**DECEMBER COUNCIL CONNECTIONS**

The King of Glory Church Council met for a regularly scheduled meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, December 7. Here are December meeting highlights:

**Financial Report**

Income received as of November 30, 2021: $415,274

Income budgeted: $397,708

Income Received without the two Paycheck Protection Program Loans: $335,046

The church received two Paycheck Protection Program loans in 2021 for $80,228 added to the total income received. These loans were part of the Rescue Act passed by Congress to assist businesses and non-profit organizations with revenue shortfalls during the pandemic. These two loans have been forgiven and do not need to be repaid.

Total Expenditures as of November 30, 2021: $390,437

Budgeted Expenditures: $415,460

The expenditures do not include the capital improvement projects which are being funded by the loan from the Mission Investment Fund of the ELCA.

Thank you to all who have returned pledge commitments and new Time and Talent information. Your return of your pledge commitments has assisted the Council in preparing the 2022 budget. Pledge cards and Time and Talent forms are available in the church.

**Update on Capital Improvement Projects**

The three outdoor capital improvement projects have been completed! We are very relieved that the roof update and repair, and the painting of the cross tower were completed before the fall rains came to the Treasure Valley. Very timely as the fall rainy weather began just as the roofing contractor removed his equipment.

 The audio and sound project is in progress. Neurilink and King of Glory representatives have been meeting to go over project details. It is expected that the actual installation will begin the end of February once ordered equipment has been shipped, and “pre” details like upgrading power and running cables have been done in the sanctuary. Matt Lee has assumed the responsibilities of Project Manager, representing King of Glory’s interests and needs in this project. We appreciate the assistance of Wes Lewis and Katie Vaage.

**Christmas at King of Glory**

In-person Christmas Eve services, are scheduled for Friday, December 24 at 5 and 7 PM. The on-line virtual service will premiere at 4 PM. All attending will be asked to mask and be vaccinated. Sunday, December 26 will have one in-person worship service at 10 AM.

The Council had a lengthy discussion on King of Glory’s pandemic protocol. Wanting to ensure a safe environment for all, and providing reasonable options for those who are not comfortable gathering in person, Council voted to continue requiring masks and vaccinations for all who attend worship. A constant in all pandemic protocol decisions continues to be the community case load in the area, and the spread of known and new variants. The acknowledgement of the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations and wearing masks and the practice of safe distancing continues to be important. What a special gift to be able to sing a hymn during the Advent worship services! Hymn singing will continue through the Christmas season.

**2022 Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 30, 2022**

The 2022 King of Glory Annual meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, January 30 at 10:30 AM. There will be one service that Sunday at 9AM, followed by the Annual Meeting which will be virtual, in-person in the sanctuary or on-line via Zoom.

 Congregational information sessions to discuss the proposed budget will be held on January 16 and 23 between the worship services. This will be a chance to better understand the proposed 2022 budget.