

COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for October 2024

Council Actions and Information

Council Continuing Business

Multiple items of Continuing Business were addressed within the OCTOBER Council Meeting.

- Stewardship Commitment Sunday will be Sunday, November 3.
- Preparations are beginning for the Nominating Committee to recruit new members to several elected positions that become available in January 2025 – Columbarium Committee, Endowment Committee, Nominating Committee and Church Council.
- **Funding Forward: Finding Hope and Sustainability Together** by Grace Pomroy – link to November 12, 11:00 AM webinar sent to Council members and Stewardship and Endowment Committee members.
- A church key audit is in progress. Paper records are being converted to electronic files as well and those members listed as having key(s) will be contacted to confirm which keys are within their possession.
- Still pending: More revisions are needed to the Church Constitution within Chapter 13 for the sections that describe the composition and function of the Audit Committee. These updates will be presented at the next Annual Congregational Meeting in January, 2025.
- Audit Team members will be approached in November for confirmation of their support to provide audit services for the past 3 calendar years (2022, 2023, 2024)
- Still pending: plans for creating documentation of Church Inventory (Carolyn Jean Smith and Mary Rickerd).

Council Reports

The standing agenda includes review of the previous month's meeting minutes, the previous month's financial reports and an update from the KoG LEAP/Veolia Task Force. We also receive reports from Pastor Connie for pastoral acts and upcoming plans and from Steve Eulberg for Music Ministry updates. Requests for copies of these reports can be made by emailing Becky Newberry at semgoddessid@gmail.com. Otherwise, the weekly email blasts and Sunday morning bulletin announcements cover these topics in depth as well.

For reports from other committees supported by a council liaison, please use this link:

<https://www.koglutheran.org/committees>

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report

LEAP/Veolia Task Force Report – for LEAP we have had to postpone the sale closing date again, due to city requirements regarding a sewer tap installation prior to filing with city and closing on PSA. However, LEAP provided KoG \$10K in earnest money which has been deposited in the Capital Improvements Fund. For Veolia, we are negotiating THREE Easement agreements: (1) Cross-Access for shared use of south entrance driveway (not done after Ustick Water Tank installation in 1980); (2) Access to new Community Well parcel; (3) Garden – for pedestrian access to KoG Community Garden. There have been delays because the attorney for Veolia has not been as responsive as we hoped. We did receive updated red-lined documents and are proceeding with more negotiation.