

**Ascension Lutheran Church and Holy Cross aka Two Churches  
Joint Council/Vestry Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2021**

**Attendance** - Rev. Mike Wernick, Gwen Hendrickson, Joel Flint, Angela Keane, Laura Daniels, Laura Kremer, Kevin Barry, John Standley, Polly Standley, Dan Weller. Staff: Deacon Kim Hoop.

Held via Zoom

Called to order 7:02 PM

**Opening Prayer** - led by Rev. Mike

**Agenda:**

Gwen moved to accept agenda, Kevin seconded, motion carried.

**Clergy Report:**

Rev. Mike provided written report of his July activities; updated council/vestry on vacation days that will be taken in September

Polly moved to accept reports, John seconded, motion carried.

**Approval of Prior Joint Minutes (amended) from July 8, 2021:** - motion to accept by Gwen, Kevin seconded, motion carried.

**Liaison Reports**

Community Ministry:

- See detailed report
- Partners in Housing date for August 21st has been cancelled

Worship

- nothing at this time

Christian Education - Nothing at this time

Property

- Nothing at this time

Hospitality-

-volunteers for coffee hour have been assigned through the 2nd week of November

Correspondence-

Thank you letters

**Treasurer's Report**

John presented treasurer's report.

-Meeting with Huntington on 8/13/2021 to transfer funds from Huntington to Chase; Kevin, John and Co to be present

Kevin made a motion to approve Treasurer's report, Gwen seconded, motion carried.

### **Old Business**

- Polly presented written motion to combine leadership bodies, see attached. Polly moved to accept, Laura D. seconded, motion carried
- Finance Committee will have a report by March 2021
- Holy Trinity and Two Churches agreement to share Reverend Mike

### **New Business**

-If Kent County Covid level is substantial or high the Diocese highly recommends that the mask mandate be put back in place; a vote was put to the all present at the meeting, 9 votes to accept the mask mandate, two votes dissented, motion passed.

-due to the current mask mandate coffee hour in St. Michaels Hall has been cancelled for now, bagged snacks will be handed out at the end of the service as parishioners exit the building

-Request to change St Michaels Hall back to Ascension Hall

-Ascension meeting on 8/22 to vote to give Ascension Council permission to proceed with an agreement between Two Churches and Holy Trinity of Wyoming to equally share in Pastor Mike's spiritual leadership and equally contribute to his compensation, this agreement will change Father Mike to part time at Two Churches

**Issues & Concerns:** None

**Next Meeting: September 09, 2021 via zoom**

**Closing Prayer** - Led by Rev. Mike

**Adjournment 8:43 PM**

Motion for Council/Vestry

Whereas the entity known as Two Churches does have sufficient membership to fill the number of leadership seats stated in the by-laws for both the Church Council (Ascension) and the Vestry (Holy Cross);

And whereas we continue to be unsuccessful in filling leadership seats on Vestry/Council;

Be it moved that the Holy Cross Vestry and the Ascension Council be replaced with the Two Churches Leadership Team.

Be it also moved that a Two Churches Leadership Team shall consist of the Pastor/Rector and six active participants of the entity known as Two Churches elected by the congregation to serve three-year terms with two terms ending each year.

Be it also moved that the Leadership Team appoint the office of Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Leadership Secretary, and Treasurer to four of its members.

Be it also moved that the current Council/Vestry update the By-Laws of Holy Cross Episcopal and Ascension Lutheran and the Covenant between them to reflect these changes and be presented at the January 2022 Congregational meeting for vote.