



**ELCA Youth Ministry Network Board of Directors Meeting  
June 8, 2020 | Online**

In Attendance: Dan Fugate, Todd Buegler (Executive Director), Heather Hansen, Rachel Alley (ELCA Youth Ministry Staff), Josh Toufar, Regina D. Goodrich, Becky Cole (President), Kelly Sherman-Conroy

Opening Devotions – led by Dan Fugate

Director's Report – Todd Buegler

- We have transitioned the Connect Journal online; cost and speed of relevance were a factor and it is now available to anyone
- Kenda has resigned from the board

Program Director Report – Rachel Alley

- The churchwide office remains unopen due to COVID-19
- We are still awaiting decisions on the ELCA Gathering 2021
- Participation in young adult ministry is good; Savannah leading online groups and they are picking up
- Training will happen on Growing Young in the fall

April Minutes Review –

- Josh Toufar moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Heather Hansen
- Minutes approved

Multicultural Team Report – Regina D. Goodrich

- In process; group is having to wait on COVID-19 for future plans

Discipling Cohorts – Todd

- May be ending its time
- We are in conversations with Barbara Harner
- Funding for three years has been spent

### Extravaganza 2021 – Todd

- Gathering may be pushed to 2022; if it is, will we push the E to 2022 as well
- In the event that we push Minneapolis E to 2022, options are:
  - Take a year off
  - Do the full event somewhere else (could it still be affected by COVID-19)
  - Do something on a smaller scale with a hybrid online option
- There are a lot of changes for the Extravaganza event:
  - How can we duplicate what the E does in person online?
  - Could we group together in smaller sites around the country?
  - What can we do now that we couldn't do before?
  - What's most cost effective for people who cannot come?

### Membership Fees – Becky

- There are some possibilities in the works for recurring fees; there would be a discount for this option potentially
- Is there the possibility for a grant to help subsidize churches without a member?
- We discussed the need/possibility for raising fees which have not been raised in many years
  - Heather motioned that we raise the fees in July 2021 by \$5.00; Josh Toufar seconded. Motion approved
  - We will continue to discuss various grants; should we consider fees or vitality grants?

### Prayer Partners – Becky

- These were started at the E
- We will do another round of requests for prayer partners
- Dan Fugate motioned for Becky to investigate recruiting a second person to assist her with logistics of prayer partners. Heather seconded. Motion approved.

### Future Meeting Date – July 27, 2020; 2:30-4:30 PM CST

### Other Business – Rachel Alley

- How can our group fight racism; lead the way in the fight?
- What does racism ask of the Network?
- Can the team appoint a board member to handle this?

### Closing Prayer – Josh Toufar