

August 2023 Session in Review

Session of Grace Commons Church, Boulder, Colorado, met Aug 10, 2023. Rev Emily Crider was the moderator.

A quorum was confirmed, and Emily opened the meeting with an extended time of prayer. She asked the elders to pray in thanksgiving for God's faithfulness, pray words of hopefulness for what they look forward to God doing, and pray for the future including our new pastor and his family.

Session approved the minutes and ministry reports from Session, Trustees, Deacons, Governance, Stewardship, Racial Justice Ministry and Young Adult Ministry. Session received the July Covenant Partnership Report, which records 765 covenant partners.

Clerk's Report:

Dean Stull presented Covenant of Session, which will be signed by all the elders at the September meeting. In addition, he presented for a first reading a motion to dissolve the ad hoc Governance Committee as its work is primarily finished. A charter for the role of Clerk should be completed in the next few months.

Elder Spenser Dusebout has resigned due to family and business challenges. He had one year remaining to complete his term, and this open position will not be filled.

Stewardship Report:

Kathy Baker updated Session on the work of the stewardship committee. The committee is looking for opportunities to tell stories and are continuing to think of generosity as a mark of a Christian. The committee is hoping to change the mindset of pledging as a transaction to a discipleship opportunity.

MESH Ministry Update:

Jim Keller and Joe Cutshall joined Session to provide an update on Music & Worship. Lois Abbuhl is serving as the interim organist. Chancel choir, Bells choir and Kids choir will be resuming this fall. Joe spent time on sabbatical visiting and participating on worship teams at several churches. His experience was that what Grace Commons is offering with the blended service and the variety of preachers is unique.

Trustees Report:

Gene Koch, President of Trustees reported that the Trustees are working on an employment agreement for the pastor candidate. A financial report was distributed.

Emily adjourned the meeting at 8:45pm with the singing of the Doxology.