

**Administrative Council Meeting  
January 8, 2001  
Minutes**

**Next Administrative Council Meeting February 5, 2001, 7:30 PM**

**Opening Hymn:** Wayne Richmond led us in "Trust and Obey".

**Devotions:** Patricia DelCamp continued the tradition of giving devotions on her first night as Administrative Chairperson. She stated that society seems to be obsessed with perfection and improvement. We can find 10 habits for daily life in the 10 Commandments, and 10 Beatitudes.

She then shared with us 10 habits (taken from Scripture) of highly effective Church leaders:

- 1) "In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:6)
- 2) "One who is slow to anger is better than the mighty, and one whose temper is controlled than one who captures a city." (Proverbs 16:32)
- 3) "The plans of the mind belong to mortals, but the answer of the tongue is from the Lord." (Proverbs 16:1)
- 4) "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." (Matthew 6:33)
- 5) "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (Matthew 28:19)
- 6) "His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." (John 2:17)
- 7) "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)
- 8) "Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son." (Acts 20:28)
- 9) "For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness." (Romans 12:4-7)
- 10) "Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good." (I Corinthians 12:4-7)

Minutes were amended as follows: Web team leaders of various organizations of the church will be in contact with Mike Riddle, who will share information. Walt Earley will look into the installation of equipment to bring Internet access to all areas of the church. Under Finance Committee report, it should indicate that **Tom** is completing six years as Finance Committee Chairperson, and announced that Charlie Bowen will take over as Chairperson in January.

Minutes were approved as amended.

**Announcements/Correspondence/Introductions:** Patricia DelCamp asked that council members include their telephone numbers on the attendance list.

Members were asked to consider signing up for devotions. We have someone for February (Gail Childers) and March (Peter Jamieson). All other months throughout the year are open.

The agenda for future Administrative Council meetings will remain the same. Anyone wishing to be included should call Patricia DelCamp no later than the Saturday before the Monday meeting to be added. A prayer focus will be part of each council meeting.

All members in attendance were asked to introduce themselves, indicating whether they are members at large or represent a specific group.

A letter was received from Rev. Joan Hutchinson and Alice Caldwell thanking Administrative Council for their support of the new education program "Pathways to Faith".

**Senior Minister: Rev. William Reasner** extended a welcome to new Administrative Council members. Thank you notes have been received from Robin's Nest, Habitat for Humanity, Fresh Air Home, Young Life Ministry, Ken and Lorraine Enright (Wings of Morning), Lowell Wertz (Joy in the Harvest), Interfaith Caregivers, and Jean Hetherington (for support of families in Gloucester during the Christmas holidays). Rev. Reasner expressed thanks for what God has done through this congregation.

**Rev. Dunn:** no report.

**Rev. Joan Hutchinson:** Tours of the Sunday School rooms went very well. If anyone missed out, and is interested in a tour, contact Joan. Vacation Bible School information is beginning to pour in.

We are looking for a new adult Sunday School teacher. If you are able to do this, contact Joan. The next Christian Education meeting is January 25, at 7:30 PM.

This Wednesday, we expect a "snowstorm" during our Wednesday night dinner. Frosty will be arriving. If you know of anyone who needs a ride to the Wednesday night dinner program, contact Frank Wisniewski.

Joan invited all to view our website at [www.haddonfieldumc.com](http://www.haddonfieldumc.com).

**Rev. Champ Goldy:** extended a thank you to those who distributed poinsettias. Normally, we have 5 or 6 left. This year, we received 40 extra from the florist. They were distributed to the 35 names on the list, plus 20 that Champ delivered. Champ is coordinating a magnets therapy demonstration. It will probably be a Wednesday evening. Stay tuned for details.

**Director of Music: Wayne Richmond** is grateful that Christmas is over.

**Youth Ministry: Dan Stephens** indicated that at Charge Conference the wrong name for our youth representative to Administrative Council was submitted. It should be **Dan**, not Mike Robinson. A motion was made and approved to change the youth representative from Mike to Dan Robinson.

Dan expressed thanks to those who delivered teddy bears on Christmas Eve; we distributed 350.

This coming week, the Senior High retreat will take place at Keswick. This is an opportunity for the kids to get away from their daily activities, and spend time thinking about their relationship with God. We have 33 attending. Prayer cards with names of the youth and their schedule during the retreat are available. Council members were invited to take one (or more) and keep those individuals in prayer over the weekend.

On January 23, at 7:30 PM, there will be an orientation evening for all interested Administrative Council members. Dan Stephens and Patricia DelCamp will co-facilitate it. A letter is being mailed this week.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business: Myrtle Stillwell and Dolores Baker** advised that the Homeless Hospitality Network would be hosting 9 men (v. only 4 men last year) from Saturday, January 14 through Sunday, January 28. The Baptist Church is coordinating, with help from the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches. We need 10 men (or husband/wife couples) to stay overnight on the following dates (January 18, 19, 20, 21 and 27). The commitment is from 9:00 PM until 6:00/7:00 AM the next morning. We are only there to cover emergencies.

**Frieda Hamer, Business Manager,** asked for cooperation from church members. If you buy anything on behalf of the church, notify Frieda. Items should be billed to the church, not individuals. Form ST5 is needed to have sales tax waived (available from Frieda). Remit any bills to Frieda promptly.

## Committee Reports

**Staff Parish: Frank Wisniewski, Chair** provided a very detailed explanation of the process and visioning undertaken by the Staff Parish Relations Committee as it relates to the appointment of clergy. At the conclusion of his remarks, it was suggested that they be put in written form and mailed to the Congregation. A copy of Frank's report is enclosed as a separate attachment to the minutes.

**Finance Committee:** members were asked to review Monthly Financial Reports at their convenience. The next Finance Committee meeting is January 22. The budget will be presented at our February Administrative Council meeting.

**Communications Committee: Jack Shaw** reported that we would be presenting reruns of "On The Kings Highway" until we figure out how to do our own editing. We are anxious to recruit a web Team Leader, and make Internet technology available to the entire church staff.

**Stewardship Committee: Frank Cahill** compared Stewardship results for this year (592 pledges received totaling \$708,582) v. last year (557 pledges received totaling \$739,845). The difference is \$31,260. Last year, between January 15 and March 26, we received 28 additional pledge cards totaling \$27,000.

We have just mailed letter #5 to 294 members who have not yet responded. Of this group, 48 pledged something (totaling \$41,000) last year.

We have seen an increase of 4.3% from those who pledged.

The effort this year was to contact all individuals who have envelopes (1,000). We have received 592 completed pledge cards; of those 100 made no commitment.

**United Methodist Women: Norma Whitcraft, President,** reported that this Thursday UMW would be starting the program "God's People in an Urban Culture." Lunch will include an African salad and "C & N (Carol & Norma) news!"

Sunday is "Womenspeak Sunday." Our guest speaker is Judie Reasner, who will talk about the "Children of Africa." She will also be doing the children's sermon.

January through May, UMW will be collecting layette items for Henderson Settlement

Norma also expressed thanks for support of **Children With AIDS**. We (along with Caring Hearts Ministry) have helped 2 families. We were able to purchase living room furniture for one. The families frequently have problems meeting their utility payments. Unfortunately, they do not tell us until after the utilities have been shut off. The needs of this ministry (and our support) have grown.

**Trustees: Walt Earley** reported that the Trustees would be meeting on Monday. There is a subcommittee working on the architectural plan with Design Collaborative. The fund raising committee will be meeting to share details of the project.

The Camden County Fire Marshall inspected the church property, and cited us with 72 code violations. February 5 is the deadline to correct these violations. A copy of the Fire Marshall's report has been sent to the engineers at Design Collaborative.

**Other Business:** None

After personal silent and personal oral prayers, Rev. William Reasner closed with a pastoral benediction.

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Maryann Parr