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## **Summary of the RLCA Council Meeting June 11, 2019**

TO: Resurrection Lutheran Church of Alpena Congregation  
FROM: Jay Walterreit, 2019-20 Council Chair  
DATE: June 16, 2019  
RE: Summary of the June 11, 2019, RLCA Council Meeting

Many congregation members have expressed an interest in knowing what Council is working on these days. I can tell you: we've been busy!

In an effort to promote communication and understanding in our congregation, I will send out periodic updates on what Council is doing. We on Council value your feedback, so please continue to share your thoughts and ideas with anyone on Council and let it be known that you'd like your thoughts shared with others.

Here's what happened at the June 11 Council meeting along with some follow-up info.

Council elected Joe Spigelmyre to fill the remainder of John Diamond's Council term (which ends in May 2020). Welcome back, Joe! Thank you for your service, John!

Council also elected me as Council Chair for the 2019-20 year. Thank you, Council members, for that vote of support! I will do my best to be positive, inclusive, encouraging, and help our congregation work toward achieving our mission of making disciples. Dennis Kindt was elected Vice Chair, and Jolie Danielson was elected Secretary. I look forward to serving with them and all of Council this year.

Linda Kitzman called me (thank you Pastor Herb!) and agreed to pick up the Bible study activities she worked on previously. Thank you Linda!

Stacy Bauer has agreed to pick up the transition tasks she worked on previously, with the help of Joe Spigelmyre in some areas. Thank you Stacy and Joe!

I talked to Pastor Brad Matuzak about him committing to 3-4 months of preaching on Sundays for us until we have an intentional interim pastor. He has accepted! This is a great relief and will provide continuity for our congregation as we move forward... not to mention the fact that Pastor Brad is a great preacher!

With the four people above on board for our new Transition Team, we should have all the ministry bases covered! We are excited to keep these ministries active and serving our congregation. If you are interested in participating in any of RLCA's ministries, please contact Julie Wood or a Council member.

Doug Horne was affirmed as Treasurer for the 2019-20 year. I think this is great news and will ensure we have accurate information and advice as we talk about how we move forward as a congregation this coming year. Thank you Doug!

Council discussed Pastor Perry Fruhling's suggestion that RLCA contract with an intentional interim pastor to help lead us as we prepare for a new call process. Council enthusiastically agreed to the idea. I have received a list of potential interim pastor candidates, which I have passed to Dennis Kindt and Joe Spigelmyre for research. Making initial contact with the short list of potential interim pastors is my most urgent priority right now.

Council discussed the possibility of forming a conflict resolution team at RLCA and pursuing training from Pastor Fruhling and LCMC. Council agreed that this would be a great learning opportunity for our church. We talked about possible scenarios for training. One idea I was excited about and have contacted Pastor Fruhling about was for RLCA to host an extended conflict resolution training session and invite other churches to participate. I will release more information about this subject as it develops.

Work from the Council meeting that still needs to be done...

In an effort to document our history, I will work on a list of audit committee members through the years. We will also document how the Financial Secretary position duties are distributed.

Julie Wood is working on a list of her current tasks and will let us know what tasks she would like help with. If you're interested in volunteering to help Julie and our congregation, please let her know about your availability.

Once we're ready to contact interim pastor candidates, we will need to form a larger "interim pastor call committee." This will probably be a fast-moving process. I will keep the congregation informed as we move forward.

There's more going on but I'll end this update now.

Thank you to everyone for your energy, attention, patience, and compassion. I am confident we are moving forward together, all for the glory of God.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jay Walterreit".

Jay Walterreit  
2019-20 RLCA Council Chair