

Council Highlights: August 20

- The July financial report showed a positive cash flow (income - expense) of \$1,973 for the month. For the fiscal year-to-date (November through July) the cash flow is a positive \$566.
- Pastor Hybl and Bob Jordan reported on their participation as Emmanuel's representatives at the NALC national convocation held August 7-9 in Indianapolis, IN. A highlight of the convocation was the election of our new NALC Bishop, the Rev. Dr. Dan Selbo of San Jose, CA. Bob will be preparing a report of the convocation for a future *eNews* as well as a brief oral report at a coming Sunday service.
- Staff members Homer Adams and Gloria Christofano briefed the Council on their plans to create a *Community Music Center* at Emmanuel to provide music instruction for children and adults in voice, piano, organ, and various instruments for which they and other instructors are qualified. This for-profit operation would be independent of Emmanuel and individuals taking lessons would contract directly with their instructors. The instructors may choose to make contributions to Emmanuel for the use of the facilities, however, the main benefit to Emmanuel would be community exposure, service to the community, and peripheral benefits when students/ensembles perform in worship services. The council will be working out final details with Gloria and Homer, but it is anticipated that this program will be launched shortly.
- Homer Adams also reported on several special musical programs which he is arranging. These will form part of Emmanuel's year-long celebration of our 200th year anniversary in May of 2020. Mack Flood and Joe Ugen are responsible for coordinating the anniversary activities.
- Progress on Emmanuel's Vision for our future was delayed by illness and the initiation of the Reconciliation Meetings agreed upon by unanimous resolution of the lay council members at the July 23 meeting. However, Vision identification remains a high priority of this Council, and will be receiving focused attention in the coming weeks. MaryAnn Sinwell and Fred Schamber are coordinating this effort.
- The council approved the request of the *DeStella Dance Center Shoe Drive* to place a collection box for donation of shoes in the narthex. Further information will be forthcoming.
- A new street-side theme banner is being prepared for Emmanuel's 2019-2020 annual theme: *Launching our 3rd Century in Mission*. Watch for it!