

**POWELL RIVER  
UNITED CHURCH**



**PRUC Navigation Team Meeting  
November 25<sup>th</sup> 2021**

**Present:** Rev. Mary White, Grant Vaughan, Alaa Badran, Elsie Parsons, Lynn McCan, Jeremy Buhay, Marilynn Davis, Wendy Barker, Tyler Nouwens

**Regrets:** Mac & Doe Fraser

**7:00 Welcome and Opening Prayer:**

**7:05 Agreement of the Agenda:** Agreed, with addition of Meditation Group under Light of God.

**7:10 Check-in:**

**8:00 Minutes, Business Arising, Reports, & Correspondence:**

**Approval of the Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of October 28/21 were approved as circulated.

**New Ideas for Church:**

Every Friday at 6:30 there is now a Spiritual “Meditation” Service. Suggestions are being solicited from the Friday night meditation group participants; ideas are being considered for potlucks after Friday meditation gatherings. Dance Temple has also been suggested. People like the meditation; suggestion was made to put out a public ad to the community.

**Loneliness:** Discussion of preparation and delivery of Christmas bags to those who are isolated at home, and possibility of an afternoon tea.

**Business Arising:**

Covid-19 signs on building doors. Discussed and achieved.

## **Reports:**

- \* **Light of God:** (see New Ideas above). Organizers are hoping that Kids United can be started on January 9/22. Sunday service (first in Advent) will include decorating the tree. The Christmas Pageant will be the same script as last year. Christmas Eve will be a joint service with the Grace Lutheran congregation. While the offering plate will continue to be at the entrance rather than passed around, it will be brought to the front for blessing during the service.
- \* **Shepherding Resources:** Funds Summary to October 31, and preliminary Budget 2022 were circulated and discussed. Without the federal wage subsidies and the ongoing rental payments from the Grace Lutheran congregation, the deficit would be very large, as covid and aging have had a serious impact on donation revenues.
- \* **Trustees:** nothing to report.
- \* **Loaves and Fishes:** UCW members have decided to fold. Appreciation was expressed for all their years of service, and for their final donation to the work of the church.
- \* **Caring and Sharing:** nothing to report.
- \* **Sacred Ground:** Graffiti has been removed from the front church door. Following the church break-in, repairs have been made but although the AED was sent away, it cannot be repaired and is currently too expensive to replace.
- \* **In My Name:** Discussion possible resumption of Bible Study in the new year.
- \* **Open Heart:** Tyler gave a graph showing the continued use of the website.
- \* **Ministry and Personnel:** Mac will not be continuing after the Annual Meeting.
- \* **Regional Representative:** nothing to report.

**Correspondence: none.**

**8:30 What have you been hearing:**

**8:40 New Business:**

**Planning for 2022:**

- Grant and Wendy will meet to consider nominations for vacancies, particularly on the M&P committee.
- NT members were reminded to check with their liaison committees to see where there are vacancies, and to encourage people start preparing annual reports, with the deadline for submission being January 31/22.

**Upcoming dates:** First Sunday in Advent is November 28; Christmas Pageant will be December 19; there will also be a Longest Night service on December 21st and a Christmas Eve service.

**Adding new priorities to our list:**

- Planning for the Annual Meeting

**8:50 Next Meeting:**

Thursday January 27th, 7:00PM via Zoom

**8:55 Closing Prayer:**

**I am blessed.**