

**ST. ANDREW'S SESSION**  
**Session Summary from September 11, 2023**

**WE ARE WORKING TO SERVE YOU!**

As we return to pre-pandemic activities, committees and groups need volunteers. Committees meet on the second Tuesday evening of each month from September to June. These meetings usually meet virtually. You will be amazed at how much you can contribute.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with the Coffee Fellowship and ushers to serve on Sunday mornings.

**Task Force Survey**

The Elders will continue to contact the members in their district to ask a few questions regarding the church's life. Your answers will be anonymous, so please answer freely.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Stewardship Committee**

Financial Report: The Treasurer reported an increase of 9% in the offering over the same period as last year. The expenditures are much higher now that the church is fully open. This difference between revenue and expenses means we are now in overdraft at the Bank by \$11,000.00. The Interest Rate on this loan is 8.75%.

You may notice there are new envelopes in the pews. These envelopes are for our afternoon members – the South-East Asian Outreach Ministry (S-EAOM).

**Mission Committee**

The S-EAOM held its annual convention from September 1 to 3. Two guest speakers and about 330 people attended over the three days. It was a huge success; about forty people expressed interest in joining the church. Rev. Wayne attended one day and said that, although he did not understand the language, he got into the rhythm of the service and thoroughly enjoyed it.

**Worship and Fellowship**

The Committee is planning the Anniversary on **Sunday, October 22, 2023**. Remembrance Day will be celebrated on **November 5**. The Session approved the creation of a new team titled the **Special Events Team**. The team will coordinate Special Events – Anniversary Dinner, Rally Sunday BBQ, Strawberry Social, etc. The members of this team are Pam Loree, Michelle Tedder and Jessica Rhind.

**Christian Education**

Sunday School resumes on September 17, and the children will now be in age-appropriate classes. The children will have their classes upstairs. Kim Shepherd has recruited three more teachers, and we are excited about the upcoming courses.

After 28 years of teaching Sunday School, Jean Bradshaw has retired from this role, and we thank her for her dedicated service.

**Property**

This Committee works tirelessly to maintain our building. The work on the Fire Panel is now complete. The repairs to the steps at the front of the church will start on September 18. The eaves and soffit are in deplorable condition and are in danger of falling off the building. The repairs will be costly, and work should begin in the next two weeks.

It is necessary to have a Congregational meeting on **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, September at 11:45 a.m.** Note: There is only one item on the Agenda, so the meeting should be short.

**In-Person Worship Reminder**

The Session wants to assure you that your safety and health remain its primary concern. While there is no mandate for wearing masks, the Session recommends wearing them if it "feels right for you." Your safety and health are our primary concern. Again, the Session reminds you not to attend in-person Worship if you are not feeling well.

**Pastoral Care**

Rev. Wayne J. Baswick is in the office every Wednesday from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. to meet with anyone who wishes to drop by to meet with him or to say "Hello."

Rev. Wayne wishes to clarify that if you need to see a Minister urgently, he is available 24 hours daily at 905-456-1727.

Our Congregational Care Team is also available to help you. Contact Felicity Alexander at 905-791-0490.

Our Prayer Circle is a very confidential group that prays for those needing prayer. If you request prayers for a family member or friend, their permission is required before submitting their name to Sandra Jackson at 905-459-4563.