

Witness Commission: October 10, 2022

7:00 PM (via Zoom)

Present: Jim Hollinger, Sam Epps, Naomi Kraenbring, Mandy Hileman, Sandra Flanagan and Karen Ungemach.

1. Updates on events/projects:

a) Christian Nationalism Statement (see attachment for ad proof)

It was passed at the All Church Council meeting yesterday that we can move ahead on publishing the statement on Christian Nationalism on October 23, 2022. It will be published in the Lancaster Newspaper and also shared by the Lancaster Interchurch Co-alition. The Pennsylvania Council of Churches will also share it with their contacts. We discussed a little about what we can do to prepare for possible phone calls or reactions that may come to the church as a result of the publication. Jim will work on putting together some questions that may come up. He will also discuss this approach with the pastors. Naomi shared with the group that Jason will be preaching on Nov 6 and will also be addressing politics and Christian Nationalism in his sermon and can respond to any reaction that may occur.

b) Aleyi and family update

The family has moved out of the previous situation and are currently living at the Red Rose Motel. They will give us money (since they cannot get a checking account) and we will then write a check to the owner of the motel. A group of people from the congregation signed a lease that goes month to month. Both adults in this family are working and it seems that they may be able to fully fund their own rent. Sandy is going to follow up with Daniel as to when rent is due, how money is exchanged, etc. The church did provide the deposit required.

c) Love Feast Service Project

The kits are still in Jim's garage and he will get the kits counted and boxed. Sandy Brubaker will provide the transportation to get them down to New Windsor. Sandy Flanagan shared that she felt it may have been more meaningful if she had been able to buy the materials and assemble them herself. This year, it just was so quickly put together due to the difficulty planning ahead because of our chaotic pastoral situation.

2. Leadership and membership for Witness in 2023

Jim got out the church directory to look over who is carrying over to next year. Mandy and Sam are leaving at the end of the year. Sandy and Karen have two more years to serve on the commission. Jim does not want to be chair for next year. So approached Karen about being the official chair, and he would serve as support and guidance to her as the year goes on.

3. Next Meeting- To be determined

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Ungemach