

River Table Minutes
River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota
Tuesday, September 10, 2024 6 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center

Present: Gerry Connell, President; Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer; Pastor Hans Peterson; Dave Fischer, Nancy Redetzke, Patricia Paulsen

Absent: Mary Royer, Vice-President;

Opening Devotion by Pastor Hans from James Chapter 3

Approved River Table Minutes of July 31, 2024 (Fischer/Redetzke)

Reports

Approved Financial Report with one correction (Redetzke/Paulsen)

July Income	\$31,253.55	July Expenditures	\$23,477.17
August Income	\$17,280.05	August Expenditures	\$23,352.99

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hans reported that we have 12 confirmation students and 4 youth being confirmed this fall. Headwaters resumed recently. All congregation members are invited to Applepalooza on September 28 at Han's and Heidi's farm.

Table Reports: Worship and Music, Faith Formation, and Gathering Table reports were provided.

Continuing Business

Constitution Review: This group has been meeting regularly. Their recommendations are available and will be discussed on Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 5 p.m. at Hutchinson Event Center.

Reconciling in Christ: River of Hope will vote on this issue Sunday, September 29th at a congregational meeting following the worship service. Procedural issues were discussed.

*Becoming a RIC congregation means that:

1. We "clearly state a welcome to people of 'all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions' ...and name [our] commitment to 'racial equity' in [our] welcome statement."
2. We are "open to calling a LGBTQIA+ and Black, Brown, Indigenous, Person of Color (BIPOC) Rostered Leader."
3. We allow our worship space "to be used for LGBTQIA+ weddings and blessings."
4. We "make a meaningful contribution annually to support the national RIC program."

Quoted material taken directly from Reconciling Works

website: <https://www.reconcilingworks.org/ric/becomeric/>

Technology Fundraiser: Music Curator Jim Nelson presented a price list of equipment purchased, and indicated there are a few more items to be acquired. He expressed gratitude for the time and expertise of many individuals who have been assisting in set-up and training.

Closing: *The Lord's Prayer*

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 7 p.m., Hutchinson Event Center

Submitted by Tricia Paulsen

