

Session Meeting August 17, 2025

2:30 - 5:30PM Hosted by the Little Family at Crestfield Camp, Slipper Rock PA

Attendees: Lori Bishop, Mark Hazy, Gary Krenzer, Mike Jackson, Melissa Danielson, Sammi Williams, Dan Kulp, Jim Dixon, Bill Hoffman, non-voting member Corrie Brown. **Not present:** Heather Reed

- Prayer and engagement in scripture. Read and reflect on Isaiah 30:15-18.
“In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength.”
- Discussion about faithful and fruitful ministry in a divided and contentious culture (Christianity Today “A Splintered Generation” Article). Example: uniting through serving together even though politically divided.

Discussions:

- Ministry Highlights: Bill encouraged elders to greet and meet people near them as we have more new faces. Visitors commented to an elder on how friendly folks are at EM. Kids’ Table, VBS, and youth mission trips were really good ministry opportunities this summer. Yasir’s story and God’s faithfulness to him was really great to hear. The mission committee accepted staff’s suggestion to move Thank Offering to benefit Yasir’s needs.

- New Covenant Partners

Motion: to approve Adam and Jennifer Zahnhiser as covenant partners.

Moved: Bill Hoffman

Seconded: Melissa Danielson

All Approved

- The Finance Committee is talking about rotating or putting perimeters on the team members. Does session want to revamp the committee and also put a mission / vision together to make it more of an active role in project-finding and problem solving? Proposal: Chair, Dede (ad-hock) and 3 other people elected by session to do that for 3 year terms. Those already on, can continue one more year.

Motion: Move that the office of finance committee / trustees create a rotational system of trustees that are limited to 3 year terms and that this transition will be done incrementally over the next few years.

Motion: Mark Hazy

Seconded: Lori Bishop

All Approved

- Youth Ministry - Bill is recruiting leadership for middle school and for high school plus asking parents to help with large group efforts. He is putting together a search team to interview / recommend a person to session for final approval as the new youth director. Mike Jackson volunteered to assist Bill as the lead on session for the youth team. He will check in with Bill on decisions about interim leaders, payment, search team and help with this transition.

Motion to Adjourn

Discussion and prayer with Mike and Becky Little. Dinner with Elders and spouses / families. S’mores by the fire after.