

Session Snapshots – January 2026

Last month's minutes, the online vote to have the Annual Report meeting in February, the Treasurer's report, the Clerk's consent agenda, a change to the Pastor's Terms of Call, hiring the Jenkins to assume responsibility for on-line communications, hiring De'Angelo Smith as Director of Youth Programming and the commission reports were approved, ratified or received as appropriate by Session.

Actions:

- Session approved a change to the Pastor's Terms of Call making her Head of Staff. This change will also need to be approved by the congregation. As Head of Staff she can assist with everyday decisions, provide direction, restructure processes, in short, even the best team needs a coach.
- Cynthia and Bryan Jenkins will now be responsible for communication functions and website maintenance. They will receive a salary of \$25 per hour. GIPC will be moving from Constant Contact to Clearstream for its on-line communications.

Commission/Committee/Group Discussion:

- **Finance** reported that the projected budget deficit for 2026 is \$28,693. Session will approve the budget at a specially called meeting on January 25th. Work continues on the policy language for an endowment.
- **Worship, Sacraments and Music** discussed an Island Ecumenical Concert Series that will take place on February 22nd and commented that the music library is almost complete.
Property continues its work on an Emergency Action Plan for the church. A policy for space heater use is also under consideration.
- **Children's Nurture** will have another Book Bingo and is asking for book donations. If you get bingo, you get to pick one of the donated books. Grace Morton is working on updating our child protection policies.
- **Adult Nurture** informed Session about their February Voices of Faith Weekend (formerly Theologian in Residence). They will be hosting Rabbi Joe Klein.
- **Join us: Unless otherwise announced, session meetings take place in the Fireside Room on the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend and contribute their ideas and talents to the critical task of building the future of GIPC. To attend via Zoom, check with the office to get the link, meeting ID and passcode.**

Respectively submitted by:

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