

Governing Team Update

Tuesday, September 8, 2020



The governing team continues to meet and prayerfully seek the Lord's leading for our church and community during this challenging season. Starting last month, the team moved to a new format, meeting twice per month for shorter durations rather than once per month for a longer meeting. For the time being, most meetings are held on the second Tuesday and the fourth Sunday of the month.

Matters discussed at our past two meetings:

- The governing team discussed part one of the book "The Hole in Our Gospel" by Richard Stearns. The book is encouraging and challenging, calling us to focus on living the gospel through service and care for those in need.
- The governing team engaged in listening prayer, seeking and sensing the voice of the Lord for the team and for our church. The theme of unity continued to come forth, with prayers for unity in these challenging days, and the call to continue to seek unity as a church and as a governing team.
- The governing team discussed church finances, and the fact that we are about \$24,400 behind budget income needed for the year at this time. We are praying that these figures will bounce back as we head into the fall season. Thank you for your generous giving.
- Pastor Jon gave an annual Ministry Objectives report to the governing team, highlighting the ways we have progressed in our vision to go "D.E.E.P." as a church. Efforts to make disciples, engage others outside our church body, engage those within our church body, and operating in the power of God were all themes discussed and evaluated.
- The governing team evaluated the effectiveness of our policy governance procedures with relation to governing team/staff interaction. This is a scheduled, annual evaluation.
- The team discussed the formation of a nominating committee, which will discuss and select potential candidates from among our church members to join the governing team. The nominating committee will be established by October.
- The annual governing team retreat will be moved from October to late April for strategic ministry purposes. The governing team takes time away to retreat together for a day to evaluate the ministry year that was, as well as prayerfully seek God's vision for the coming ministry year.
- Pastor Jon updated the governing team on a number of church matters, including:
 1. Details of getting our facility up and running for on-site gatherings once again.
 2. Updates about Virtual Lighthouse involvement. This virtual option continues to provide an avenue for worship and fellowship for those unable to attend services in-person.
 3. Efforts to develop a quality live-streaming capability to further advance the reach and effectiveness of our ministry. This discussion is ongoing.

4. Planning details for Fall Focus Week.
 5. Our new fall message mini-series called “Under Pressure,” with a series about the Kingdom of God later in the fall.
 6. The Vision to “Find Your Community.” Pastor Jon updated the team about the variety of groups available to the church, from growth groups, to prayer groups, to a virtual class and more.
 7. The Youth Ministry Leadership Team is meeting and devising plans for the fall and beyond. Keep your ears open for more information to come.
 8. Dunamis Alaska will be using ABC as their headquarters for their online Dunamis seminar from September 23 to 26.
- The governing team prayed for the needs of individuals in our church. If you would like prayer from the governing team, please contact the church office or Pastor Jon at jon@abcanchorage.org.