

AGENDA

THE REFORMED CHURCH OF METUCHEN

163rd ANNUAL MEETING – February 28, 2021 - 12:30 P.M.

Business Meeting:

- A. Passing of Attendance Sheet and the Appointment of Recording Secretary
- B. Nominations
- C. Presentation of Annual Reports
- D. Presentation of 2021 Budget
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2020 Consistory

Rev. Ancela Fransisca Rumokoy, *Minister*

Rev. Dr. Peter Sanfilippo, *Minister* (retired)

Joseph Hall - *Vice-president*

Kate Washuta - *Clerk of Consistory*

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Kate Washuta

Welcoming and Affirming Statement

We the people of the Reformed Church of Metuchen, humbly and faithfully declare that we are a Welcoming and Affirming congregation. We joyfully accept all persons into our community of faith who seek a closer relationship with God and who desire to express their devotion to Jesus Christ through the fellowship of the church. We welcome into the full life of our congregation all persons whom God calls to us, regardless of race, color, ethnicity, age, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, physical or mental or emotional ability, or any other socially limiting barrier.

Pernyataan Penyambutan dan Peneguhan

Kami umat dari Gereja Reformed Metuchen, dengan kerendahan hati dan kesetiaan menyatakan bahwa kami adalah jemaat yang Menyambut dan Meneguhkan. Kami dengan gembira menerima semua orang ke dalam komunitas iman kami yang mencari hubungan yang lebih dekat dengan Tuhan dan yang ingin mengekspresikan pengabdian mereka kepada Yesus Kristus melalui persekutuan gereja. Kami menyambut ke dalam kehidupan penuh dari jemaat kami semua orang yang Allah panggil kepada kami, terlepas dari ras, warna kulit, etnis, usia, kebangsaan, jenis kelamin, orientasi seksual, status sosial ekonomi, kemampuan fisik atau mental atau emosional, atau pembatas pembatas sosial lainnya.

The Pastor's Annual Report to the Congregation

Dear Friends,

God's love and care have always been the starting point for church ministers. When entering 2020 we are already faced with the Covid -19 pandemic, cities and countries in the world are experiencing lockdown. Crises are happening everywhere. When 2020 is a difficult year for most churches and even people around the world, I see the opposite, namely "the perfect inclusion of God". The Reformed Church of Metuchen experienced so many changes, including the enthusiasm of the congregation to worship and the faithfulness in the ministry which is increasing and we accept new church members.

If God has helped us all through the challenging year 2020, "I believe with an optimistic heart that 2021 will be the year our community will find God's perfect love and care." As I assess the pulse of the congregation, I testify of peace, community, and most importantly, God's abundant love, which for all of us is our ultimate source of strength.

The year 2021, like the previous years, certainly gives us challenges and at the same time the opportunity to be better. Even though names and faces have changed, the mission of the church remains the same, namely, to experience and share the love of Christ in a common community. The seasons will continue to roll and we will continue to walk with God who has eternal love. This also happens in our church a change of leadership, the old face, the new face all mingle in the love of Christ. The awareness that this church belongs to God and we are His people regardless of any differences because in God's eyes we are the same, that is, His beloved people who are called from the dark to His miraculous light brings this community increasingly strong in faith in God and the unshakable strength of togetherness.

This is now our task for 2021, to continue to grow together as a diverse community in Christ. This is the blessing that God has bestowed upon our church. It is here in this place that we share peace and hope for the world, and our lives, every one of us.

May God bless you all.

Blessings,
Pastor Fransisca

Laporan Tahunan Pendeta Untuk Jemaat

Kasih dan pemeliharaan Tuhan selalu menjadi titik tolak pelayan gereja. Saat memasuki tahun 2020 kita sudah diperhadapkan dengan pandemic covid -19, kota-kota dan negara didunia mengalami lock down. krisis terjadi dimana-mana. ketika tahun 2020 adalah tahun yang sulit bagi sebagian besar gereja bahkan masyarakat diseluruh dunia, saya justru melihat hal yang berbanding terbalik yaitu “penyertaan Tuhan yang sempurna”. jemaat Reformed Church of metuchen mengalami begitu banyak perubahan termasuk antusias jemaat beribadah dan kesetiaan dalam pelayanan yang semakin meningkat dan kita menerima anggota jemaat baru.

Tahun 2021, seperti tahun-tahun sebelumnya, tentunya memberi kita tantangan dan sekaligus kesempatan kearah lebih baik. Meskipun nama dan wajah telah berubah, misi gereja tetap sama, yaitu, mengalami dan berbagi kasih Kristus dalam komunitas bersama. Musim akan terus berganti bergulir dan kita akan tetap berjalan bersama Tuhan yang memiliki Kasih Abadi itu. Inipun terjadi di gereja kita pergantian kepemimpinan, wajah lama, wajah baru semua berbaur dalam kasih Kristus. Kesadaran bahwa gereja ini milik Tuhan dan kita adalah umat-Nya tanpa memandang perbedaan apapun itu, karena dimata Tuhan kita sama yaitu umat kesayangan-Nya yang dipanggil dari gelap kepada terang-Nya yang ajaib membawa komunitas ini semakin hari semakin kuat dalam iman kepada Tuhan dan kekuatan kebersamaan yang tak tergoyahkan.

Ini sekarang menjadi tugas kita bersama untuk tahun 2021, untuk terus tumbuh bersama sebagai komunitas yang beragam di dalam Kristus. Ini adalah berkat yang Tuhan berikan kepada gereja kita. Di sinilah kita berbagi kedamaian dan harapan bagi dunia, dan untuk hidup kita masing-masing.

Semoga Tuhan memberkati kalian semua.
Pendeta Fransisca

Faith Formation Report /Outreach Report

Metuchen Reformed Church is committed to educating our youth in Christian ways, Sunday Schools are held throughout the year of the calendar. Although we do it through media zoom. The coordination of Sunday school services has started to run well because there are some volunteer Sunday school teachers who can bring children with several age divisions. Reach out to all members of the congregation of youth, teens and Children In the effort to cultivate a shared ministry environment, it is the responsibility of many of us. Elder Leo Poluan continues to work hard in instructing our young people in preparation for confirmation, leading a youth Bible study. This will certainly have a very positive impact on the readiness of the next generation of the church.

Reaching out to young people is our common task. If all the congregation can be involved with the readiness to direct and bring our children to come to join in youth services and also Bible studies that are held.

Thank you to Elder Leo Poluan for taking the lead and coordinating our youth and teens and Sunday school children's ministry.

Sunday School/Outreach Report

Gereja Reformed Metuchen berkomitmen untuk mendidik kaum muda kita dalam cara-cara Kristen, Sekolah Minggu diadakan sepanjang tahun kalender. Meskipun kita Lakukan melalui media zoom. Koordinasi pelayanan sekolah minggu sudah mulai berjalan dengan baik karena ada beberapa volunter guru sekolah minggu yang mampu membawa Anak-Anak dengan beberapa pembagian umur. menjangkau semua anggota jemaat pemuda, remaja dan Anak-anak Dalam upaya untuk memupuk lingkungan pelayanan bersama, menjadi tanggung jawab banyak kita semua. Elder Leo Poulan terus bekerja Keras dalam menginstruksikan kaum muda kita dalam persiapan untuk konfirmasi, memimpin Bible study pemuda, Hal ini tentunya akan berdampak sangat positif bagi kesiapan generasi penerus gereja.

Menjangkau Anak-Anak muda adalah tugas kita bersama. Sekiranya semua jemaat dapat terlibat dengan kesiapan untuk mengarahkan dan membawa Anak-Anak kita untuk datang bergabung dalam ibadah-ibadah pemuda dan juga Bible study yang diadakan.

Terima Kasih untuk Elder Leo Poluan atas kesediaannya memimpin dan mengkoordinasi pelayanan pemuda dan remaja dan Anak sekolah minggu kita.

Music Ministry and Multimedia Report

RCM music ministry is a very positive component of creativity growth in the congregation. This can be seen in the Sunday Service with many singers and singers who are fortunate to have the Reformed Church of Metuchen. This abundance of talent, coupled with a variety of musical styles, has resulted in experiences of praise and worship that complement the congregation's need for profound spiritual experiences. The commitment that members of the Church's music have a good impact as well as fostering the congregation's desire to fill.

None of the above would be possible without the mature level of dedication demonstrated by all involved. However, music alone, no matter how good, does not automatically translate into excellent worship. Rather, music becomes excellent worship when it is approached from a *spiritual center*. This *spiritual center* has been a component that has been strived for with intentionality throughout 2019 and will continue to be the case for 2020 and beyond.

All of this will not happen if it is not balanced with teamwork, the sacrifice of time, energy, all members of the music team. The multimedia service team, which is part of the music team, is the center of attention in 2020, because of the situation and conditions due to the Covid -19 pandemic, which resulted in all having to move to provide services through live streaming. and rcm is already doing a good job at this. throughout 2020 provide worship through live-streaming.

Again All of the above would not have been possible without a mature level of dedication displayed by all involved. However, music alone, however good, cannot automatically translate into very good worship. On the other hand, music becomes very good worship when approached from a spiritual center, namely worship centered on Christ the central and of the church and the worship. This was driven by several spiritual activities including the worship team retreat that had been held at the end of 2020.

We thank all members for their efforts, with a special note of thanks for the excellent contributions Franky Runtuwene brings to both services. Likewise, as Praise & Worship Leader, we thank Christie Poluan for the particular attention she has brought to liturgy, music and prayer, integrating the three as a unified experience. *This last best defines worship at the Reformed Church of Metuchen.*

Respectfully,

Pastor Fransisca

Laporan Pelayanan Musik dan Multimedia

Pelayanan musik RCM Menjadi salah satu komponen pertumbuhannya kreatifitas dalam jemaat yang sangat positif. Hal ini dapat terlihat dalam Pelayanan Ibadah Minggu dengan banyaknya musisi dan penyanyi berbakat yang beruntung dimiliki oleh Reformed Church of Metuchen. Kelimpahan bakat ini, ditambah berbagai gaya musik telah menghasilkan pengalaman puji dan penyembahan yang melengkapi kebutuhan jemaat akan ibadah yang membawa pengalaman rohani yang dalam. Komitmen yang dimiliki anggota musik Gereja ini memberi dampak yang baik juga bagi menumbuhkan kerinduan jemaat untuk beribadah.

Semua ini tidak Akan terjadi jika tidak diimbangi dengan kerjasama team, pengorbanan waktu, tenaga, semua anggota Tim musik. Tim pelayanan multimedia yang adalah bagian Dari Tim musik menjadi pusat perhatian ditahun 2020, karena situasi dan kondisi akibat pandemic Covid -19 mengakibatkan semua harus bergerak untuk menyediakan pelayanan melalui live streaming. dan rcm sudah melakukan hal yang baik dalam hal ini. di sepanjang tahun 2020 menyediakan ibadah melalui livestreaming.

Sekali lagi Semua hal di atas tidak akan mungkin terjadi tanpa tingkat dedikasi yang matang yang ditunjukkan oleh semua yang terlibat. Namun, musik saja, betapapun bagusnya, tidak dapat secara otomatis diterjemahkan menjadi ibadah yang sangat baik. Sebaliknya, musik menjadi penyembahan yang sangat baik bila didekati dari pusat spiritual yaitu penyembahan yang terpusat kepada Kristus sang pemilik gereja. Hal ini didorong oleh beberapa kegiatan spiritual termasuk retreat worship team yang telah dilakukan diakhir tahun 2020.

Kami berterima kasih kepada semua anggota tim atas segala upaya mereka, dengan catatan khusus terima kasih atas kontribusi luar biasa yang dibawa Franky Runtuwene untuk kedua pelayanan ibadah tersebut. Demikian pula, sebagai Praise & Worship Leader, kami berterima kasih kepada Christie Poluan atas perhatian khusus yang ia berikan pada liturgi, musik dan doa, mengintegrasikan semuanya sebagai kesatuan pengalaman pelayanan. Hal yang terakhir ini mempertegas penyembahan di Reformed Church of Metuchen.

Dengan Penuh Hormat,

Pastor Fransisca

2020 Building Report

A new sink/vanity was installed in the upstairs bathroom due to problems with leaking. We also needed to call the plumber to repair the sink in the downstairs kitchen. A new faucet was also installed in the kitchen.

A storm dropped a large branch on the roof of the church causing damage to the roof and gutters. We had the roof repaired since there were just a few small areas of damage and the gutters were repaired and the damaged area was rehung.

The church and its neighbor shared the cost to remove a tree from the property line of the parsonage.

New flooring was installed in the Chancel area.

Laporan Gedung 2020

Wastafel / meja rias baru dipasang di kamar mandi lantai atas karena ada masalah dengan kebocoran. Kami juga perlu memanggil tukang ledeng untuk memperbaiki wastafel di dapur lantai bawah. Keran baru juga dipasang di dapur.

Badai telah menumbangkan cabang besar di atap gereja yang menyebabkan kerusakan pada atap dan talang. Atapnya kami perbaiki karena hanya ada beberapa area kecil yang rusak dan talang sudah diperbaiki dan area yang rusak di perbaiki kembali.

Gereja dan tetangga berbagi biaya untuk menebang pohon dari garis batas properti rumah pendeta.

Lantai baru dipasang di area Chancel.

Church Statistical Report January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020

Total number of Active Confessing Members, December 31, 2019 67

GAINS:

Affirmation of Faith	14
Inactive or Adherent Transferred to Active	<u>2</u>
Total:	16

LOSSES:

Deceased (Active Members)	1
Active Removed from Role	<u>5</u>
Total:	6

Total Number of Active, Confessing Members, December 31, 2020: 77

Baptized, Non-confessing Members: 23

Total number of Active & Baptized Membership, December 31, 2020: 100

Total number of Inactive Members, December 31, 2019 252

Losses in Inactive Membership:

Deceased (Inactive Members)	4
Inactive Transferred Out / Removed	<u>2</u>
Total:	6

Total Inactive Membership, December 31, 2020: 246

Total Membership, 2020 (active, inactive, baptized non-confessing): 346

Church Families: 55

(A "family" is a family unit having at least one of its members an **active** member of this church.)

Membership Gains January 1 to December 31, 2020

Members Received by Confession, Reaffirmation, or Reactivation of Faith

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| 1. Freddy Nababan | December 6, 2020 |
| 2. Michael Mandagi | December 6, 2020 |
| 3. Zefanya Akwila Turang | December 6, 2020 |
| 4. Antonius Santoso | December 6, 2020 |
| 5. Harmagedon Turang | December 6, 2020 |
| 6. Chatharina Paramitha Green | December 6, 2020 |
| 7. Jesse Jackson Malessy | December 6, 2020 |

Statistical Report (continued)

8. Christian Stevanus Cemmy Ante	December 6, 2020
9. Cherry Wanda Maya Tuar	December 6, 2020
10. Natasha Kristen Ante	December 6, 2020
11. Nathalie Kristin Ante	December 6, 2020
12. Yulianto Lie	December 6, 2020
13. Dewi Yanti Tjung	December 6, 2020
14. Jeffrey Lolong	December 6, 2020

Baptisms and Marriages January 1 to December 31, 2020

Baptisms

Children:

1. Given Aseng	August 2, 2020
2. Micha Coriann Ruhukay	November 1, 2020

Marriages January 1 to December 31, 2020

1. Pasquale Joseph Ingemi & Nova Yunita Rimbing - June 14, 2020

Additional Member Acknowledgements January 1 to December 31, 2020

Profession of Faith

1. Given Aseng	August 2, 2020
2. Gilbert Golioth	August 2, 2020
3. Gherard Golioth	August 2, 2020
4. Alexa Nina Siecinski	August 2, 2020

Budget Report

2020 was a difficult year and our finances were effected in many ways. The switch to online worship created many difficulties including the need to upgrade and install new wireless internet service and buy a lot of new equipment and technology necessary for the online services. Thankfully, we now have the technology we need to provide in-person and online worship.

Our weekly offerings have been low due to less people in the pews, however we have a Pay Pal account so now congregants can provide their offerings in person, through the mail or via Pay Pal. This will enable everyone to continue to contribute their offerings to the church.

There were a few unexpected building repairs needed which also raised our expenses.

Laporan Anggaran

2020 adalah tahun yang sulit dan keuangan kami dipengaruhi dalam banyak hal. Peralihan ke ibadah online menimbulkan banyak kesulitan termasuk kebutuhan untuk meningkatkan dan menginstal layanan internet nirkabel baru dan membeli banyak peralatan dan teknologi baru yang diperlukan untuk layanan online tersebut. Syukurlah, sekarang kami memiliki teknologi yang kami butuhkan untuk menyediakan ibadah secara langsung dan online.

Persembahan mingguan kami rendah karena lebih sedikit orang di bangku, namun kami memiliki akun Pay Pal sehingga sekarang jemaat dapat memberikan persembahan mereka secara langsung, melalui surat yang dikirimka ke gereja atau melalui Pay Pal. Ini akan memungkinkan setiap orang untuk terus memberikan persembahan mereka ke gereja.

Ada beberapa perbaikan gedung tak terduga yang dibutuhkan yang juga meningkatkan pengeluaran kami.

Reformed Church of Metuchen 2021 Budget

INCOME:		
	2020 Actuals	2021 Budget
Offerings	\$73,713.35	\$72,452
Classical Assessment	1201.40	1,000
Edgar Fund	73,344.99	97,790
Rental Income	51,855.00	59,900
Janney Income	39,000.00	39,600
Gifts	5,734.26	1,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$244,849	\$271,742
EXPENSES:		
Payroll	\$212,292.82	\$194,500
Classical Dues	5,750.52	8,442
Utilities	20,479.13	23,500
Print/Post	6,393.51	7,000
Insurance	13,816.55	16,000
Maintenance	10,037.92	6,000
Parsonage	3,172.19	4,000
Music Program	1,650.00	2,000
Worship	1,052.95	2,000
Outreach/Education	524.00	2,000
Parish Life	850.05	1,000
Flower Fund	260.00	300
Deacon's Fund	130.00	500
Scholarship Fund		1,000
Benevolence	250.00	500
Building Fund		1,000
Miscellaneous	423.69	2,000
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$277,083.13	\$271,742

2020 Church Benevolences

Beneficiary

Metuchen-Edison Interfaith Association	75.00
Ozanam Family Shelter Monthly Dinners (January – December 2020, \$130.00 per month, congregational donations contributed for Ozanam dinners)	1560.00
BENEVOLENCE TOTAL	\$1635.00

2021 Classical Assessment

Classical Assessment for 2021 per active confessing member is \$126.00.

Members reported: 67 (based on Confessing Members reported 12/31/2019 Statistical Report to the General Synod)

Four envelopes for quarterly payments of the Classical Assessment are included in each Offering box. The Classical Assessment supports the operation and benevolences of the wider Reformed Church in America. The church is required to pay the assessment whether or not individual members contribute. The total assessment for 2021 for The Reformed Church of Metuchen is \$8,442.00.

Computation of 2021 Assessment

General Synod	52.01
Regional Synod of Mid-Atlantics	22.93
Classis of New Brunswick	<u>51.06</u>
	\$126.00