

## Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Session Meeting Highlights

Session opened with prayer and devotions

*"In the same way, I tell you there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."* Luke 15:10

Small groups shared their stories of personal faith, answering, "when did heaven rejoice for you?"

2018 Funding Guide approved

Fellowship Community Pastors gathering in San Diego was discussed

Oct 17<sup>th</sup> Seattle Presbytery Meeting at Union Church (South Lake Union) was discussed

Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Congregational Healing Retreat discussion, in order below, each elder present shared their key take away from the retreat, and what follow up, if any, they recommend.

Elders present: Avery Ryan, Bennedsen Bonnie, Dow Russ, Hjort Greg, Muller Alan, Neelson Sue, Phillips Dan, Schreiner Janet, Tupper Kerry, Upton Nick, and Wilson Don (attended retreat but was ill tonight and not present at session) Responses were mixed as some felt past hurts were addressed and forgiven, while others felt wounded by the anger voiced at the retreat. The present discord in the body is felt and keeps some from attending worship. These hurts drew session to prayer.

Annual Meeting coming up on Sunday Nov 12 to include session updates, the Pastor Nominating Committee sharing the West Side Mission Information Form/MIF, 2018 Funding Guide presented, Bylaw amendments, long term members recognized, 2019 Nominating Committee elected, and Alan Muller's nomination to serve as elder voted upon.

West Side Wednesdays after school program approved to continue through end of school year.

Session completed a survey about readiness for change as requested by the PNC. Staff and Deacons are invited to complete the survey as well.

Three church Bylaw amendments were approved and will be recommended by session to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on Nov 12<sup>th</sup>.

Recent shooting in a Texas church was discussed. Session appointed elders Dave Pimblett and Dan Phillips to work with Pastor Shari and appropriate staff to conduct a security review of church property.

Agreement with Ron Rice to serve as Parish Associate at West Side in 2018 was approved

Ordination and Installation of elders Kerry Tupper, Alan Muller, and deacon Dick Ramsey set for Sunday Nov 26<sup>th</sup>

Gary Moseley [#3801] per his request was removed from West Side's membership rolls.