

River Table Minutes
River of Hope Lutheran Church ELCA Hutchinson, Minnesota
Tuesday, January 14, 2025 6 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center

Present: In-person: Mary Royer, President; Jim Schaefer, Vice-President; Arlyn DeBruyckere, Treasurer; Pastor Hans Peterson; Dave Fischer, Patricia Paulsen, Geoff Davis.

By Zoom: Kay Halstrom

Absent: None

Opening Devotion: Hymn *How Firm a Foundation*

Approved River Table Minutes of December 7, 2024 m/s/p

Reports

Worship & Music: Discussion points from the November meeting included on-going efforts to assess and improve streaming of worship services; December caroling opportunity and features of the Christmas Eve service; RIC Sunday, January 26th; thinking about ways to celebrate 15 years of River of Hope.

We Go Out Verbal Report: Kay Halstrom told us the We Go Out Table hopes to coordinate an activity or speaker each month related to the Watering Can topic.

Pastor's Verbal Report: Pastor Hans identified four goals for 2025

*Support the faith formation in a couple new opportunities: (Youth Bible Study and Tuesday afternoon study: *The Old Testament in Seven Sentences*)

*Discern with ROH what it means to have become a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

*Continue to grow as a preacher.

*Join River of Hope in accompanying a family through Global Refuge's Circle of Welcome.

Approved End-of-Year 2024 Finance Report as presented. m/s/p

New Business

Global Refuge: The process has begun to participate as a Circle of Welcome for a new immigrant family. Heidi Morlock is the team leader, and the team plans to meet Saturday, January 18th, 2025. We have not yet been assigned a family.

Facilities: The heating units in our worship space were not working properly a few times recently. The issue has been repaired.

Reconciling Works: There will be a new banner on display and special liturgy will be incorporated into worship on January 26th. Audrey Thonvold, the Executive Director from Reconciling Works will be available at 9:30 a.m. on February 2, 2025.

Thanks to Dave Fischer for the use of specialized technology for this meeting.

Closing: The Lord's Prayer

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 6 p.m. Hutchinson Event Center

