CMCL Council Meeting – September 8, 2026 – 7:00 PM Grant Street Building
Present: Adam Miller, Beth Oberholtzer, Marlene Reiff, Hope Sholly, Nathan Grieser, Laurel Martin, Deb Van Pelt, Mike Sharp, Craig Clearwater, Karen Davis
Absent: John King, Shawn Ramer

1. **Opening (Mike)**
2. **Structure Document Review**
   Council reviewed the updated details of the Congregational Council section of the CMCL structure document (approved by the congregation on August 23, 2026.)

3. **Finance Committee (Hope)**
   a. **August Reports**
   -The 2025-26 fiscal year is complete as of August 31.
   -Strong giving. Total offerings: **$548k** (which is $27k more than we budgeted for!)
   -Ended the year with expected deficit of ($10,336)

motions to approve the August Financial Reports. seconds. All in favor.
Action: August Financial Reports unanimously approved via email September 24, 2026.

4. **Staff Relations Committee**
   a. **September Staff Reports**

Council reviewed September staff reports. Beth motions to approve the reports. Laurel seconds. All in favor. **Action: September staff reports approved.**

   b. **Jigme has agreed to extend his time as sexton to December 31, 2026.**

5. **Congregational Meetings**
   a. **August 23 Meeting:**

Congregation reviewed 2026-27 Leadership Slate, 2026-27 Budget, and the CMCL Organizational Structure document. All voting items were passed unanimously

   b. **Upcoming September 27 Meeting:**

- Focus on Staffing.
- Staff Relations & Council Chair created a document to be handed out before & during the next congregational meeting. This document (Staffing Summary & discussion questions) outlines the history and current staffing, as well as discussion questions for congregation to review and collect feedback.
- Council reviewed this document and notated a few minor changes.

Marlene motions to approve the distribution of the staffing handout with the minor changes. Adam seconds. All in favor. **Action: Staffing Summary document approved, given the new changes.**

6. **Council Openings**
   We currently have 9 voting members. Still searching for chair-elect.

7. **Adjourn**

Adam motions to adjourn the meeting. Deb Seconds. All in favor. **Action: Meeting adjourned.**

Minutes: Hope Sholly – *September Council minutes unanimously approved via email 9/24/26.*