

**Ascension Lutheran Church and Holy Cross aka Two Churches
Joint Council/Vestry Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2021**

Attendance: Rev. Mike W. Vestry Present: Gwen H., Joel F., Laura D., Angela K., Laura K.
Council Present: Dan W., Kevin B. Staff: Deacon Kim H.
Council Absent: John S., Polly S.

HELD VIA ZOOM – Called to order at 7:07 PM

Opening Prayer – Led by Rev. Mike.

Approval of Agenda – Gwen moved to accept, Laura K seconded, Motion carried.

Clergy Report – Rev. Mike & Joel searching to purchase a home. Laura D moved to accept, Dan seconded, Motion carried.

Approval of Prior Joint Minutes from February 11, 2021 - Gwen moved to accept, Joel seconded, Motion carried.

Liaison Reports:

Property Committee – Joel (written) – No additions.

Community Ministry – Kim (written) – No additions.

Christian Education – Co (not present and no written report) – No report currently due to continuing pandemic.

Hospitality – Polly (not present) & Angela (verbal) – No report currently due to continuing pandemic.

Worship/Music – Rev. Mike (written) – No additions.

Correspondence – John (not present) – Tabled until June meeting.

Gwen moved to accept all reports, Joel seconded, Motion carried.

Treasurer’s Report – John (written) – Tabled until June meeting due to John not being present.

Old Business:

Next Steps in Combining Leadership Bodies – In Progress. Pastor Mike’s understanding is that Polly contacted Co regarding Holy Cross Canons, but Polly not present to give verbal report.

Combining Bank Accounts – Nothing new to report.

Updates on Leadership Calls – Continue in May with existing quarterly assignments.

Holy Trinity Conversation – Rev. Mike, Kevin, & Co met via Zoom with Canon Val A., Holy Trinity's Interim Rector Don D., Senior Warden, & 2 Members on April 15, 2021. Rev. Mike and Kevin explained that discussed partnering in 4 areas for now: Worship (Holy Trinity members invited to attend our June 6th service while Rev. Don out of state and unable to lead service), Fellowship (TC members to be invited to Holy Trinity's annual September BBQ), Christian Education (7-Week Advent activities), and Service (Souper Bowl of Caring competition in January & February 2022). Clergy to confer on setting up another meeting.

New Business:

Copyrighted Works: Tabled discussion until June meeting due to participants not receiving document provided by Rev. Mike until afternoon of May meeting.

Church Secretary: Jill B. has accepted position with June 1, 2021, start date.

Issues & Concerns – None raised.

Next Meeting Date – Thursday, June 10, 2021, at 7:00 PM via Zoom.

Closing Prayer – Led by Rev. Mike.

Adjournment – 7:50 PM

Liaison Area: Finance
Report Created By: John S
Mo. Reported: May 2021

Items to Report:

1. Two Churches Financial Diagram for April 2021 is on page 2 of this report.
2. We are one third of the way through 2021 and our income is \$6,408 less than expenses. Still not great, but better the budgeted deficit of \$12,415.
3. Applied for and received a technology grant from the diocese. Asked for \$300 of the \$750 allowed. Received all \$300. This has funded our more permanent camera installation.
4. The cost of the new computer, \$741.97, was transferred from the reserve funds in HC Savings to the general checking account. (New computer has arrived and been installed.)
5. We have not set up the new Chase bank accounts for Ascension yet. Still in the job jar.

Issues for Leadership Discussion:

- 1.

Issues for Leadership Action:

- 1.

Two Churches Financial Diagram for April 2021

Years of Life = **13.3**

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Year-To-Date (\$6,408) YTD Budget (\$12,415)

Ordinary Income & Expenses 33 % 33 %

<u>Income</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>2021</u>		<u>Expense</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>2021</u>	
Pledges	10,453.46	41,405.38	35 %	Administrative	1,330.14	2,271.18	17 %
Plate	105.00	170.00	11 %	Bank Fees	91.02	162.60	18 %
Non-Pledger	200.00	475.00	26 %	Building & Grounds	120.00	1,181.85	14 %
Building Use	-	-		Christian Education	-	-	0 %
Calendars	-	-		Clergy Expense	8,020.12	32,313.31	32 %
Flowers	20.00	20.00	7 %	Community Ministry Allotted \$1,520 *	-	250.00	16 %
Memorials	-	-		Diocesan/Synod Support	1,102.50	4,320.00	30 %
Miscellaneous Income	450.00	450.00	45 %	Evangelism and Special Events	-	46.90	5 %
Refugee Garden Water	-	-		Insurance Expense	-	2,410.00	53 %
				Memorial Expenditures	-	640.75	
				Miscellaneous Expense	-	-	0 %
				Stewardship Expense	-	-	0 %
				Utilities	620.95	3,480.28	38 %
				Worship Expense	340.10	1,851.75	32 %
	11,228.46	42,520.38	34 %		11,624.83	48,928.62	30 %

* Community Ministry Allotted = 1,000 (2021 budget) + 520 (2020 carry over)

Pass Throughs

		<u>Apr</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>To Be</u>
		<u>Received</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Sent</u>	<u>Sent</u>
Noisy Offering	-> Access of West Michigan	-	80.00	-	80.00	
Little Church	-> Rector's Discretionary Fund	23.00	34.00	-	-	34.00
Special Offerings						
Good Friday	-> Dioc. of Jerusalem/The Green Apple**	340.00	375.00	-	-	375.00
Easter	-> Family Promise/Safe Haven	505.00	655.00	-	-	655.00
Pentecost	-> Refugee Garden Water	-	-	-	-	
Christmas	-> TBD	-	-	-	-	
Community Ministry Collections						
Scrip Profit	-> Comm. Ministry Designees	-	-	-	-	
Souper Bowl	-> Green Apple	-	1,785.00	-	1,785.00	
The Green Apple		600.00	745.00	600.00	745.00	
Diaper Depot		-	150.00	-	150.00	
School Supplies	-> Ck. To Laura K.	-	-	-	-	
Warm Up America	-> Ck. To St. Matthew, Kay delivers	-	-	-	-	
Kibble Konnection		-	-	-	-	
TCTO	-> Epis. Relief/Luth. Disaster	-	-	-	-	
Good Gifts	-> ELCA Good Gifts Program	-	-	-	-	
Spaghetti Dinner	-> The Green Apple	-	-	-	-	
Share-a-Christmas		-	-	-	-	

** HC -> Dioc. Of Jerusalem, ALC -> Green Apple, TC -> 60/40 Split

Account Balances

<u>Holy Cross Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>1-Jan</u>	<u>30-Apr</u>	<u>Net Change</u>	
Chase Checking Acct 8549	General Operations	\$ 18,339.01	\$ 8,881.25	\$ (9,457.76)	
Chase Savings Acct 4218	Reserves	\$ 38,085.99	\$ 38,088.47	\$ 2.48	
					Monthly
<u>Ascension Bank Accounts</u>	<u>Purpose</u>				<u>Fees</u>
Huntington Checking Acct 0728	General	\$ 9,744.17	\$ 11,108.50	\$ 1,364.33	\$20
Huntington Acct 0715	Scrip	\$ 350.01	\$ 739.26	\$ 389.25	\$15
Huntington Acct 9116	Diaper Depot	\$ 17,597.61	\$ 16,999.13	\$ (598.48)	\$5
<u>Holy Cross Invest. Accounts</u>					
T. Rowe Price Acct 8290		\$ 45,610.17	\$ 48,270.93	\$ 2,660.76	
Van Guard Acct 7156		\$ 52,076.65	\$ 55,292.45	\$ 3,215.80	
<u>HC Invest. Portions</u>					
Community Ministry	\$2,174.00				
Unrestricted Reserves	remainder				
<u>Ascension Invest. Accounts</u>					
Huntington Acct 2045	Savings	\$ 93,779.14	\$ 93,794.56	\$ 15.42	
Grand Total		\$ 275,582.75	\$ 273,174.55	\$ (2,408.20)	