



Messiah Lutheran Church

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

Resolution: Implementation of *Messiah in Your Lifetime: A Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2025*

Whereas many areas of our congregation's facilities are in need of repair and/ or upgrade;

Whereas many areas of our congregation's facilities are not accessible to people who are differently abled;

Whereas our congregation has experienced nearly six consecutive years of growth and increased community needs;

Whereas that season of growth has culminated in the development of *Messiah in Your Lifetime: A Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2025*;

Whereas our Property & Grounds Committee and our three Capital Improvement Task Forces have nearly completed their work of evaluating the possibility of a comprehensive capital improvement program for Messiah Lutheran Church in our current facility;

Whereas amidst a time of great change in our congregation, our siblings in Christ at Trinity Reformed Church have asked us to consider partnering in ministry, now, therefore, be it

Resolved, that the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Messiah:

1. Thanks the members of our Capital Appeal Task Force, our Solar Energy Task Force and our Property & Grounds Ministry at the completion of their work;
2. Thanks the members of our Grant Writing Task Force for their work and memorializes our Congregation Council to consider how the long term work of that task force can continue as a standing committee of the congregation;
3. Covenants to enter into a time of sustained prayer, worship and fellowship with the people of Trinity Reformed Church;
4. Memorializes Rev. Dustin Wright to work with the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church and Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck to quickly make any necessary draft modifications to *Messiah in Your Lifetime: A Strategic Plan for 2020 – 2025* in order for that document to capture the vision, values, purpose, long term goals and objectives of both our congregations;

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5. Appoints Charles Zitzmann (Property & Grounds), Neal Fisher (Budget & Finance), and Joyce Gresham (Bread of Life Community Center) to serve as liaisons to the New York State Council of Churches' "Who Is My Neighbor" consultation process along with liaisons from Trinity Reformed Church;
6. Memorializes that team, in conversation with Rev. Jonathan Vanderbeck, Rev. Dustin Wright, the Consistory of Trinity Reformed Church and Congregation Council of Messiah Lutheran Church to **provide a comprehensive overview of options for use of both our properties no later than Sunday, May 3rd, 2020 in a joint Community Conversation with our neighbors at Trinity Reformed** regarding how our facilities can best support the vision, values, purpose, long-term goals and objectives of our joint strategic plan with a particular focus on accessibility concerns;
7. Covenants to direct all questions, concerns and ideas around long-term property use, as well as related financial and mission considerations to Charles Zitzmann, Neal Fisher and Joyce Gresham until that joint Community Conversation takes place;
8. Covenants to support and if possible attend the "Who is My Neighbor?" seminar on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 at New England Congregational Presbyterian Church in Saratoga Springs where our case study will be presented.

Adopted by an anonymous ballot vote of _____ from the voting members of the congregation present on Sunday, February 2nd, 2020.

Signed,

Pete Jones, Congregation President

Stacey Hodoroski, Congregation Secretary