

St. Mark's United Methodist Church- 2022 Cluster Charge Conference  
Sunday, October 16, 2022- 4:00 PM  
Beulah United Methodist Church

Members present:

Administration: Betty Schiele, Anne Boyle

SPRC: David Harmon

Lay Leadership: Mark James

Secretary: Dani Corrigan

Lead Pastor: Justin White

Staff: Rachel Chen

Rev. Lee called the meeting to order and lead everyone in an opening prayer.

Rev. Lee thanked everyone for coming. He shared a message of taking faith, not fear in a world in which we face many worries. He then transitioned to the business portion.

Dani Corrigan was appointed as Charge Conference Recording Secretary for St. Mark's UMC.

The Clergy Compensation package and Housing Exclusion/Accountable Reimbursement were presented and approved. (Due to this being a joint conference with other churches, no specifics from the packages were brought forward. All churches voted at the same time. )

Dr. Lee asked if there were any Lay Servants or Candidates for Ministry. There were none.

2023 St. Mark's Lay Leadership Reports were presented and there were no corrections, it was approved. Dr. Lee asked if there were any changes to be brought forward with membership record changes during conference. There were none.

Betty Schiele presented St. Mark's Lay Leadership Report addressing the following questions presented by Dr. Lee.

1. What is one thing to celebrate in 2022?
  - St. Mark's had a successful Capital Campaign which showed member's investment to returning in person despite the difficult times we have faced.
2. What is one way to reach new people in 2023?
  - St. Mark's will reach new people by risk taking with focus on outreach and witness. We will work to enhance current events, be proactive in community needs, and continue to provide outreach with neighborhood schools. Examples

include filling a large need in Midlothian of an affordable elementary school age summer camp and creating a task force focused on partnering with Chesterfield County Schools' homeless student population.

3. What is one way to revitalize your congregation?
  - St. Mark's will focus on intentional faith development through volunteering, small groups, bible study, Grow hour to allow for crossing over of the two services and refreshments/food.

Pastor Don Gibson is the Senior Pastor at Beulah UMC and the leader for this Cluster. He explained the revision of the districts. Now Richmond and Charlottesville area are in Three Notch'd District. The church pastors of the cluster meet together regularly with the focus of communication, cultivation, and connection.

Maria Maxwell is the District Chair for Revitalization. She shared about Revitalization/SAS. She and her colleague are available to advise with any changes of organization or programming. The next District Conference Meeting will take place on November 19, 2023 at Zion UMC from 10 AM to 1PM. Registration is on [threenotchd.org](http://threenotchd.org).

Dr. Lee lead everyone in a closing prayer and dismissed the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Dani Corrigan, St. Mark's Charge Conference Recording Secretary on 10/19/2023.