St. Paul's Lutheran Church Special Voter's Meeting

Sunday, October 11, 2020 - Sanctuary

Minutes

Call to Order

- Carl Van Fleet, President called the meeting to order at 11:21 am with a welcome to in house and Zoom attendees and opened in prayer.

Vicar Carlos' Background – Pastor Christenson

- Came to faith through the Christian Missionary Alliance.
- Went to law school and worked as a lawyer in Mexico.
- Through Grace Latino Ministries and Rev. Sam Gomez enrolled in the CMC program at CUI.
- Has been leading the San Pablo ministry while attending seminary for the past 5 years.
- Completing his final requirement for certification for pastoral ministry in the LCMS.

Cost for Assistant Pastor Position – Pastor Christenson

- The cost for the position Carlos would be called to is in the current 2020-2021 budget and has already been approved by the Voters.

Vicar Carlos' Visa Status – Pastor Christenson

- Came on a F1 student Visa.
- Has applied for and received a 1-year extension for Optional Practical Training (OPT).
- Working with a Lutheran immigration attorney to apply for a R1 worker Visa.
- Please pray for this process.

Calling a Pastor from Seminary – Pastor Christenson

- The call will be forwarded to the PSD District President.
- The District President will send the call to Concordia Seminary, St. Louis requesting placement at St. Paul's.
- Carlos will have to complete his theological examination.
- Carlos will have to be certified by the Seminary faculty.
- Ordination and Installation would be a few months away.

Motion

Be it resolved that the Voters of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and Schools extend a divine call to Vicar Carlos Velasquez for the position of Assistant Pastor.

Motion was seconded.

Discussion

Is there a possibility that the Visa will not be granted?
Pastor Christenson – This process is not guaranteed. We feel that it is very likely and would not have moved forward if we felt otherwise.

Will this call have Carlos continuing what he is currently doing, or will he have other duties?
Pastor Christenson – His main role will be focusing on the San Pablo ministry. He will be able to focus more time on San Pablo now that he will not be a student. He may have more duties within the English ministry.

Ballots collected and counted – ***Unanimous vote, 51-0, to extend a divine call to Vicar Carlos Velasquez***. Votes consisted of 48 in-person and 3 via zoom.

Adjournment & Lord's Prayer

There being no further business to come before the assembly, a motion was made, seconded and approved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned with the Lord's Prayer at 11:41 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Kanneg