

## Council Update

September 6, 2016

The RTC Council met on August 25 and the Transition Team on August 29. Council approved letters of call for Zongseng Vang as a Commissioned Pastor for the Hmong Christian Ministry and for Brenda Kronemeijer-Heyink as a Minister of the Word for Campus Edge Fellowship. RTC is hosting the semi-annual Classis Lake Erie meeting in October, and plans were briefly discussed. A financial update was given, and preparations were outlined for our November congregational meeting, where the 2017 budget target will be presented. Council also approved plans for the Council Retreat October 21-22.

The Transition Team minutes from August 10 were reviewed, and Council discussed the team's ongoing work. The Transition Team continues to evaluate the congregational values expressed during listening sessions, with plans to compare these to previous values derived in 2001 and 2010. Council agreed to Transition Team recommendations: (1) to clarify the timeline and steps needed prior to calling another pastor, (2) to begin working on the church profile that is required for churches seeking a new pastor, and (3) to suggest additional means to gather input from the congregation. The Transition Team will continue this work at its next meeting on September 7.

River Terrace Praying will continue meeting when we return to two services on September 11. Meetings will be between services, at 10:30, in the Meeting Room by the offices.

Please keep praying for elders, deacons, Pastor Ken, interim minister David Sieplinga, and our staff as we seek to lead RTC through this time of transition.

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will direct your paths. Proverbs 3:5-6*