

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF LAKE TRAVIS  
REGULAR SESSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 23, 2022**

Elders present: Lynn Fisher, Chrystie Thrasher, Terry McKetta, Larry Foster, Steve Gottlieb, Mary Margaret MacMillan

Rev. Barden called the meeting to order at 12:25 pm. A quorum was declared.

Minutes for the September 25 Session meeting were approved and will be filed.

**Moderator's Report:**

Rev. Barden attended the Mission Presbytery meeting in Rockport, Texas, on October 21. Two people were approved for ordination. Four ordained pastors were welcomed in the presbytery. Committee reports were presented.

Regular Session meetings for the remainder of the year will be on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

Don Harris's memorial service is scheduled for November 19 at Alice Harris's home.

**Committee Reports:**

Outreach:

Steve Gottlieb gave a report on the mentoring project. Jamie Holt will give Steve names of high school counselors as contacts in order to connect with a mentee. Steve Gottlieb has been talking with Baylor, Scott and White about indigent health care. There is the possibility of IAMLT spearheading this effort with individual houses of worship as members of the effort. Perhaps start with diabetes screening as a service project. PCLT is in favor of this effort and will participate with other houses of worship to make this happen.

Steve Gottlieb has talked with BSW about the possibility of holding meetings at PCLT. We would need to become a member of Grief Share, a national organization. More research on this possibility is needed and there will be further discussion at the December Regular Session meeting about this and about other groups that might meet at PCLT.

The Outreach Committee report is attached. The committee is undertaking a project to get oral histories of PCLT members to post on the website. Helen Foster will spearhead this effort.

There is the possibility of having a children's choir workshop over a weekend. Priscilla Rust and Austin Bradley will undertake this effort.

Mission:

The report is attached to these minutes

The committee is moving forward with Hands for Hope gift cards for Thanksgiving. We are registering people to receive these cards, with a maximum of 45. So far, 25 people have signed up.

### Hospitality:

The report is attached to these minutes.

Pie and Property Day was successful. Caring cards are being sent. The pantry will be reorganized.

### Christian Education:

The report is attached.

### Property:

One of the posts on the bell tower has begun to rot. The extent of the rot will be examined and Steve Gottlieb will report back.

### Finance:

We will have money at the end of the year.

The technology problems with TPF and Bank of America have been solved.

Processes have been put in place so that we can give our attention to Outreach and Mission.

We are still not operating at break-even so we need to build our membership. We need to leverage our coordination with other organizations.

As we approach stewardship season, how do we encourage our members to give more. How do we get our members to invest more in our success.

The suggestion was made to make personal visits to every member to give a brief overview of the church and try to make them aware and more attached to PCLT with a larger investment. This would also give us an opportunity to know our members better.

### Old Business:

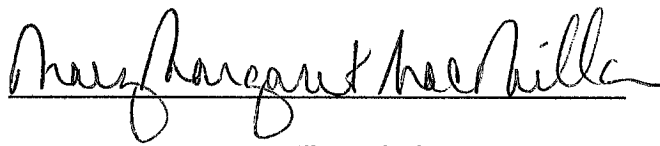
Quintet360 will have a concert at PCLT on Sunday, December 11 at 5:30 pm. The Vision Statement will be discussed at the December Session meeting.

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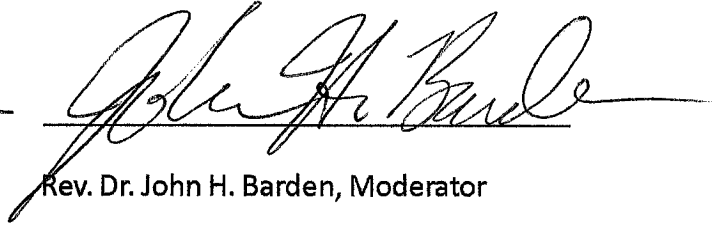
There will be an initial meeting with Emily Bhandari on November 6 (pot-luck lunch). Emily will walk us through the practice of telling our own faith stories and our history with PCLT. This will help us determine what we need to do next. This meeting will be open to the entire congregation. The goal is to give Emily information to use in structuring a future meeting and to inform the congregation on what we envision for our future. This will build the profile of our church, this is who we are, this is where we came from and this is what we value. A second step will be Emily meeting with the Session on Nov. 20. She will report out what she heard at the Nov. 6 meeting. A third meeting will be held in January 2023, perhaps in conjunction with the congregational meeting, to determine actionable items.

More information to come about Advent and Christmas

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:19 pm

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Mary Margaret MacMillan, Clerk.

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Rev. Dr. John H. Barden, Moderator