

Long-Range Planning Update for June

Facilities – Task Force members met with Beth Dwyer and two other principals of the GGLO architecture firm, which may be used as a resource as the group continues to evaluate options for our facilities. Discussions continue regarding “community center” possibilities, and Social Justice advocates in SFBC will be interviewed. They continue to develop three scenarios for going forward with our buildings. The group is committed to having our mission drive their recommendations.

Governance – The group debriefed from the recent congregational meeting and is planning to add a member going forward. They are working through Articles 2, 3 and 4 of the bylaws. The recent amendment to the bylaws to add three BIPOC members to the Diaconate has caused the group to revisit earlier discussions about Diaconate numbers, nominations, and elections.

Pastoral Transition – Two members of the task force are providing assistance to the Interim Pastoral Search. The group is gathering all the information members have collected to date, and will meet with the Program Office to review this information and determine next steps. Cherry Johnson and Harriet Platts have helped the task force process recent events that caused pain for the task force members as well as others in the congregation.

Senior Ministries – The Task Force is finalizing its recommendations, which will be shared with leadership and the congregation in the near future.

Small Group Ministries – Members are making updates to their recommendations based on input from the Executive Committee. Reviews are planned with the Anti-Racism and Senior Ministries Task Forces. A review with the congregation will be scheduled soon. The task force hopes to have a report ready for the congregation by Homecoming Sunday.

Anti-Racism – We did not receive a report from the task force this month.

Program Office – We are beginning work on an overall schedule for the change efforts in process at SFBC. This will aid in overall change management.