

## SESSION NOTES 04.26.2016

The stated meeting of the Session was on Tuesday evening, April 26. The first order of business was to examine the Elders-elect for the incoming class of 2019. The examination was completed and the Session welcomed the new Elders: Genia Blanchard, Christie Bybee, Betty Hewell, Vaughn Manken, and Ed Perry. At the close of the meeting, the Moderator asked the out-going Elders to share their observations about the experience. All who spoke talked of the rewarding nature of the work. The Pastor presented each of the retiring Elders with a special gift, a book of daily mediations.

Other business of the Session included:

- A report from the trustees on our year-to-date financial position. Receipts are below budget for the first quarter, but so are expenses, with a net shortfall of approximately \$51k. The trustees will continue to monitor the budget for possible amendments by mid-year.
- A membership report reflecting continual net gains in membership.
- The Pastor led a study of Isaiah 43:1-7 and a discussion of the article, "Chaos Theory and Congregational Life."
- The Pastor introduced a preliminary plan for restructuring the work of the Session around the Five Invitations, to be discussed in depth at the Session retreat on May 7.
- The Session heard a report from members of the Ad Hoc Team considering possible changes in the Sunday morning Sunday school and Worship hours. The discussion focused on changes that would enrich experiences of study and worship.

The Session adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 8:30pm.