

**NION CONGREGATIONAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
COMMON MINISTRY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 8, 2025**

Present:

Absent:

Pastors	Bridget Flad Daniels		
Moderator	Heather Collins		
Vice Moderator		Clay Reese	
Treasurer	Sandy Polarek		
Clerk	Gail Hohenstein		
Education	Beth Piontek		
Gifts & Memorials	Kathy Baldwin	Mike Stepp	
Inreach & Membership	Denise Olson		
Outreach	Luc Richards	Jammie VerGiesen	
Stewardship	Tim Dantoin	Jason Ferry	
Worship	Lou Norsetter	Betty Bienash	
Communications Coordinator		Ruth Homrighaus Mary Ann Hudson	
JOSHUA Liaison	Steve Hartman		
Guest(s)			

*HOW DOES WHAT WE AS COMMON MINISTRY ARE DOING AFFECT THE
CHURCH'S RACIAL AND SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK?*

Moderator Heather Collins called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Gathering Prayer: Denise shared a prayer.

Additions to the Agenda: None.

Congregational Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns were shared.

Minister's Report: Bridget reported that the bulk of her energy has been spent on Easter & Holy Week, which went off beautifully, as did as the Sunday after Easter. Thanks to everyone for their contributions. Lou Norsetter has agreed to be a delegate at the WI Conference Annual Meeting. Bridget intends to begin working from home on Wednesdays this summer, starting after Memorial Day. EPIC Marathon is on 5/18 and access to the church will be limited.

Clerk's Report

The minutes for the regular meeting of February 13, March 13, and April 10, 2025 were approved (Kathy/Denise).

Treasurer's Report

Sandy distributed the April budget summary (attached). We are getting into the time of year when we get fewer pledge payments, but we are in a pretty good place at this time. Motion to put the report on file approved (Beth/Kathy).

New Business

- Review of the Church Rolls: A group will be gathered to do a membership roll review, which hasn't been done in 10 years. The plan is to send a letter to folks we haven't seen recently and who also haven't donated to the church. Gail will develop an initial draft and then a small committee will do the review. It might make sense to make phone calls to some in addition to the letters, encouraging people to resume participation.

Continuing Business

- Generosity Team Update: An Easter Offering letter was sent to those who have not pledged in the last 2 years. Three households who had not been regularly participating responded that they want to come visit again. The Team is working on the materials and testimonials for the fall pledge campaign.
- Bond of Union 25th Anniversary: Thanks to Beth for the article she wrote. Cheryl will be doing the next. Bridget will reach out to some others.
- WISE: Heather reported the group is working hard on a survey going out the church to assess direction for the effort.

- **Capital Campaign:** Current total received is \$493,000 toward the \$570,000 pledged. Currently balance is \$250,000, some of which may have been approved for payment but not yet paid. Getting bids on the lower-level renovation. Doors are being refinished now.

Ministry Reports (unless covered in Ministry meeting minutes)

EDUCATION

Confirmation of 3 Confirmands will be a week from Sunday. Working on volunteer advisors and Faith Formation teachers for next year. Last day of Faith Formation for the year is 5/18.

GIFTS & MEMORIALS

No report.

MEMBERSHIP & INREACH

June 1 will be outdoor worship (courtyard) and potluck picnic. Please be available to help with setup (9 a.m.), teardown and cleanup.

OUTREACH

EPH offering will be on Sunday. Donations of \$1,575 to We All Rise for Juneteenth, and \$1,500 to NeighborWorks for Good Neighbor Week sponsorship from the Capital Campaign outreach funds allocation were approved.

STEWARDSHIP

Exterior wood doors are being stripped and stained. Stewardship is reviewing our insurance.

WORSHIP

Some services this summer may not have special music as a limited number of church members have volunteered to share their talents. Dan Hatton has agreed to take on the AV coordination. Thank you, Dan!

JOSHUA Report

JOSHUA continues its work on Transformational Justice. Spiritual leaders continue to meet regularly. A participant in JOSHUA has put together a packet of helpful information which might be useful for employers whose employees might be targeted by ICE. AmeriCorps funding removal has taken away one of JOSHUA's planned volunteers. Housing Task Force is working on housing vouchers. New organizer for WISDOM stepping in next week,

Communications Report

Clay continues the effort to update the website. The G&M grant to fund an additional 10 hours a week for the Justice and the Arts Initiative and increased social media presence is being utilized. Haley and Bridget will be meeting with Ruth, Maryann and Clay on communications strategy.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was approved (Denise/Tim). After prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Communications:

Respectfully submitted,
Gail Hohenstein, Clerk

Next meeting: June 12 - 6 p.m.

Upcoming Prayer/Snack Schedule:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Prayer</u>	<u>Snack</u>
June 12	Kathy	Kathy
August 14	Betty	Betty
September 11	Beth	Beth
October 9	Sandy	Sandy
November 13	Jason	Jason
December 11	Jammie	Jammie
January 8, 2026		

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Treasurer's Report as of April 2025 (Treasurer Budget Report)

Monday, May 5, 2025

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Account #	Account Name	Previous YTD	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Incomes					
General Operating Fund					
	Total General Operating Fund	\$178,492	\$22,169	\$187,187	\$423,800
Stewardship Ministry					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3,000
General - Non Operating Fund					
	Total General - Non Operating Fund	\$5,824	\$9,924	\$10,840	\$15,000
	Total Incomes	\$184,316	\$32,093	\$198,027	\$441,800
Expenses					
General Operating Fund					
Administrative					
	Total Administrative	\$29,034	\$6,346	\$18,908	\$52,900
Facilities					
	Total Facilities	\$29,830	\$8,690	\$17,889	\$40,600
Senior Pastor Expenses					
	Total Senior Pastor Expenses	\$46,927	\$12,647	\$49,388	\$154,354
Lay Staff Expenses					
	Total Lay Staff Expenses	\$52,873	\$18,405	\$65,985	\$198,566
	Total General Operating Fund	\$158,667	\$46,091	\$152,172	\$446,420
Worship Ministry					
	Total Worship Ministry	\$4,930	\$1,959	\$3,261	\$8,600
Stewardship Ministry					
	Total Stewardship Ministry	\$450	\$0	\$0	\$900
Inreach Ministry					
	Total Inreach Ministry	\$2,022	\$131	\$336	\$2,575
Education Ministry					
	Total Education Ministry	\$2,747	\$560	\$2,951	\$6,725
Outreach Ministries					
Outreach B					
	Total Outreach B	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$15,600
	Total Outreach Ministries	\$4,000	\$2,000	\$4,000	\$15,600
	Total Expenses	\$172,817	\$50,743	\$162,721	\$480,820
	Difference	\$11,498	(\$18,650)	\$35,306	(\$39,020)

If the accounts in the subtotals have changed or if ledger and subsidiary account attributes have changed, previous YTD totals may not represent a valid comparison.