

# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

Lancaster Evangelical Free Church

Sunday, November 14, 2021, at 6:00pm

Meeting Location: LEFC

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The meeting was preceded by a fund-raising meal provided by Team 127, LEFC's adoption support ministry. DJ Weaver highlighted the ministry and presented opportunities to support the ministry and adoptive families.

Fred Eberly, Elder Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and opened in prayer.

**Minutes** – The minutes from the May 16, 2021 Congregational meeting were approved as submitted without objection.

**Confirmation of New Members** – presented by elder Scott Galen

The following people were presented by the elder board for membership:

Amy & Chuck Archibald, Ed & Stacey Hansen, and Sarah Matteson

*All candidates were approved by a voice vote.*

**Missionary Spotlight** – presented by elder Ed Scheuerman and his wife Carol, members of the mobilization team

- Mark and Estella Trostle spoke about their ministry with Wycliffe Global Partnerships. Most recently Mark and Estella have been working remotely with translators in Papua New Guinea.
- Don and Sandy Graham spoke about their ministry with OMF in Singapore. They host the guest home for missionaries from all around the region. The center has been closed during the pandemic, but the Grahams are planning to return in January.
- Mike and Kim Kunkle spoke about their upcoming ministry with Construction Workers Christian Fellowship which helps Christian camps doing building projects around the country.
- Josiah and Casi Groff spoke about their non-profit, Big Picture Soccer, which supports the soccer ministry in Juarez, Mexico and is looking to expand their ministry into other parts of the world. They are about to launch the next soccer club in Uganda.
- Alex Levasseur spoke about her ministry with Young Life, a ministry to high school students. The pandemic has changed the college ministry because colleges were not allowing students to leave campus.
- One family reported on their ministry in Burma. Churches have been closed since March 2020. The military coup and resulting civil war forced the family to leave the country.
- One family reported on their ministry in Indonesia. The pandemic forced their team to leave the country. They pivoted to a prayer ministry and look to return to Indonesia.
- A final family spoke about their plans to be deployed to Indonesia. They hope to depart this upcoming summer.

**Financial Update / Christmas Blessing** - presented by elder/treasurer Tyler Ranck

- Tyler directed the membership's attention to the financial reports in the meeting packet.
- LEFC is in a strong financial position which has allowed us to continue to fund ministry. Tyler thanked the congregation for their generosity.
- Our mortgage is at \$4.75M on the \$12.5M project.
- Tony Hunt introduced the 2021 Christmas Blessing project to support La Posada at Navafria in Spain. The goal for the project is to raise \$50,000.

**Senior Pastor Update** – presented by Elder and Senior Pastor Tony Hunt

- Tony spoke about the increased tensions in local politics and the impact we at LEFC will have depending on how we carry ourselves and express ourselves. He has been grieved that we have damaged our testimony of Jesus by how we have expressed ourselves in the local community. Tony highlighted 1 Peter 2:13-17 which was part of the sermon series when the pandemic began in the United States.

- Starting in January Tony will be speaking on two consecutive Wednesdays, January 19 and 26, about “engaging society through a gospel lens”. These will be open dialogue sessions on some of the challenging issues of the day.

The meeting was closed in prayer by elder Dave Cox. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corey Mitchell, Elder Secretary