

## **Special Council Meeting**

**08/23/22**

**Attending members: Pastor Brian, George Nederhoff, Bob Saathoff, Craig Blanchard, Danielle Terrell, Lisa Arenholz, Maureen Hanson, Mike Christiason and Troy Olson.**

**Absent Juanita Kimpston.**

**There were three motions passed at this meeting:**

### **1<sup>st</sup> motion**

**In response to recent Church Wide Assembly actions and ongoing concerns with the ELCA, the Nazareth Church Council votes to create a task force for the purpose of drafting a letter of dissent and concern to be directed to the Bishop and Church Council of the NE Iowa Synod as well as the presiding Bishop and Church Council of the ELCA. This letter will be completed and mailed prior to November 15, 2022.**

**Motion to approve this motion from Troy Olson, second by Mike Christiason.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **2<sup>nd</sup> motion**

**In response to recent Church Wide Assembly actions and ongoing concerns with the ELCA, the Nazareth Church Council recommends the Mission Funds will be reduced by 50% to NE Iowa Synod ministries for 2023 budgets. Remainder funds will be reallocated to U.S. & World Mission Funds.**

**Motion to approve this motion from Troy Olson, second by Maureen Hanson.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **3<sup>rd</sup> motion**

**In response to recent Church Wide Assembly actions and ongoing concerns with the ELCA, the Nazareth Church Council votes to schedule a town hall forum for the purpose of soliciting congregational input on the ELCA.**

**Motion to approve this motion from Troy Olson, second by Bob Saathoff.**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Additional Information:**

**Task force for drafting a letter of dissent and concern will be Pastor Brian, George Nederhoff, Maureen Hanson and Lisa Arenholz.**

**Date for Nazareth Church forum will be September 25, 2022. Time will be 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Date to be determined for parishioners to send comments or concerns via email.**

**In Christ's Love,**

**George**