



## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

*March 12, 2020*

**Board Members Present (by phone):** Moderator Rev. Dwayne Johnson, Lilah Blackstone, Jim Garner, Johanna Hardy, Linda Hornsby, Terri Neal, and Knut Panknin.

**Guests:** Rev. Cathy Alexander, Rev. Robin Gorsline, and Dale Madyun-Baskerville.

Vice Moderator Knut Panknin convened a special meeting of the MCCDC Board of Directors on Thursday, March 12, 2020, at 8:30 p.m. The meeting was conducted by conference call. Rev. Cathy offered a prayer at the start of the meeting.

The group engaged in a thorough and thoughtful discussion on the options for church services considering the impacts of the coronavirus (COVID-19) and the directions from the District of Columbia government. After much discussion, the consensus of the Board was to keep the church open for the upcoming Sunday (March 15, 2020) and to promote livestream for those congregants who need to stay home and to encourage individuals to make appropriate decisions for their health.

The Board also agreed to a “Plan B” in the event in-person church services can not continue. Plan B would involve conducting services exclusively through virtual livestream. It would not be as professional in quality as our usual livestreamed services, but it would involve the pastors delivering messages and some type of music aired from the church to livestream congregants. It was agreed to test this approach at 2p.m. on Sunday March 15, 2020.

The Board also agreed to a communication plan to share these decisions via eblast with the congregation on Saturday, March 14, 2020, and to remind folks of the 2 p.m. Plan B test during services on Sunday.

The group acknowledged that the situation is very fluid and that we may need to continue to adapt our plans and react appropriately as realities change.

Each Board member indicated their support for this approach and that there is consensus to proceed as discussed.

Rev. Robin offered a closing prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.