. After discussion a motion was made to approve this job description without change. Motion was seconded and passed.
- 6) Greenspace Task Force: Kurt suggested that the Greenspace may belong to the visioning of Bethlehem. LC members discussed that the Greenspace therefore should be one of the charges for the LC. Future executions or actions may later become a task for several ministries. A motion to was made and seconded to have Greenspace

a charge for the LC and to have it as a regular item for discussion at the monthly LC meetings. The motion passed.

- 7) Book Discussion: The review of the Book “Real Good Church” by Molly Phinney Baskette led to productive discussions of sections particularly relevant for Bethlehem. Further reviews and discussions of this book are planned for future LC meetings.
- 8) Adjournment: Pastor John offered a closing prayer and the meeting ended with the Lord’s Prayer at 9:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Fritz Port, Secretary