

# **COUNCIL CONNECTIONS for August 2024**

## **Council Actions and Information**

### **Council Continuing Business**

Several items of Continuing Business were addressed within the AUGUST Council Meeting.

- The Social Justice Committee presented another recommendation – to purchase a bias training package created by Reconciling Works. The materials can be used for a period of 30 days so the proposal is to target February 2025 for the new Church Council membership and then for small group use, including Sunday morning adult education.
- Ken Grove will oversee the collection of donations for notecards fundraiser for Matt Christensen, \$25 is suggested donation amount. This is entirely separate from donations to KoG.
- AVI-Neurilink technology planned improvements were installed on August 20 and trouble-shooting and configuring for our use is now in progress.
- A church key audit has officially begun. 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.
- 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](mailto: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 until Friday, September 6, due to some city requirements regarding a sewer tap installation. However, LEAP has provided KoG \$10K in earnest money which we plan to use for some Neurilink contracted technology improvements; 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. The earnest money from LEAP has been deposited to the Capital Improvement Fund. The land sale agreement with Veolia should close sometime this fall.