

SESSION QUARTERLY MEETING SUMMARY ~ April 2022

- **THE ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY STATISTICAL REPORT** was filed by the Clerk on January 19, 2022. This report details Membership, Congregational Life, Racial Ethnic and Financial statistics for our church.
- **SESSION** approved the budget for the year 2022, included in the **ANNUAL REPORT REVIEWING THE YEAR 2021** and presented at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation held via Zoom on February 6, 2022.
- **ELECTION and INSTALLATION OF ELDERS and DEACONS:** Elders John Aliberto and Darryl Johnson and Deacons Suzanne Cook, Deb Rafnell, and Ethel Wilkerson were duly elected during the Annual Meeting and installed on February 20, 2022.
- **ANNUAL REPORT to the MAINE SECRETARY OF STATE:** This was filed by the Clerk on March 10, 2022.
- **OMNIBUS MOTION APPROVED:** This annual motion accomplishes multiple Session mandated tasks. Among these: Shirley Reese was elected as Clerk; Balinda Washington was elected as Treasurer; the celebration of the Lord's Supper is approved for the first Sunday of each month as well as other special observances; and annual reviews of the church's insurance policies and of the Financial Records are authorized.
- **RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP:** Session joyfully approved a motion to return to worship in the sanctuary on February 20, 2022. Coffee Hour also resumed on that day! Zoom and FaceBook online options are maintained.
- **WORSHIP TEAM REPORTS:** During Advent, we began taking advantage of the beautiful crosses made for MCPC in the early days of the church. (Star Cross – Advent through Christmas tide; Anchor Cross –Baptism; Jerusalem Cross – Lent; Crucifix – Good Friday / Holy Week; other times – Celtic Cross.) We hung the Star Cross in the sanctuary in Advent. For Lent we used the Jerusalem Cross. And the Crucifix was used during Holy Week.
- **LENTEN CONVERSATIONS and SERMONS:** Pastor Diane's sermons and post worship conversations in the West Room centered around the theme of *The Passion Play, Living the Story of Christ's Last Days* as written by Rob Fuquay, inspired by the Oberammergau Passionsspiele held every 10 years since 1634.
- **NEW MEMBER:** Session enthusiastically welcomed George Huggins, by Transfer of Membership from the Second Presbyterian Church of Albuquerque, NM. His wife Kay Huggins is a retired pastor of the Presbyterian Church USA so her membership resides with the Presbytery of Northern New England (PNNE).

