

**Council Minutes**  
**January 10, 2023**

*In attendance:* Jay Meservy, Christy Reinking, Catheryn Carlson, Kevin Clarke, Doug Muschett, Ben Little, Pastor Kate Davidson, Lydia Ziauddin, Amie Branson, Craig Bolt, Ruth Hendricks

*Excused:* Julie Cope

1. The meeting opened with devotion and prayer by Ben about the experience of singing “How Great Thou Art” at a historic church at Mt. Scopus in Israel and being grateful to God for the gift of God’s grace and Ben’s life spared four years ago when he almost died.
2. The November council meeting minutes were approved.
3. Pastor reported that she celebrates making it through her first Advent and Christmas with LOTM and her attention is now turned to the annual meeting and staffing issues. Pastor will take time to recharge after the annual meeting by skiing with her brother.
4. Staffing Update: Donna continues to serve in an interim capacity as office manager in partnership with Jenny who is working remotely on the newsletter and bulletins. Chris Keelan has submitted her resignation in order to help Nick recover from back surgery. Caroline has expressed interest in being the music director. In anticipation of Nick’s departure, options for A/V coverage include students from Summit High School and/or Philip’s work colleagues.
5. Budget Update: In 2022, LOTM was successful in keeping expenses down and revenue up. We had a 10% increase in pledges for 2023. The finance committee, consisting of Ron, Marsha, Annette, Craig, Catheryn, and Pastor Kate, continues to meet monthly.
6. Annual Meeting Update: The annual report will include highlights from each area of ministry; leaders of ministry areas and committees are requested to turn in their report within a week to Pastor Kate. Two LOTM members are invited to attend the Rocky Mountain Synod Assembly in El Paso May 16-18 as voting members.
7. Committee Reports: Adult Education will offer a conversation on Confession and Forgiveness at the end of February in preparation to include Confession as a part of worship in Lent.
8. Capital Campaign kick off is to be determined. Stay tuned for more info.
9. Our next meeting will take place on Tue, Feb 7 at 5:30 pm. Kevin will lead the devotion; Christy and/or Lydia will bring snacks.
10. The meeting closed with prayer led by Ben.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Ziauddin