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Attendees: Shari Dotson, Lynette Fields, Elizabeth Smith, John Smith, Julie Young, Warren Willis, Bradley Roberts, Barnett Warren, Gary Goesch, Carol Barnett, Jeni Roop, Christopher Quintero, Mona Shestak, Rob Stang, Dawn Fleming, Gary-Jo Widows, Bill Barnes, Tita Parham, Dwight Richert, Doug Dannen, Ben Witten, Joe Farkas, Jenn Stiles Williams, Kelly Smith, Alice Williams, Kim Barnes

Church Council notes

Devotional – Mark – Focus on courage and overcoming fear

Trustees update – new roof – should be completed in 6 weeks / commit update – permits are with the county – May 15 breaking ground – Family Promise moved to bldg C – bus damaged last month – insurance is paying – investigating new lights in sanctuary – new pest control – annual walk in parsonages

Doug – COMMIT update – **building update** – Founders Hall / Campus maintenance / coordination w Duke Energy to add power runs to expand capacity – 2 air con only can run in fellowship hall at one time – April 20th new bldg permits for review – in 3 weeks – on schedule – financial balance underway to report where we are –

Dwight – **staff parish** – David's retirement – first annual 5K – Bradley Roberts update –

Ben – **Finance update** – total 955 K – 861 expenses – 94K surplus – ahead of budget - +1% higher offerings – bldg. maintenance fund will repair the roof –

Executive calendar – Corey – meet 5 new people – Jad for congregational care ministry – road map for the rest of the year – all goals match the 4D vision –

New Business –

Request of Council – **SLUMC Center for Christian Leadership** – Alice Williams and Bill Barnes - there is a need, a calling and SLUMC has gifts and graces – 680 churches in the conference – 13 churches in the learning conference – we have a responsibility to rise to the occasion of a learning church – Does what the LC fit with SLUMC current vision and mission? Is it relevant for where we are as a church? Does the vision enhance our kingdom building ability? Are we capable to do it well? What are the costs of moving this forward?

See attached documents for details

Slide covering Inputs to SL's Leadership Center Vision – Leadership Development / Theological Education/ Peace and Reconciliation / Community Transformation

SLUMC Vision – a faith based learning center

Core Values – practical, relevant, applicable, build on strengths, share best practices, enable gifts and graces, accommodate a variety of learning styles and needs, experiential classroom opportunities

GIFTS and GRACES – Leadership, Worship Design, Peace and Reconciliation, Missions and Church Administration

Bill Barnes – sharing on peace and reconciliation – and the learning center with distance learning and seminary internships – lean in to our passions – his passion is the international peace and reconciliation – we are polarized in the USA with many divisions – but we've learned that there are ways to be bridge builders through learning in immersive ways – RETHINKING CONFLICT – human rights – ways to contextualize this for our parish – seminaries lack practical experience – create a learning environment for interns – Emory excited about this opportunity – mutually beneficial – Bill is a "pro bono" consultant to Justo Gonzales Center

Do we affirm the concept?

Then develop business plan / develop project timeline / identify and secure resources / marketing plan / curriculum

Conversation and Questions

Is this part of SLUMC like Shephard's HOPE? Is it short term then self-sustaining? Bill assumes as we start we will see an incubation period or it could be a free standing non-profit. St Luke's is a strong branding.

What is the bishop looking for? He thinks of SLUMC as a learning church. We are listed as leaders for worship and missions.

Lynnette – we need to be innovative and react to needs in the Methodist conference. Suggestion to conduct best practice sharing

We will learn too as a church – general board relocating to Atlanta – significant ramifications for teaching and learning opportunities

We want to be sure not to overextend the SLUMC staff (Mark) – will we hire special staff for the learning center? Cost?

Discussion that we'd probably have 2 full time staff support plus volunteering

Leadership focus not necessarily a "cause" focus

Peace on "holy highway" with the mosques etc on Apopka Vineland Rd

Draw a parallel with International work and local work

Alice – we will come back with 2-3 models – start small / only concern is how it will be funded and financially sustained / as the budget is built, this will need to be considered.

Will filming be included to share the learnings / will look for a core team of advisors

Transition in the large church – all leading indicators show that the transition was smooth

Vote affirmed to proceed with building business plan

Video by PBS – The United Methodist Church Divided – link will be sent to CC members to view

Meet in May 17, 2016