**Minutes of the Committee on New Worshipping Communities**

**October 10, 2018**

**Eastridge Presbyterian Church**

**2018 2019 2020**

**Sarah Gengler present John Duling present Darin Bentzinger present**

**(Chris Hanson) present Kylie Meter excused Edward Yang excused**

The Committee on New Worshipping Communities met at 1:30 PM at the Eastridge Presbyterian Church. The meeting was opened with prayer.

**Reports:**

Pivot is no longer a part of the community. Prayers for their ongoing ministry and best wishes go with them

**COOP 513** reported on their summer activities including the mission trip and Leadership. They continue to meet at the Harbor for fellowship and study of *Love Does*. A concern was expressed by the COM about the request for training Chris to be able to serve communion at their functions and worship around the table at the Harbor. We will continue to encourage that conversation and that such training is made available. Chris reported on his experience of attending the Conference on Financial Sustainability in Seattle. It has also been acknowledged that since the beginning of 2018, Coop 513 has not been in direct relationship with 4th Presbyterian Church and has been under the supervision of the C on NWC. Action would be needed to oversee that relationship (see action on session status).

**CONTEMPLATE, LINCOLN** has continued their weekly schedule of prayer, lectio divina, contemplative conversations, and has begun a new contemplative eucharist. The service includes music from Taize and original music plus a meditation, scripture, and officiating at the table by pastors from the UCC, Lutheran, Methodist, and Presbyterian denominations.

**DISCUSSION ON GRANTING SESSION STATUS FOR NWC COMMITTEE**

**It was voted** on that in order for decisions and opportunities for ministry to be expedited and still have some input from Presbytery that is consistent with the Book of Order, **that the Committee on NWC be granted the status of Session for Coop 513 and Contemplate, Lincoln by Presbytery at the November Presbytery Meeting in Hickman. Motion Passed**

**ACTION ON CONTEMPLATE**

**It was voted** that having seen cooperation, communication, and a willingness to be part of the Presbytery, **that Contemplate be recognized as a New Worshipping Community by the Presbytery at the November Meeting of Presbytery. Motion Passed**

**After discussion, if the way be clear with the previous actions, that pastors in Presbytery would then be granted permission to serve the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper at NWC’s. Motion passed.**

There being no other business, the meeting was closed in a prayer circle for mutual prayers of care for fellow committee members.

The next meeting will be November 14th at 1 PM at Eastridge Presbyterian Church with Rev. Shawn Kang and the Council from Presbytery.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev Dr. John J. Duling, Moderator C on NWC