

Church Council Meeting

16 October 2025, 2pm

Attending: Randy Spaulding, Toni Diaz Bachus, Becky Neumann, Bruce Fast, Ezra Tice

Randy opened with prayer.

Financial update: Bruce earlier provided balance sheet and income/expense report for July-September; no major features to report. Council endorsed sending \$500 each to EFAA and to Harvest of Hope in light of upcoming shortages.

Outward Ministries: for further donations we will use the Christian Ed hour (11-noon) on Sunday 26 October to discuss our giving priorities. Becky and Bruce (and Mary McKay) will organize the discussion.

Deacons: Bruce Wheeler reports that son Sheng has only poor options at this point, surgical or nonsurgical. Toni will be available to give the Wheelers support if necessary during Randy's absence. Randy will be out of town October 23-29.

PCRC: Will plan for a special meeting soon, regarding preparations for transition.

Transition: Denver's First Mennonite Church (FMC), after hearing and meeting with Randy over the past week, overwhelmingly approved extending an invitation to join them as pastor. Randy and Gary will be deciding in the next day or two.

It seems likely that they will accept, in which case we will get Randy's official 90-day notice, meaning that he will make the transition in late January. Randy provided a compilation of things to do for a smoother transition.

We should use the services of MCUSA and of Amy Zimmerman (conference pastor) starting early. The congregation needs to think about what might be done differently and what stays the same, given our size and financial resources.

Barry or Bruce will say a few words on Sunday morning, and Ezra will share a prayer.

Other:

- On Saturday there are two events; the MCC Relief Sale in Castle Rock, and the No Kings protests (Boulder/Golden).
- Folks are picking up school kit boxes to take to Castle Rock
- BMC folks will be running the coffee stand at the Relief Sale
- We will keep the Wheelers in thoughts and prayers

Meeting closed at 3pm