

LOUMC BOARD NOTES
THURSDAY May 1, 2025, 6:30 pm

Attendees: Pastor Clay Andrew, Deb Gice, Ken Kramer, Peter Brown, Wende Milner, Alaina Kuehn, Judy Cushing, Jeff Moxie

Opening Prayer and Devotion

Pastor's Report

- Great Easter Season!
 - Attendance for the three Easter services was 362
 - Had celebration with staff for all the hard work during the Holy week
- My Best Art Lenten series went really well and the art display and prayer space in the Chapel was well received
- Working on a way to meet quarterly with all staff to breathe a SPARK group
- The Bishop announced the new District Superintendent Team beginning July 2026:
 - From the newsletter: Bishop Cedrick D. Bridgeforth intends to appoint **Rev. Dr. Troy Lynn Carr, Rev. Melissa Harkness and Rev. Dr. Rob Walters** to a superintendency team overseeing the Sage and Columbia Districts in the Oregon-Idaho Conference, July 1, 2026. Rev. Karen Hernandez will continue to serve as Columbia and Sage District Superintendent through the next appointment year before ending her tenure in the role. Another person will be named to this superintendency team soon.
 - Letter from the Bishop: <https://greaternw.org/looking-forward/>
- The Sacred Resistance book study has around 12-15 signed up, it may break into two groups. Begins 5/6/2025

Budget Discussion

- Notes from Connolly:
 - A recent quarterly review was had for the Bequest, the investments are doing better than expect with the lower stock market
 - Foundation meeting was postponed
 - 3 Treasuries will be available soon. There is discussion within the Finance Committee to decide how to proceed. They will meet and recommend action to the Board
- Notes from Jeff:
 - 2025 Budget was presented: Giving us up, as well as expenses. There are recommendations of how to fund the full budget. These will be communicated to the congregation in the Spotlight and the 6/1 service.
 - 2025 Budget was approved as presented

Key direction 1 Update

- New Welcome Center was ready for Easter
- New Hospitality Ministry will be created by invitation
- We will continue to work on building a welcoming Culture, especially by wearing name tags

Key Direction 2 Update

- Discussed the start of the Reconciling Congregation process
- Core group to meet 5/13

Pastor Job Description/Priorities Discussion

- Continue to discuss the ideas of "Where do we think God is leading us?" and "What do we want the pastor to invest time and energy in?" to focus our priorities for Clay as our Pastor

Closing Prayer - Wendé