

June 11, 2018 Diaconate Meeting

We wanted to update you from the June 11, 2018 Diaconate meeting; we had a small but mighty group of Deacons! We were continued our book discussion of "Becoming a Blessed Church" and the following is the result:

1. Worship: All enthusiastically agreed to give our support to Pastor Kathy as she invokes some changes into the worship service. Starting with incorporating the Welcomes and Concerns into her call to worship. My apologies to those who were signed up, starting June 17 - Aug 5th. We're going to try it out and will discuss the incremental change at our next meeting, Aug 20th (also a date change), at High Hill Rd.

2. Meeting location: We agreed to relocate to an area that is warmer/more inviting and spiritual; with the except of the Aug meeting (in which case we will enjoy all the beauty provided by God through nature), we will meet in the Meeting House.

Meeting location:

a. Lorinda volunteered her husband to work with us to create a conceptual drawing to transform the congregational hall space (which I affectionately referred to as prison white or simply a prison kitchen, even God has a sense of humor!); once completed we will share with trustees and others and help facilitate changing the space to a more welcoming and warm location and perhaps even serve as a summer worship space (in time).

Music: There was a discussion on adding more contemporary music and blending it with traditional hymns, into each worship service. It was clear that most were not "in tune" with using the black hymnal; we want more of a "little something for everyone" to feel inspired. The Music Committee, by the by-laws, in under the Diaconate, so we will forward this item along to the Music Committee.

Please attend if you are able and have not yet attended, Cafe Conversation's.

One last item **MOTION**: Request from Eric" Motion to use \$350 from the Memorial Fund to purchase the software license required to use the new video mixing capability".

Second: Ellie

ALL: "IF you feel this is what God is calling us to do, please Reply YES"

As I said, we were a small but might group of Deacons last night!

AMEN!

Ellie & Steve
Senior Deacons