

**Castleton United Methodist Church  
Leadership Team Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2019**

Team members present were: Daniel Glass, Ron Miller, Larry Burch, Pastor Jen, and Mary Carson. Paul Halvorsen, Mark Unland, James Hinshaw, Deb McCloud, and John Dinwiddie are all excused.

**6:30 PM – Meeting Opens with Prayer**

We opened the meeting with prayer requests and praises. There are a lot of things going on in our church family and we do our best to pray over as much as we can.

**6:35 PM – Approval of April Minutes**

- One Change to the minutes with excused.
- Motion by Mary | Second by Ron | Minutes Pass 4-0
- Making sure that the minutes are put online.

**6:36 – Staff Parrish Update:**

- Pastor Jen discussed with us about staff raises, updates on open job search, and the strength of the staff. Gave approval on posting with Program Director of Family Ministry.

**7:33 PM – The Way Forward:**

- Pastor Jen, Jonathan Cruz, and Miranda Cruz will lead an all church Book study of, *“Living Faithfully: Human Sexuality in the Methodist Church.”* June and July
- Hosted twice a week and in a small group and not offend people off the end
- In the large group:
  - We need to Review the church values
  - None of our church values are around human sexuality
  - At the next meeting, we plan to take a straw poll to see where our church falls.
  - Traditional Compatibilist
    - Marriage is between a man and woman. There is no ordaining of LGBTQ+
    - They are okay with a denomination or a church to have different beliefs and they are fine with other churches to accept same gender marriages and ordaining of open practicing LGBTQ+ just not in their church.
  - Progressive Compatibilist
    - They are okay with same gender marriage and ordainment
    - They are okay with a denomination or a church to have different beliefs and they are fine with other churches not to accept same gender marriages and ordaining of opening practicing LGBTQ+ just not in their church
  - Traditionalist Non-Compatibilist
    - Marriage is between a man and woman. There is no ordaining of LGBTQ
    - They are not okay with a denomination or a church to have different beliefs.

- Progressive Non-Compatibilist
  - They are okay with Same Sex marriage and ordainment
  - They are not okay with a denomination or a church to have different beliefs.
- Legislation for General Conference and Annual Conference
  - Annual Conference
    - 1 amendment that strike all the language about marriage
    - 1 amendment strikes all the language for ordainment
    - Many legislation for other pastors that are not currently ordained
- Update on African Bishops meeting in July in Chicago UMC Next (Centrists and progressive compatibilist)
- What's happening next and praying it out.
- For the all church meeting, how should we ask the question?
  - The conclusion is that the Staff will work through and craft the question that will be asked.
- The plan is to discuss the difference between Professing Movement and Confessing Movement?

**8:00 PM – Meeting Closing Prayer**

Next Scheduled Meetings:

- July 23<sup>rd</sup> Leadership Meeting
- August 11<sup>th</sup> **Way Forward** Meeting