

20240827-minutes-governingcircle

[Governing Circle zoom link](#)

Date: August 27, 2024

Circle Name: Governing Circle

Attending: Scott Fitzgerald, MaryAnne Winniford, Melody Holcomb, Lannie MacAndrea, Stephanie Samson

Guest: Linda Moulder

Next meeting: September 17, 2024 (meetings will typically be held on second Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., we are pushing this next meeting by week to avoid conflict with the presidential debate!)

Opening Round & Check-in: ;-)

Reading and Chalice Lighting: Lannie: “You Might” - Julián Jamaica Soto

Start recording and AI (Scott)

Discussions:

Governing Circle Schedule (Calendar) Based on “Governance & Ministry by Dan Hotchkiss”

- [2024/25 GC Calendar](#) (link)
- Scott—We are calling this a schedule as opposed to a calendar to avoid confusion with the general church calendar
- Linda—Develop a plan for the year to keep the GC focused on the future and not get caught up in minutiae.
 - Leadership development will be planning a GoogleDocs training focused on how to access church documents
 - If anyone trouble accessing GoogleDocs, reach out to Scott or Melody for help
 - The Leadership Development Circle (LDC) is Linda Moulder, Pam Novak, Bonnie Overlie, and Stephnie Samson as the GC representative

- **Discussions**

- Holiday party needs to be planned by someone other than the GC
- Congregational Town Hall in January (vision for next year)
- Planning Retreat (February)—GC and Coordinating circle working on next year's goals and evaluating of the whole church's ministry in February (did we meet our goals)—facilitated by the LDC using Spokane Alliance process for meetings
- Selecting new officers cannot happen until the following year, after the new GC members have been chosen (in keeping with the principles of Dynamic Governance)
- Spring Gathering (April) another opportunity to get input from the congregation, but not as formal as the town hall (include CC members onsite to help facilitate/host tables)
- Stewardship/Budget calendar dates will be set by stewardship and finance
- Annual meeting will be the last Sunday in June
- Need to share this document with the whole church, particularly the CC, Finance, and Soul Weaving

Personnel update

- Lannie is working with the Personnel Team to develop job descriptions, one for RE & one for a Program Development person (Adult Program)
- We need clarification on how many positions we have in our budget
- Soul Weaving may need a paid person to help with sound and admin tasks (Personnel will follow up with Soul Weaving)

Meet-and-greet with congregation to discuss this year's plans

- This will need to be held online this year (two sessions)
- Perhaps a recorded message
- We should engage the congregation every month, either a meeting or article
- GC name tags for in person services (Lannie)

Parking Lot (items for future discussion)

- Sunday kids program update (MaryAnne and Stefani Rideau.)
- Location Team update - Rachelle is working on it.
- Plan details and dates for online meet-and-greet with congregation next month
- Chat with the GC online (rather than in-person) — quarterly

Closing Round: Reading and Extinguishing the Chalice:

Melody “It Is Not Always Easy to Find Love at the Center” [Esther Hurlburt](#)