

What's In Session? Ma 2024 Report

Rosalind Barker opened the meeting with a message about spiritual leadership and a prayer asking for blessings on our gathering.

Each month, Elders receive a pre-meeting packet with Session committee meeting minutes, upcoming motions, financial reports, and electronic communications analytics. It is interesting to follow media usage trends. For example, the average Sunday morning combined online worship viewing has averaged 53 views per Sunday this year (low of 22 and high of 72). Social media engagement has generally trended upward since January, 2023. Website traffic by users is also trending upward since this time last year.

The Book of Order requires the Session to review and maintain church rolls to include active members in the past two years. At this meeting, and after several months of phone, mail, and personal contacts, the Session completed the task of updating our rolls.

Reverend Harrington expressed appreciation to the Session for time away for Continuing Education. Reverend Harrington facilitated small group discussions among the Elders about what it means to be “faithfully present.” A summary of responses:

- Being physically present in worship and at church events
- Being prayerful
- Creativity: offering new ideas
- Growing personally in faith in order to share with others
- Daily devotional practices
- Awareness, yearning, and desire to participate
- Lifelong learning

Chris Johnston offered a closing prayer.