



# Plymouth

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

## BOARD OF OUTREACH

### Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 9, 2018

Attendance:

Yes	No		Yes	No	
x		Peter Eichten (2020), <i>Chair</i>	x		Sue Moses (2020)
x		Sally Cassellius (2019)	x		Paula Northwood, <i>Staff Liaison</i>
	x	Birdie Cunningham (2019)	x		Jared Swanson (2019)
x		Mary Jordan (2021)	x		Peter Vitale (2020)
x		Kim Lutes (2021)		x	Gingie Ward (2018)

**GUESTS:** Hazel, Dan Wolpert

### ***Actions Taken:***

Peter E. led the meditation and prayer.

### ***Agenda Items***

**DAN WOLPERT**-Dan addressed the board regarding the topic of the spiritual practice of discernment.

*Discernment Assumptions and Goals*-We use the term in the Christian tradition. Discernment is the act of seeking God’s will in a particular situation and in all life. “God’s Will” is defined as what is most life giving and “of the good.” It’s about a way of life and not a tool for fixing things. Orienting our lives towards God and done in community, which is more and more challenging in an individualistic society. It assumes God is real. It also assumes God is invisible, which of course makes it super challenging to find.

Dan talked about the Wesleyan Quadrilateral and used it as an example of one possible discernment process.

**UPDATE ON EMBROIDERIES and RACIAL JUSTICE ACTIVITIES**-Paula encouraged everyone to be involved in the conversation so that everyone can part of the decision making process.

**DR. BILL GREEN** will be speaking this Sunday. His appearance is sponsored by the Hennepin Historical Museum and we are hosting. They’ve sold over 500 tickets already and moved the event from The Conn to the Sanctuary. Titled “How we got here.” Leadership of the church is enthusiastic about moving forward with efforts to undo racism here at Plymouth. *Carlyle Brown* will speak at the Leadership Day, February 5 as well as at Plymouth on the 26<sup>th</sup> of January.

**RETREAT, JANUARY 25-26.** We have a large house in NE Minneapolis. *Logistics*-6pm starting time. Peter and Sally will be co-Food Captains and will provide dinner on Friday evening, breakfast and lunch on Saturday. *Content*-Peter E. would like to achieve two things; we would like to spend time getting to know each other better as well as making a spiritual connection. Paula suggested we revisit the results of the Visioning Statement created in May 2017, there was consensus from the board that this would be a good idea.

**ROLE OF THE BOARD OF OUTREACH IN RECRUITING FOR OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS**-Peter E.: The Board of Outreach has received many request recently from working groups and committees for help finding new leadership for their groups. Is that our role? We can help in any way we can, spread the word, etc. He has had past experience with a church that joined the stewardship campaign with a ministry/volunteering portion, “Time, Talent, Treasure.”

There was also a suggestion that we Include weekly “asks” for specific volunteers in the Friday email. This also will be a topic for discussion at the retreat.

**BUDGET**-Do we need more money? Less money? Same amount? There was a suggestion to use our money for Radical Hospitality.

**Next Meeting**

February 13, 2019

6:30-8:00pm , Room 203

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*Respectfully submitted,  
Peter Vitale, secretary*