

# **Board Of Directors Public Update June 2024**

# 1. Carpenter Grant

- ELM is the recipient of a Carpenter Grant for \$30,000!!
  This grant is meant to support the hiring of someone to help ELM do the work that we do.
- Thank you so much to Jessica Davis who was the driving writing force behind this application.

### 2. ELM's PO Box in Chicago

- The ELM PO Box is in flux; we spent a long time working with the USPS to figure out who the 'owners' on paper of the ELM PO Box are so that we can contact them to transfer ownership and make sure our lease of the Box is up to date. We're committed to having this mailing address to receive donations and other mailed items.
- The biggest catch about the mailbox is that folks have to check it in person. If you are interested in being part of that team please contact board@elm.org

#### 3. ELM Board of Directors search for new members:

- The ELM Board of Directors and its Justice and Recruitment committee are seeking applications from Proclaim members, ELM supporters, and those aligned with our mission vision and value to consider board service. We would gladly welcome any inquiries to Board@elm.org and would welcome further conversation.
- In this wave of searching for new board members,
  Secretary Lindsey Jorgensen-Skakum ended their time on the board and the July meeting was their final meeting.

# 4. Coaching with Rozella Haydée White

- Board members who could be present had a conversation around the particulars of what is needed volunteer wise in the coming months as we consider hiring a new Executive Director, and a team to manage the strategic process of getting ELM into the next phase of ministry.
- We are concerned as a whole with folks' capacity to do the work based on our overwhelming difficult time finding folks to fill Board member seats. One question that came up was if folks would have more capacity if they had a specific task with a timeline? For example, serving on one committee for 6 months.

• Folks who feel called to these teams would not be eligible to apply for the ED Position.