



Washington Church of the New Jerusalem

March 31, 2018

To: Members and Friends of the Washington Church of the New Jerusalem

At the upcoming Society Meeting on Friday, May 11 the process to select our next pastor will begin with the election of a WCNJ committee to work with and advise Bishop Keith on his pastoral selection. The last committee was made up 12-14 congregation members elected from a pool nominated by the entire congregation. However, you do not have to be a signed member if you would like to be on the committee. Please submit nominations by letter, phone or email to any member of the Board of Trustees (listed below). Nominations will close on Friday, May 3 in order to have a slate available to begin absentee voting on Sunday, May 6 and continuing during the week prior to the society meeting. There will be no nominations accepted from the floor at the Society Meeting.

This important committee will begin its work with an analysis of the needs and future uses of the society. This would involve surveys and meetings to help us determine the type of leadership for which we will search. Meetings would likely begin this summer and continue actively throughout the fall. The Rt. Rev. Brian Keith advised that when considering members for the selection committee, one should consider a broad range of people to represent the society, those who are considered to have good judgment and can maintain utmost confidentiality. If you are interested in serving, please keep in mind the commitment and time that will be necessary to fill this role.

Please direct any questions to a trustee and they will be happy to give you more information. We hope this will be a unifying process for us to consider the future of the Washington New Church.

Your Trustees,

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Please NOTE: Bishop Keith will be here on the weekend of April 21st-22nd. He will be meeting with the joint council (BoT & Pastor's Council) on Saturday morning to hear any concerns and to review the pastoral selection process.

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April News Notes

Happy Springtime, friends! I hope you all are soaking up the sun and warmth and enjoying all the blooming flowers. It's about time we had some spring time weather. :)

Onto our community news!

The **Gladish family** had some fun visitors and adventures. Mike says they “had an excellent visit just after our Spring Break with son, Dar, and his three children from Toronto. They did projects at home, hiked to a beach, saw the Museum of the Bible and even went to a circus down at the Inner Harbor in DC. Sadly it meant postponing a Pastor's Council meeting, but they all thank you for your indulgence!”

Becca and Lincoln Smith did some Spring Break traveling— Becca said, “We traveled to the Orlando area to spend a week with my parents and Sister Aurora. The kids held colorful macaws at a bird show and Sohaila and Shaunti zipped around a pond on kayaks. Marcellus sang “What a Wonderful World” at karaoke, and Lincoln and I caught another SpaceX launch at Cape Canaveral. The only wild alligator we saw was swimming behind the hotel we stayed at on the way home in Georgia.”

Dorothy and Bill Radcliffe share some exciting news of an ANC Classmate of Dorothy's, Vance Genzlinger from out of town who competed in the 1500 and 3000 meter race-walk for 80 – 90 yr. olds. Dorothy and Bill provided a base of operations for Vance along with his daughter Blake and grandson Trayton.

At the same time Jamie Cooper also competed in the 2018 National Masters Indoor Track Meet held 16-18 March at the PG Sports and Learning complex in Landover running several races. He placed 8th in the 1500 meter run with a time of 4:55.01

Sarah Smith wrote in to tell us about their beginning-of-spring adventure— she and Matt “ran off to Williamsburg for a short getaway during the month of March. They had a nice time and stayed at the Historic Powhatan Resort. Shortly after returning home, Joram and Katelyn with little Koen came from the Saint Louis area for a visit on their way to Williamsburg (and other points south).”

We're all sending our condolences and love to the **Zubers** this month— “It is with heavy hearts that Phil and Janna let you all know the passing of Phil's mother, **Ruth Zuber** on Monday March 26. A beloved mother, grandma, great grandma, friend and world's best mother in law, Ruth touched the hearts of all who knew her. Her zest for life and looking for the good in all was contagious. Although we know there will be much celebration with her arrival into the spiritual world, she will be sorely missed by those still here. Her funeral service will be in the Bryn Athyn Cathedral on Saturday April 14 at 4:00pm. Special music will start at 3:30 and a reception to follow at Cairnwood Village.”

We're all sending good healing thoughts toward Catharine Smith as she recovers from her recent stay in the hospital “for some heart & lung issues, and sends her usual cheerful greetings to all. She is at Hill Haven Nursing Center, at [3510 Powder Mill Rd., Adelphi, MD, room 137](#), but would prefer no visitors while she is regaining her strength. The address is here in case you'd like to send a card.”

Anne and Steve Ball sent in some exciting news! They “are pleased to announce Alex's engagement to Kylie McCulla. They met through mutual friends from Bryn Athyn about three years ago. Kylie has been a wonderful and beloved member of the Ball Team since 2015. They are planning a wedding for the fall of 2019. We can't wait!”

Until next month! Look for my news notes email for another tidbit in the ever-evolving saga of Hugo.

