

Council Update

June 28, 2016

The Transition Team met on June 22 and members reported back on meeting with church staff, communicating with the congregation, and River Terrace Praying. Although the turnout for prayer was lighter than we'd hoped for, participants appreciated the way it was organized and led. Please join us again next week at 9:15 in the Quad and invite another person. You don't need to attend every week; just do so when you can. The Transition Team spent most of the time beginning to organize the 100 or so notes representing values of RTC that congregants have reported in small group settings.

On June 23, Council met for the purpose of conversing with a potential interim pastor, Rev. David Sieplinga. We were joined by Rev. Chris Lanham and elder Paul Bouman, members of our Classical oversight committee from Jackson, MI and Willard, OH. After meeting with Rev. Sieplinga, Council members and our two visitors were polled. The result was enthusiastic support for calling Rev. Sieplinga as our interim pastor. There are still many details to work out and a formal vote to be held at our next Council meeting.

Rev. Sieplinga has a long history of serving in ethnically diverse churches. He retired last year after serving 11 years at Bethany CRC in Muskegon. Some of his sermons are available on the Bethany CRC website, found at <http://bethanychurchmuskegon.org/modules/medialibrary.php?action=displaycollection&collection=1> You need to scroll down to get to dates when he was at Bethany (the most recent listing is August 2015). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Council member.

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