

**Assembly Mennonite Church**  
Congregational Meeting: Sunday, May 1, 2022

Welcome, Introduction (Deanna Risser)

Discernment

- Proposal for 2021 Surplus Giving (Randy Roth, 2<sup>nd</sup> reading)
  - \$13,741 in surplus
  - Split two ways
    - 2/3 to pay down mortgage
    - 1/3 split in half
      - Half to local needs
      - Half to global needs
        - suggestion: MCC Ukraine
  - Test for Consensus: **CONSENSUS**
  - Decisions:
    - 2% Committee will make decision about the local needs part
    - We tested for consensus on where the global needs part will go to MCC International (wherever most needed): **CONSENSUS**
- [Reparations Task Force Proposal](#) (Karl Shelly/Reparations Task Force)
  - This is not a first reading, but more of a chance for the task force to explain what they've been working on, as well as a chance to give feedback
  - There is a link to the proposal in the AssemblyLine
  - History
    - September 2020 Anti-Racism Accountability Group started
    - March 2021 2<sup>nd</sup> Hour Discussion
    - May 2021 Congregational Mtg
    - Feb 2022 Karl sermon
  - The Reparations Task Force has been developing a specific proposal since October 2021
  - The Task Force is currently hosting a 2<sup>nd</sup> hour elective, focusing on the history of why reparations are necessary, will also look at proposal
  - Right now The Task Force would like to see if the congregation thinks the time is right to take action, committing funds to help address racial inequality
  - Karl showed us several sections of the proposal
    - Section 1: Definition of reparations
    - Section 3: parameters and understandings that will guide the work
      - Karl went through these 6 guidelines
  - We then went into Breakout Rooms to discuss Sections 1 and 3
    - [Comments and questions were recorded in a Google Doc](#)
  - Karl went over Section 2: Specifics
    - Repurpose 2% Committee into Reparative Action Fund
    - Other churches have taken actions to make reparations as well
    - How to collect \$
      - As \$ is collected for 2% Committee
    - How to disperse \$
      - Housing?
      - Education?
      - What about organizations which normally got funds from 2% Committee?
        - This will not be discussed this evening, but will be later
  - We then went into Breakout Rooms to discuss items 1, 2, 3 from Section 2
    - After returning to the big group, some shared what was said in their Breakout Room
  - This proposal will be discussed at the May 22 2<sup>nd</sup> hour elective

Information

- Future Congregational Meeting Agenda
  - Pastor Congregation Review Committee Reporting
  - Reparations Task Force proposal

Closing

Minutes by Maria Wenger