



# The Visitor



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## Hope Forum 2014: You're Kidding, Right? ... Creative Transformation and Hope for Ending Poverty

Is it really possible to end poverty in Minnesota? The Hope Forum will tackle that question on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at University Lutheran Church of Hope, beginning at 10:00 a.m. The conversation is free, open to the public, and includes lunch.

Co-sponsored by Process and Faith: Twin Cities, this conversation about the structures of economic inequality and what is happening to change them will be led by Rev. Dr. Nancy Maeker, recently retired Executive Director of A Minnesota Without Poverty, and Rev. Dr. Lynne Lorenzen, Professor Emeritus of Augsburg College, a scholar of the dynamic relationship of faith and politics. If planning to attend, RSVP to Kirsten Mebust, [Kirsten.mebust@gmail.com](mailto:Kirsten.mebust@gmail.com).

Founded in 2004, the goals of A Minnesota Without Poverty are "to build the public will to end poverty, effect public policy, engage public leadership, promote public accountability, and broaden the public access for the development and economic well-being of *all* Minnesota communities." (<http://www.mnwithoutpoverty.org#!about-us/c1ah0>) These efforts are a response to the Minnesota Legislature's Commission to End Poverty by 2020. A Minnesota Without Poverty builds relationships to advocate for legislative change and works through micro-enterprise partnerships to create business opportunities. According to Ms. Maeker, "We believe there is enough for all to have enough if we all do our part."

Process Faith is an interfaith organization of the Center for Process at Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California. Process Faith: Twin Cities sponsors three conversations a year, bringing issues of importance into the conversation with relational theology and communities of faith.

– Kirsten Mebust, Hope in the World



## Faith Formation for All Ages on Sunday Mornings

On Sunday morning, there are classes and sessions for all ages. Clair Gustafson supervises the youngest members in the nursery on the second floor of the education wing. Below is information about groups from ages three and older.

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### Creation Stations



The goal of Creation Stations is to learn about the Bible through hands-on activities such as drama, cooking, crafts, music and games. Fun and learning about the Bible can go together! Classes for grades 1-6 are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. in classroom 102 – 103 on the lower level.

- October 5 – Jonah and the Big Fish – For parents and children in Fellowship Hall with Diane Shallue. Enjoy storytelling and craft projects.
  - October 12 – music time for children in room 205 with Rosalie Eldevik and Diane Shallue. Enjoy percussion, chimes and singing.
  - October 19 & 26. Lesson on “The Disciples” in two groups. Students in grade one in room 103 with Kristine Robinson and Mary Greenwaldt and grades 3-5 in room 102 with Uli Koester and Arthur French.
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### Godly Play

Classes for children ages three through kindergarten are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:25 AM in rooms 201-202. Godly Play creates sacred space to hear and learn Bible stories using objects and play. Students and teachers wonder together and then children are encouraged to respond to the stories on their own terms using art materials.

The structure of the Godly Play lesson models worship with Gathering time, Hearing the Story / Word, Response time / Offering, and Feast / Communion.

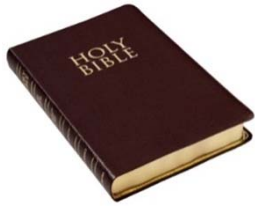
- October 5 – Noah Builds an Ark
- October 12 – The Great Flood
- October 19 – The Rainbow
- October 26 – Abram and Sarai



### Youth Group

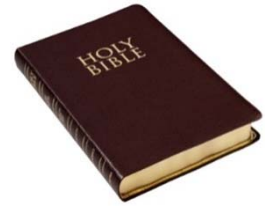
Youth Group meets on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. in the Youth Room with adult leaders Jack Dant and Leena Haugland Rapacz. The discussion will focus on topics of interest to the group. All students in grades 9 – 12 are welcome.





## Confirmation

Confirmation Sunday classes meet at 9:30 a.m. in Room 203-204 with Kirsten Mebust, with a focus on the Bible lessons used in worship. The Wednesday night classes meet on October 8 & 22, with a focus on Holy Baptism.



## Adult Forums in Heritage Hall (9:30 a.m. below the Sanctuary)

Adult Forums meet on Sunday mornings from 9:30 – 10:25 a.m. in Heritage Hall.

October 5 – “Call Committee Process and Planning” Karen Westwood will discuss the call process and planning for the Call Committee which will be elected at the congregational meeting on October 19.

October 12 – “Luther Seminary: Paths into the Future” by Dr. Michael Chan. Dr. Chan joined Luther Seminary in July 2013. Prior to this appointment, he spent a year teaching and researching at the University of Helsinki, Finland. What excites Chan most is the opportunity to teach students who feel called to read Scripture on behalf of the church and the world. Chan has taught and ministered in many settings, congregational and academic. He served as youth pastor at Grace Lutheran Church (Kingman, AZ) and Van Nuys Korean United Methodist Church (Van Nuys, CA). He and his wife were also responsible for a campus ministry at Pacific Lutheran University (Tacoma, WA).

October 19 – “Bishop Eaton.” Last year the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) elected Elizabeth Eaton to replace Mark Hanson as presiding Bishop. Learn a bit more about Eaton – the first woman to hold that post – by looking at stories about her, and in her own words. Bishop Eaton was a pastor at the church in which Uli Koester grew up. Uli and Scott Hvizdos will guide the discussion.

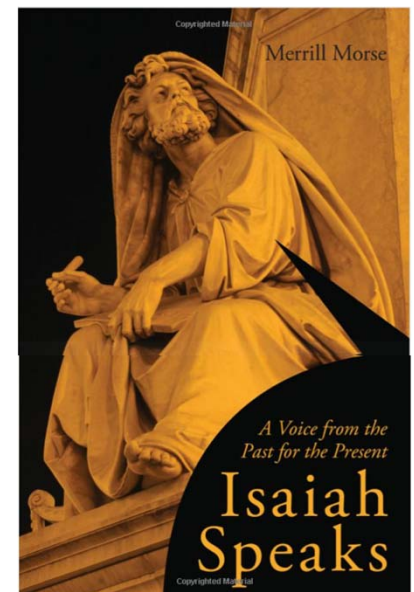
October 26 – “Who is God?” Does God exist in a modern society? What is your image for God? What images for God does the Bible use? Diane Shallue will facilitate a discussion on these questions using a short video by Brian McLaren. Bring your questions and a mind open to new ways to think about God.



**Small Groups begin in October! You can choose several study options.** *Encounters with Jesus*, based on the gospel of John, and *Isaiah Speaks*, based on a book by that same name written by Merrill Morse. In addition to the face to face groups, Diane Shallue will facilitate a Facebook discussion group on the *Encounters with Jesus* study.

The Hope Connections Task Force consists of Marilyn Asp, John Beane, Sarah Gomez, Gretchen Peik, Renee Real-Banas, and Alden Tetlie, with Diane Shallue as staff support.

All are welcome to participate! Contact Diane Shallue to join a group!



## Greetings from the New Youth Minister

It is with great joy and honor that I accept the position of Youth Minister here at University Lutheran Church of Hope. I look forward to what God has in store for all of us as I join your ministry. Now that my wife, Isabel, and I are settling into your congregation, I would like to take this opportunity to tell you a bit about myself!

I was born into a family of faithful Episcopalians in Worcester, Massachusetts. When I was six years old, my family moved to Albany, New York, which I called home until I moved to St. Paul. My two older brothers and I attended the same middle school and high school, and when it came time to go to college, we all chose the same place: Houghton. Houghton College is a small Christian liberal arts school about an hour-and-a-half south of Buffalo, NY.

I deeply valued my time as an undergrad. Those four years formed and shaped my identity. While at Houghton, I was able to spend a semester studying in London where I learned so much about what it means to not only be a citizen and product of the Western world, but also a Christian. It was at Houghton where I first developed a love for Lutheran theology. I became a Lutheran, and spent a year working as the youth minister of a Lutheran church (incidentally also called “Hope”). Most importantly, it was at Houghton where I met my wife, Isabel, an Oklahoman interested in sustainable farming, correcting the food industry, and nutritional therapy.

After graduating from Houghton, Isabel and I got married and moved to St. Paul, to advance my education at Luther Seminary. So far, our time in the Twin Cities has been wonderful, and we look forward to spending the next years here. I feel extremely blessed to be able to learn and teach at ULCH. I am very excited to begin working with the youth, and to get to know them better, along with each member of the congregation. I look forward to all that the next two years will hold as we do the LORD’s work together here in Minneapolis!

– James A. Vitale, Jr., Youth Minister

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## Message from the New Lutheran Campus Minister

Greetings! My name is Tim Schroeder and I am your new Lutheran Campus Minister, in partnership with University Lutheran Church of Hope and Lutheran Campus Ministry at the University of Minnesota. My main responsibilities include intentional outreach to the college students who worship with us during the school year. I am new to the Twin-Cities. I recently moved here this summer to begin my Master of Divinity Program at Luther Seminary in Saint Paul. I am originally from Antigo, WI, which is about 90 miles northwest of Green Bay. I graduated in 2011 from the University of Wisconsin-Stout in Menomonie, WI, with an undergraduate degree in Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management.



I look forward to working with the congregation and fostering a welcoming community for our college students. With the start of the school year I have been contemplating Hebrews 13:1-2; “Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.” Let us welcome new students into our midst as we can be their home away from home!

In Christian Partnership,

– Tim Schroeder, Lutheran Campus Minister

## Visitation Pastor's Report

Andi Wolfe Nelson has died from complications of multiple sclerosis. There was a depth about her and a brightness too, present in our many visits together. I hold these visits and Andi close in my heart as we hold this family in our hearts and thank God that we could know her.

More transitions and happenings are ahead for our homebound and other members. We could have group communion at Chandler/St. Anthony Care Center and Augustana Home, though I also enjoy time alone with each member.

Soon we will be celebrating our Homecoming for Homebound, now an annual event, on Sunday, September 28, beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the lounge and continuing with special recognition at the 10:30 a.m. service. Stop by for coffee and brunch, sponsored by the Friendly Visitors, and a good welcome to those who come – happy to be back in this familiar, wonderful church. A good day is coming.

Peace,

– Pastor Esther Dant

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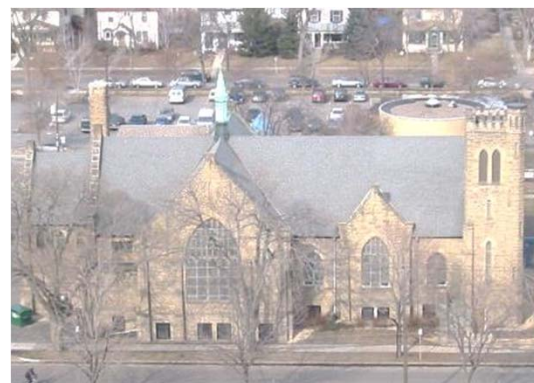
## Vision & Governance Board

The Vision & Governance Board of University Lutheran Church of Hope held its regularly-scheduled monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2014. As has been the case for several months, the bulk of the meeting was devoted to long-term visioning and planning. This month Kristin Wiersma from Kairos and Associates worked with us to help sharpen our vision of Hope's identity and mission that will inform, guide, and inspire our upcoming mission appeal and the launch of our call process. In terms of regular monthly business, the primary agenda items included:

- a presentation from Marty Lewis-Hunstiger about plans and priorities for the monthly *The Visitor* newsletter (she and Donna Neste have agreed to take over editing duties from James Flaten starting now and doing so completely by the beginning in 2015);
- a report from Karen Westwood of the Personnel committee about the hiring of two new staff members for youth ministry and campus ministry;
- an update on the development of a new church website;
- a discussion of Kathy Knudson's proposal, on behalf of the facilities/green team, about grant opportunities for improvements to our drainage system and parking lots.

Also, based upon recent inquiries from various community organizations about availability and cost, we decided that we will need to re-evaluate and update our policies regarding building use some time in the near future.

– Doug Hartmann, Congregational President



## Facilities Report

The Facilities Team has been busy with many small tasks this summer, some inside and some outside. Thanks to our volunteers, most have had a smaller price tag too. The new finance campaign will focus on items that still need attention. Ours is an old building and is always in need of some maintenance. But, just remember the things that have been accomplished and at very reasonable costs: new boilers, up-dated lighting throughout the building, new shingles on the sanctuary roof, and an up-dated and fresh Heritage Hall.

– Fred Kreider, Facilities

# Rhythm and Play



**October 11, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**

For children ages 3-7 and their parents.

**FREE! NO CHARGE!**

Non-members are welcome to participate. Pre-registration requested with Diane Shallue at [dianes@ulch.org](mailto:dianes@ulch.org) or (612) 331-5988 ext \*819.

Children will have 30 minutes of music instruction, teaching rhythm and movement using the Orff Approach. The Orff Approach is a "child-centered way of learning" music education that treats music as a basic system like [language](#) and believes that just as every child can learn language without formal instruction so can every child learn music by a gentle and friendly approach. After the music time, there will be a snack and free play in the nursery. The music instructor will be Rosalie Eldevik.

## October Book Sale

### Benefits Malaria Project

Please save your good books to donate to our book sale. Books will be collected in the storage area of Fellowship Hall beginning Sunday, Oct. 5.

- The sale will be Sat. and Sun., Oct. 11-12.
- Hours: Friday (sorting day) 1:00 p.m. till done. Saturday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
- Does anyone have shelves we can use for that week?

Are you able to help? We will need lots of help. Come when you can in order to sort, and please sign up to sell and knock down the sale. Contact Ruth Fingerson at [rfingerson@comcast.net](mailto:rfingerson@comcast.net) or call (651) 633-5316. Sign-up sheets will be posted.



## Senior Group October Gathering

All seniors and friends are invited to the Senior Group luncheon and program on **Wednesday, October 15, at 12:00 noon** in Fellowship Hall. Please make reservations for the meal with your caller or by phoning Pastor Esther Dant at (651) 636-7834 or (612) 331-5988, \*818 by **Thursday, October 9.**

The **1:00 p.m.** program, *Life's Journey – What's in Your Suitcase?*, will be presented by Chuck Tindell, a retired Lutheran pastor who is serving as visitation minister at a local church as well as volunteering as a police chaplain for the city of Apple Valley, MN. He has served parishes for 20 plus years and has served as the Director of Pastoral Care at a large health care facility for 13 years. He is the author of several books on spirituality and aging, including *Seeing Beyond the Wrinkles*, for which he was awarded the National Mature Media's coveted Gold Award. We will explore the traits we carry in our "suitcases" on our life's journey as "messengers of God."

**COME! Everyone is welcome! Invite your friends!** If you need transportation, please contact Leona Reyelts at (612) 378-2444 and a ride will be arranged.

## ***Frozen* – the Disney Movie**

Come to watch the movie *Frozen* on Sunday, October 12, beginning at 3:00 p.m. in Heritage Hall. Friends and family are welcome to attend. At 4:00 p.m. the parents will leave to hear Pastor Heather Culuris share insights about the Lutheran theological perspectives found in this film up in the lounge. She is quite passionate about this topic and you will enjoy her presentation. Pastor Culuris is a mom of two kids and a pastor at Holden and Dale churches in Kenyon, MN.



After the movie, children will have supervised activities followed by a pizza supper for the whole family. There will be a free-will donation for supper. Questions? Contact Diane Shallue.

Note: There will be no charge for admission as this event is sponsored by the Children's Ministry Team.

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## **Mendelssohn's *Psalm 42* Cantata to be Performed by Massed Choirs and Orchestra on October 26**

On the evening of October 26 the Hope Choir will perform a Psalm Cantata by Felix Mendelssohn. They will be joined by the Hope Festival Choir, as well as the choirs of University Baptist and Grace University Lutheran. An orchestra of some 35 players, made up of church members and University of MN students, will join about 80 singers to perform this under-performed master-work of "the other" Lutheran composer.

Felix Mendelssohn was the grandson of the famous Jewish scholar Moses Mendelssohn. When he was seven, his parents decided it would be politically expedient for the family to be Protestant instead of Jewish. Thus Felix was raised as a Lutheran in Berlin, but with a strong Jewish heritage. This dual background is interesting to consider when examining Mendelssohn's music for the church – especially when the text comes from the Old Testament. In addition to being a composer, he was also an accomplished pianist and organist, a fine water colorist (the posters for this event feature a painting by him), the founder of modern conducting, fluent in four languages, and the musicologist responsible for our appreciation of Johann Sebastian Bach.

*Psalm 42*, Mendelssohn's Opus 42, is scored for SATB choir, soprano soloist, and orchestra. Mendelssohn used Martin Luther's German translation from the Hebrew. It is generally accepted that the church music of Mendelssohn's day – in both Protestant and Catholic churches – was in a sad state. J. S. Bach was relatively unknown, and the music commonly used was unimaginative and poorly written. Thus, when *Psalm 42* was premiered in 1837, Robert Schumann proclaimed that it was "the highest point that [Mendelssohn] reached as a composer for the church. Indeed, the highest point recent church music has reached at all." This sentiment was echoed in a recent communication with Dr. Peter Mercer-Taylor from the University of MN who called *Psalm 42* his favorite of Mendelssohn's choral works, "and the competition is pretty thick!"

Professor Mercer-Taylor wrote the book *The Life of Mendelssohn* and edited *The Cambridge Companion to Mendelssohn*. We are thrilled that he will be giving a brief talk just before our performance of *Psalm 42* about Mendelssohn, his connection to Judaism and Lutheranism, and how that affected his view of the Psalms.

The cantata will be performed in the context of Evening Prayer (Vespers) at 7:30 p.m. on October 26, which is also Reformation Day. In addition to *Psalm 42*, the massed choirs will sing Mendelssohn's sublime *Nunc Dimittis*, and Stephen Self, organist at Bethel University and Grace University Lutheran, will perform one of Mendelssohn's organ sonatas on Hope's fine pipe organ. The lecture by Professor Mercer-Taylor will start at 7:00 p.m.

– Luke Tegtmeier, Minister of Worship and Music

## Treasurer's Report for August 2014

August giving was \$36,496.70 and our rental income was \$8,096.81, for total income of \$44,593.51. We are \$2,086.49 under our budget for August total income and are \$6,392.87 under our budget for the Year-to-Date in total income. Our giving so far this year is \$12,403.63 under our projected budget. However our rental income has exceeded our projected budget by \$6,010.76, so the rental income is taking up some of the shortfall in giving. The unexpectedly low giving is something we will need to address in the coming months.

Our expenses for August were \$43,016.20. We budgeted \$42,180.50 in expenses, so we were \$835.70 over budget in expenses for the month. But Year-to-Date expenses are \$12,363.85 under budget.

August net income was \$1,577.31, under budget by \$2,922.19. Net Income is \$5,970.88 over budget for the Year-to-Date.

Thank you again for your financial gifts and in all the other ways you contribute to the life and health of this congregation as it serves others, both here in SE Minneapolis and around the world. It is wonderful to see our members contribute not just their financial resources but all of the volunteer hours that makes this congregation a vibrant and thoughtful presence in the community.

### August 2014 and Year-to-Date Income and Expenses

Summary for 2014	August 2014 Actuals	August 2014 Budget	August 2014 Over/(Under)	2014 Year-to-Date Actuals	2014 Year-to-Date Budget	2014 Year-to-Date Over/(Under)
General Giving	36,496.70	38,741.00	(2,244.30)	294,974.37	307,378.00	(12,403.63)
Rental Income	8,096.81	7,939.00	157.81	70,572.76	64,562.00	6,010.76
Total Income	44,593.51	46,680.00	(2,086.49)	365,547.13	371,940.00	(6,392.87)
Total Expenses	43,016.20	42,180.50	835.70	360,960.90	373,324.75	(12,363.85)
Net Income	1,577.31	4,499.50	(2,922.19)	4,586.23	(1,384.75)	5,970.96



Total income for Invitation to Hope 2 (I2H2) in August was \$7,686.22. We paid out \$6,918.89 for the mortgage and received \$209.16 for building improvements from PEASE Academy. Our net expense was \$6,709.73. Our net income for the month was \$976.49.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact me at [treasurer@ulch.org](mailto:treasurer@ulch.org). Detailed financial statements are available at <http://www.ulch.org/CurrentFinancialReports.pdf>.

– Tim Abrahamson, Treasurer



## Hope Book Club

The Hope Book Club Invites you to join them to discuss a spooky tale for Halloween, *All Hallow's Eve*, by Charles Williams, on October 12, 2014, at 7 p.m. in the Hope Library.

Charles Williams was a lecturer on the faculty of Oxford University and a friend of T.S. Eliot, Dorothy Sayers, J.R.R. Tolkien, and C.S. Lewis. In Williams' novels the demarcation between the natural world and the spiritual world disappears. In this novel the newly-dead interact with the living. The novel is set in London following World War II. Simon the Clerk, a sorcerer with astonishing magical powers, lusts for fame and world domination and has it nearly within his grip. His power is pitted against ordinary humans whose strength derives from the moral choices for good that they are making as the novel progresses. The sorcerer creates, from dust, a dwarf woman and seals within it Lester and Evelyn, two souls who have recently died in a terrible accident. Both continue to make choices which determine their destinies, as do Lester's husband Richard, Richard's artist friend Jonathan, Lester's friend Betty, and her cunning mother, Lady Wallingford. The story climaxes in the strange events of All Hallow's Eve and the peace and healing which follow on the Hallow's (All Saints' Day). [Book review by Marjorie Haddad]

And for Thanksgiving season, join us along with the Cherokee Nation on Nov. 9 to discuss *Leadership Lessons from the Cherokee Nation*, by Chad "Corntassle" Smith.

Please contact Sonja Peterson with book suggestions or questions by calling (612) 789-0397 or by writing to [speterson@dunnwald.com](mailto:speterson@dunnwald.com).

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## MICAH

*The following is the third in a series of articles about worthy organizations that work to change policies to benefit the poor and the powerless.*

The Metro Interfaith Council on Affordable Housing (MICAH) lives out the prophetic vision that calls us "to do justice, to love mercy and to walk humbly with God." (Micah 6:8)

Religious leaders, community members and low-income housing developers founded MICAH in 1988 in response to the accelerating homeless crisis. Through MICAH, more than 100 congregations from Jewish, Christian, and Muslim faith traditions organize for justice in housing. MICAH envisions a metropolitan area where everyone without exception has a safe, decent, and affordable place to call home.

Since its inception, MICAH has gained extensive experience waging local and regional policy campaigns to change policies and shift public resources to affordable housing. Their grassroots organizing model develops congregational leaders who speak out. The following are MICAH's major victories:

- 5500 families have an affordable home because MICAH spoke up for their development or preservation.
- 20% set-aside policy. Minneapolis housing policy now guarantees that all new housing development with 10 or more units will set aside 20% of those units as affordable. It also targets the city's housing dollars to individuals earning below 50% of the metropolitan median income (MMI).
- 27 land use plans have been strengthened to reduce regulatory barriers to affordable housing, including inclusionary zoning, increased housing densities, and reducing development fees.
- In coalition, they have increased state appropriations by \$52 million for affordable housing programs.
- They increased local investment in affordable housing by supporting the Minneapolis Housing Trust Fund and incentive funds in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, and Ramsey counties.

At MICAH our most important function is to make possible the empowerment of many, by growing the numbers of leaders for action and growing the number of congregations committed to affordable housing.

– Donna Pususta Neste, Hope in the World

## President's Perspective

This may be a bit dry and I'll try to keep it short, but there are two very important pieces of work going on at University Lutheran Church of Hope this fall that are in need of your attention. The first is about the process we will use to identify and call a minister to succeed Pastor Shirley upon his retirement in the spring.

With half a year of self-study and reflection under our belt, we have received the formal go-ahead from the Synod to initiate the call process. Our church constitution dictates that the work is to be led and conducted by a call committee composed of two members from the personnel committee, four members elected from the congregation at large, and chaired by the past-president (at this time, Karen Westwood).

We, on the Vision and Governance Board, have been giving a lot of thought to the composition of this committee, in particular with respect to the all-important at-large positions. We haven't focused on names or specific individuals. Instead, we have tried to identify the key constituencies in our congregation that should have a voice and representation in this process. We have also come to believe that it is very important to have individuals who not only have the time and energy to take on this commitment, but have a deep understanding of the community and have been involved in some way with our recent self-study and the development of Hope's long-term mission and vision.

To that end, the Board will be trying to identify and contact potential committee nominees. If you or someone you know is interested in the possibility of serving on this committee, I would invite you to talk to Karen Westwood, someone on the Board, or me. Our goal is to be able to present a slate of candidates to lead the congregation in and through the call process.

At our October 5 Adult Forum, Karen will lead a discussion about this process and present a plan for the Congregational Meeting where we will make the final decisions. That election meeting will be on Sunday, October 19. Please mark these dates on your calendar and prayerfully consider nominating yourself or another you believe would serve well the needs of the nominating committee.

The other big piece of work you should know about involves the need to renew our capital funding commitments. We've been making these pledges on a three-year cycle over the past few years, and our previous "Invitation to Hope 2" (I2H2) campaign, expired last June. We are working with Kairos and Associates (the same group that we consulted with on our spring self-study) on this renewal project, which we are tentatively calling our "Mission Appeal." We have a great core leadership team already in place and an ambitious timeline in mind. If all goes well, we will launch this appeal sometime in October, in conjunction with our annual stewardship drive, and try to wrap it up before the year is over.

Our success in this endeavor, of course, will rely upon your participation and commitment. Please prayerfully consider what your role and contributions to the ongoing work of your church will be.

I guess the one other thing I want to stress is that the Board sees this mission appeal as essential, not only for establishing the financial health of the congregation but as a process that should inform and energize all of us about the current work and exciting future of our church. In fact, besides working to ensure a successful appeal, the Kairos consulting team is helping us coordinate it with the long-term visioning and planning that we think will guide us in our call process, as well as chart the course for Hope's future.

Suffice it to say, it is a very big fall for us here at Hope. The work we do and commitments we make in the next few months will go a long way toward establishing the foundations for the short and long term vitality of this great and good community of God's people.

– Doug Hartmann, Congregational President

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