

## SESSION MEETING SUMMARY ~ May 2021

1. Session validated the email votes approving revisions to COVID protocols. These are now posted on the MCPC website and will be revised serially as CDC regulations and other safety decisions are deemed necessary.

- MID-COAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROTOCOL FOR USE OF INTERIOR SPACE DURING COVID-19 (*Approved April 26, 2021*)
- MID-COAST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PROTOCOLS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (*updated to incorporate new Public Health Guidance – Approved May 2, 2021*)

2. Received the report of the Session appointed Reopening Task Force. There is a sense that members and friends have varying degrees of comfort with an eventual return to worship in the Sanctuary and the safety and comfort of all will be taken very seriously.

3. The Pumpkin Patch delivery for Saturday, October 9 at 4:00 pm was approved. It is hoped that the youth from both the North Harbor Youth Fellowship and the MidCoast Youth Theater will be available to assist in the unloading. There is also the possibility of again hiring the Southern Maine Movers.

4. The minutes of the April 14 Stated Meeting and the April 26 Called meeting were approved.

5. A letter of thanks was received from the PCUSA Mission Agency for our 2020 Joy Offering. This was placed in the Thank You Binder in Foulger Gallery.

6. Session received the report of Pastor Diane. She has been invited to participate in the Racial Equity Institute Conference May 27-28, 2021. The Brunswick Area Interfaith Council is initiating a community-wide discussion of Hope and Action: For an Economy that Works for All. They are also considering the possibility of a community navigator to assist folks in navigating the complicated system of seeking appropriate agency support.

7. Received the report of the Property Committee. The annual spring cleanup was a successful venture resulting in many improvements in the appearance of our church property. The noisy gas meter has been replaced and the gas pressure on the boiler has been repaired. Estimates are being sought to seal the parking lot cracks and the eventual reroofing of the Bright Start and Church Office wing so the Finance Team can budget these repairs.

8. Session received the report from the Board of Deacons.

9. Session unanimously approved the following motion regarding the Pentecost Special Offering:

**MOTION:** Of the funds received for MCPC's Pentecost Special Offering, May 2021, coupled with the funds from the 2020 Pentecost Offering that have not been disbursed, the local 40% be directed to Bright Start, in whatever way they may reconstitute as an organization supporting children, for whatever needs they may have in that process. **APPROVED**

10. Session, led by Elder Mark Bergeron who works with Community Solar Development, began a process of discernment regarding the possibility of signing up with one of the solar projects within CPM territory for purchase of our electricity needs generated by solar.