

Bethel Council Highlights

Update from our meetings on October 16, 2023

- Governing Elders : At our meeting on Monday evening we made a commitment to each that we would pray for each other on a daily basis. We also committed that at each meeting we would spend some time in silence to seek God's guidance in our deliberations and decisions.
- From the Full Council: On September 30, Bethel's council came together for an annual breakfast where each group discussed its role and focus for the year, following by praying for the upcoming year. Part of the gathering this year featured round table listening and sharing about Synod's decisions regarding Human Sexuality in the CRC. Council is active in prayer and reflection about how we can respond well together in areas surrounding sexuality. Discussion and discernment will be ongoing this year.
- From the Shepherding Elders: We would like to confirm that Mary Rietveld will remain as chair for this church year.
- Software Streamlining: A team led by Ed Dubbeldam is being developed in order to review all of the different software programs being used by staff members at Bethel. The aim is to reduce or combine all the different software programs in order to streamline and cut the costs of the different programs being used.
- Ordination Service: As announced in the last Council Highlights, we were planning to host an ordination service on October 22. This has now being rescheduled for November 12 where Pastor Wendy Werkman will be ordained during the Sunday morning service.
- Congregational Meeting : The meeting is scheduled for November 28. The focus of the meeting will be to present the Financial Statements for the year ending August 31, 2023.

*Grace and peace,
The Council of Bethel Community Church*

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