

Minutes of the Holy Faith Church Parish Leadership Team
March 17, 2026

Present: C. Jacobs, L. Reifert, A. Martin, B. Knight, A. Altman, S. Wehinger, A. Amstutz
Absent: R. Kullberg

- I. Call to order: 7:09 pm
- II. Opening Prayer: A. Martin
 - a. We read the Ezekiel 37 passage about the dry bones and pondered it.
- III. We reviewed what have we succeeded at since our last meeting.
 - a. The congregation responded well to the sung Lord's prayer
 - b. A number of new faces have joined us on Sundays
 - c. Bishop Perry's visit went very well
 - d. Sunday school is off and running
- IV. Presentation by J. Cook – Develop SMART Goals
Things we wanted to do this year (from PLT retreat)
 - o Increase income
 - o B&G
 - o Increase in membership
 - o Caring for pastoral and spiritual needs of congregationShe commented on whether our ideas are implementable, measurable, and doable.
- V. Followup to Retreat: We want to find ways to articulate congregational vocation and values
 - a. Two most powerful pathways
 - i. Building community
 - ii. Strength and quality of worship
 - b. Andrea presented a quote that summarizes our mission in this respect:
“The place God calls you is where your deep gladness meets the world's deep hunger” -Frederick Buechner

We reflected on personality and gifts of Holy Faith

Strength in our spiritual journey and service

Growth and vitality

What is distinctive about Episcopal /ELCA traditions? Contrast to bible churches, pentecostals, evangelicals and other Protestant denominations

- We are liturgical so have more structure than some others.
- We have authoritative, historical interpretations of scripture rather than the opinions of self-appointed pastors who may have little theological background.

- VI. Election of officers
S. Wehinger volunteers to be Vice President.

Moved to elect S. Wehinger Vice President

Moved: C. Jacobs

Second: B. Knight

Motion passed unanimously

- VII. Consideration of request for new candlesticks
a. Tabled until April meeting

- VIII. A. Amstutz is discerning a call to ordained ministry. This process takes about a year and costs \$1800

a. Synod contributes \$600, the church is expected to contribute \$600, and Andy contributes \$600

b. Moved to allocate \$600 from Memorial Funds to support Andy's discernment process.

Moved B. Knight

Second S. Wehinger

Motion passed unanimously.

Pastor's report

Andrea attended the Episcopal clergy conference

The speaker presented an interesting lecture about emphasis on liturgical structure

- o A group of Episcopal churches have organized a procession on Palm Sunday in Ypsilanti to memorialize people detained by ICE
- o April 16 Thurs tabletop retreat
- o Sister Esther Kennedy will be presenting a mini retreat this Saturday, titled "Resting in God". The workshop will last about 2 hours. Suggested donation ins \$35.
- o During Holy Week, Holy Faith is hosting renewal of ordination vows (Tues Mar 31)
- o Andrea has begun talking to both bishops about logistics of Confirmation
- o Will be taking on an intern (Jennifer) September through May.

- IX. Approval of February minutes:
Moved to accept the minutes of the February meeting.

Moved: B. Knight

Second: S. Wehnger

Motion passed unanimously.

Approval of the Treasurer's report

Moved to accept the February Financial Report, subject to audit.

Moved: S. Wehnger

Second: B. Knight
Motion passed unanimously.

X. Closing Prayer: A. Martin

VIII. Adjournment:
Moved: B. Knight
Second : C. Jacobs
Meeting adjourned 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Jacob". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "C".