

Pastor's Report to Consistory
June 6, 2016

During the month of May, I was able to catch up on visiting folks who are confined to home or in care centers. This is always enriching for me. Also, during this month we celebrated Mothers' Day (May 8), had our birthday party for the Palestinian child that we sponsor through the Sunday school (May 15), and recognized our graduates. Funds from Sunday school offerings paid for both the party and gifts for our graduates, which include a Bible for our High School grads. I thank Joni Mattei for the beautiful hand calligraphy dedications that she wrote.

On Memorial Day, I participated in the remembrance of veterans at Woodlawn Cemetery. I always find this an honor that the American Legion is so open to including me.

I have initiated planning for the October 2, 2016 CROP Walk. Both John Titus and I will be the Coordinators for the Walk. Once again this year, we have a Boy Scout who is working on the Walk as his Eagle Scout project.

I am applying for a Mission Grant through the Penn West Conference to provide funding for me to work with a coach over the coming year, equipping me to more effectively equip our leadership for the future. I see the next few years of transition as critical for Denmark Manor, and Jan Nolting Carter, who was one of the instructors at the course on Transitional Ministry that I took in February, works one on one with pastors to help them become more effective in their work. I am impressed with Jan and her background as a Transitional Specialist, and I know that that two heads are better than one. I can use my 2017 Continuing Education funds and get up to \$1,500 through the Penn West Conference. This grant will be written for the church, rather than for me individually as it is for the church's benefit. The grant must be submitted in July, and since I will be away for three weeks, I will be completing it in June. (I need a vote on this from Consistory in order to proceed.)

Don McIlvaine and I will be attending the Penn West Conference Annual Meeting June 10 and 11, and we look forward to sharing worship on June 12 with our sisters and brothers in Christ at Hill's Church as we celebrate our Global Mission Partnership with the Northwest Luzon Conference of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines. Alan Latherow will be one of the Acolytes and the choir will be participating along with the choir from Hill's church. Our Filipino guests are the Rev. Marjorie Belmonte, Bishop Eledore Sambat and the Rev. Noel Pagdileo, as well as a choir who just happens to be touring the USA from the University of the Philippines.

Respectfully submitted,



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