

The annual meeting of the Mi Conference gave opportunity to meet and greet some of the ministers and others from other areas of the state via zoom. Phil Hart, the transitional state minister, expressed that the conference is still suggesting nothing in person but within the breakout sessions it became obvious that many are and have been meeting in person on Sunday for some time. When the community is older and wiser and vaccinated they tend to be meeting in person. The reminder was that we will never be back to what was and to be creative as the movement is forward as each local church savors what was good and works to make things better by engaging folks in spiritual growth via meditation and contemplation.

We are living in an in-between/liminal time of unknowing and we move forward by making decisions by consensus after real discussion and questioning on anything we take on. Information is for all the membership as is some of the discussion.

Unfortunately the Eastern Association Fall Meeting was canceled because of lack of interest. That is sad, however, the pastors meet often during the month so we exchange ideas and information about what each local church is up to. In person visits by the pastor were by phone and snail mail this month and I expect it will be in the Newsletter that Bill Wagner has moved to Rochester Hills and his new address provided so all can update their directories.

Grant monies have been made available for improvement in our on-line experience. Tyler Barbarian will assist Price with the how to and what is needed for a better on-line exposure. At present the local church has no laptop, compatible projector, or mics to even do what is happening at this time. Our 'saints' Sunday is on Halloween this year so as to make time available for set up for the auction the following Sunday. Sometimes worship, the work of the people, has to be simplified to accommodate such an activity. By the way Pastor Alex, from Trinity Lutheran Church has accepted a chaplain position across the state and his last Sunday in Richmond will be on November 7. I have really enjoyed doing ministry with him and Tom together and to date I've no date for our Thanksgiving evening of prayer that the three local churches do together.

Helen, kudos to Helen, as she is 'excited' about being able to now do the power point and learning how to add pics to make the power point more exciting and pleasant to look at. The prayers of the people have been coming in via some on-line folks we have yet to meet in person. By the way, two on-liners have asked to become members, any ideas on how to do this as we usually do it in person.

Quote from Catherine Mahoney: *Good, Better, Best, may we never rest, till our good is better and our better best.*

Respectfully submitted, Pastor KatieD+ 10/21/2021