



**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting
July 27, 2020 | Online**

Dan Fugate, Regina Goodrich, Heather Hanson, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, Josh Toufar, Becky Cole, Todd Buegler (Executive Director), Rachel Alley (ELCA Program Director for Youth Ministry)

Opening Devotions – Led by Becky Cole (Chairperson)

June Minutes Review – Becky

- Motion to accept made by Dan Fugate. Seconded by Regina Goodrich.
- Approved unanimously.

Director's Report – Todd Buegler

- Skipped to cover in agenda items.

ELCA Program Director Report – Rachel Alley

- 2020 youth leadership summit is going to be virtual. Future youth leadership summits: 2021 in Minneapolis, 2022 at Carol Joy Holling
- Passage to lead high schoolers into young adulthood; 5 small groups of six; 50 young adults register to lead small groups
- Candle time is continued as a resource
- SYMBOL is going to be doing dismantling racism a curriculum with the Episcopal church...would love to have a resource developed by the ELCA
- Growing Young September 10-11; about 50% didn't know about the Network so we have opportunity to increase Network ...they are asking questions and interested
- Churchwide is continuing to work from home.
- Growing young, growing diverse and welcoming new people in the church are newest goals for ELCA

Extravaganza 2021 Update – Todd

- Because Gathering has moved, the hope is the current Extravaganza will move to 2022
- 2021 was supposed to be Boundless...this will move to 2022. For 2021 will be Holding Loosely.

- Applied for a grant for Extravaganza 2021. Will people retain membership if they can attend the Extravaganza for free? A small group of people will be in person in Minneapolis; 75-100.

Budget – Todd

- Lots of guessing right now; so no budget update yet

Nominating Committee / Open Position Update – Todd

- Kinda has resigned her position on the board. There is a process to follow for fulfilling Kinda's term. The board can fill the position to complete Kinda's term (ends in 2022) and then they are eligible for two full terms. Regina has a name to submit.
- We will appoint someone at the next meeting. Matthew Lovett is willing to serve.
- At an online meeting, Josh Toufar moves to appoint Matthew Lovett to fulfill the position. Dan Fugate seconded. Approved unanimously.

Multicultural Initiative Update – Regina Goodrich

- At a holding point because of COVID-19

Discipling Cohorts Initiative Update – Todd

- They are thinking they can continue with the existing technology and in the current budget; if done online.

Black Lives Matter Statement – Todd

- Question was posed on facebook page
- Todd drafted a statement
- Statement needs to be a living organism...not just a statement but lived out...a statement that has action steps
- Too many statements...no one really hears or reads...no one remembers without an action behind it. We haven't done a statement like that before, but maybe it's time we do. This involves children and youth and their families. So we should connect to this. But we also need to be cautious while we move forward.
- We need to be on a timeline to write a statement...needs to be soon.

Welcome to Ministry Update

- Tabled until next meeting

Prayer Partners

- Tabled until next meeting

Strategic Plan Review

- Tabled until next meeting

Future meeting date – August 17, 2020

Closing prayer – Rachel Alley