

**BELMONT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MINUTES**  
**May 22, 2016**

**Welcome & Introduction:** Nancy Northington, Administrative Board Chair

- Call to order
- Minutes approved from January admin board meeting

**United Methodist Women Update:** Marie Nowell, Chair

- UMW responsible for an expansion of women and children focused missions
- Belmont's UMW 2016 budget is \$6800
  - 50% comprised of UMW member pledges
  - 50% from fundraisers

**Inviting Ministries Update:** Louis Jordan, Chair

- Scope of inviting ministries
  - Create awareness about Belmont in the community
  - Practice radical hospitality
  - Welcome visitors
  - Engage newcomers in the life of the church
- Worship attendance trends
  - Attendance holding steady without steady decline
  - Many visitors come to Belmont
    - Staff tracks and follows up with visitors regularly
- Opportunities to be more inviting
  - Volunteer to staff new Welcome Center or be an outside greeter
  - Reach out and welcome visitors at Belmont
  - Be a Fellowship Friend to a new member or visitor
- Everyone is called to be a member of inviting ministries

**Staff Parish Update:** Stephen Deppen, Chair

- Adam Kelchner being appointed to Kingston Springs UMC
- Pam Hawkins retiring
- Jin Kim and Jefferson Furtado being appointment to Belmont

**Finance Update:** John Pearce, Chair

- Elizabeth Smith left an IRA to Belmont that must be immediately liquidated and put into the Trust Fund.
  - Resolution shared to liquidate IRA and move to Belmont's Trust Fund
    - Unanimously approved by acclamation of admin board
- This *Vital* Old Church Update
  - Time to begin this financial push
    - Not a campaign because this is a perpetual need
    - One on One/small group solicitation & sign up
      - Can give through monthly drafts, annual, special and endowment gifts
    - Will not detract from operating fund and ministry financial needs
  - Buildings facilitate ministry
    - So, we must take care of this building, now and sustainably throughout the future

**General Conference Actions Update:** Bill Cooper, Lay Leader

- Call for a working group to:
  - Explore and describe for our leaders and our church the implications of the General Conference actions for our local church and our clergy for the immediate future and opportunities for our church to participate as the Council of Bishops' recommended review progresses.
  - Explore and describe the range of actions that Belmont UMC might take related to the major focus areas of inclusion now and in the next 12 – 18 months. Explore and describe the implications of each choice including real or potential benefits and risks.
  - Recommend strategies for obtaining broad input from our church family and how we might best move forward to discern God's call in these areas.
    - Deliverables:
      - Report addressing the charge above
      - Recommended next steps for engaging the proposed process
      - Recommended next steps for how Belmont can continue to discern God's call in these areas
      - Present update or conclusions at July's Admin Board meeting

Next meeting dates: July 17, September 18 and TBA November Charge Conference