

## THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

### MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 7:00 P.M. – VIRTUAL MEETING

*I will listen to what the Lord God is saying,  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.  
Psalm 85:8*

**Quorum.** The July Vestry Meeting was called to order virtually on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Millicent Bain, Nancy Bowen, Sean Goldrick, Lis Green, Beverly Griffith, Anita Richardson, Doug Riley, Jan Schroeder, Peter Shafer, Anna von Lunz, and David Wallack. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Ellen Chatard, Keri Frisch, Steven Sutor, Tony Brandon, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry member was absent: Ted Winstead

**Opening Prayer.** David Ware opened the meeting with a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes.** Fern Riley presented the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on June 16, 2020. A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and unanimously approved.

**Rector's Report** [David Ware]. David said the Parish Day School is licensed from the Maryland Department of Education's Office of Child Care, and the school has been approved to open for in-person classes during the pandemic with all the appropriate COVID-19 safety precautions. Mary Knott and the staff have been doing extensive work and planning this summer to prepare the school to open in conjunction with a consulting pediatrician and expert public health guidelines. Some previously enrolled families have decided not to return, and some new families have contacted the school seeking admission for new students following Baltimore County's decision to hold on-line learning until January. Three teachers with family members vulnerable to infection have decided to retire; the rest of the staff and teachers are eager to teach their young students in-person with careful safety protocols in place. If the state should change its mind about allowing the school to proceed, David said PDS has been authorized and will switch to providing child care for essential workers.

David said he had hoped three weeks ago that we would be able to offer modified Sunday morning outdoor worship at the church in early August. In light of the increasing new coronavirus infections in Maryland and Baltimore, the staff and members of the Way Forward Committee felt this was not the right time to proceed. David announced he will begin holding in-person Eucharist services for ten people

on Tuesday and Thursday at 8:00 a.m. on the courtyard with a format similar to the pre-pandemic Wednesday 7:30 a.m. service. Participants will wear masks and maintain social distance from one another. Interested parishioners will be asked to sign up on-line for the service, limiting attendance to once a week to allow for others to attend. On-line Morning Prayer services will continue on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at 8:00 a.m. and Noon Day Prayer services on Tuesday and Thursday at 12:00 noon on the Redeemer Facebook site. On-line Faith@Five will continue on Saturday at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday Morning Prayer will be offered at 10:00 a.m. on YouTube.

**Sacred Ground.** The Vestry and staff members discussed the materials from session eight of the Sacred Ground anti-racism training course.

**Adjournment.** Doug Riley gave a closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar