

Millian Memorial United Methodist Church  
Charge Conference Meeting  
September 16, 2017

**Opening:**

The Millian Memorial United Methodist Church Charge Conference, held at Millian, opened at 2:00 pm. Millian members present included Chuck Thompson, Jann Dalrymple, Kathy Martin, John and Dawn Kelley, Keith and Mary Risley, Ruth Balderas, Dwayne Weigel, Edith Williams, Nancy Gray, Barbara Smith, Phil Lunking, Paul Harris, June Greatorex, Stan Thomas, Roger Arnold, Gene Pearson, Marcella Welch, Linda May, Carmen Nunez-Boulware, and Sheila Hopkins. In addition Mary McCurty, Lay Leader of the Greater Washington District was in attendance.

Pastor Miguel Balderas provided a reading from Ephesians 4:1-7 NSRV. The reading was followed with all in attendance singing the hymn, "How Great Thou Art".

Rev. Gerard Green, Greater Washington District Superintendent began the meeting with a prayer and devotion. Rev. Green reflected on a calling for each of us to not only follow God with our words but with our actions. All have entered a covenant with one and other as God and Jesus did. We need to remember we are one.

Rev. Green introduced Mary McCurty. Mary reported that a meeting of lay leaders in the District will occur prior before the end of the year.

**Celebrating Millian's Ministry, Cluster Reports:**

***How have you lived in covenant as a cluster?***

There was no discussion on the cluster report as this was a church conference.

***How have you chosen to address the issue of affordable housing?***

Rev. Green reported that the Rev. Adrienne Terry Affordable Housing can provide an avenue for church membership to contribute. He noted that he donates to the fund monthly and recommended individuals donate a dollar first week, 2 dollars second week etc. so at the end of the year a substantial donation goes to that fund to provide affordable housing in the District. Additional information can be found on the Baltimore-Washington conference website.

**Church Conference Order of Business:**

**Pastor's Report** - Pastor Balderas reported Millian developed a strategic plan with 5 requirements, building disciples, community connections, youth ministries, communication and improving the worship experience. The church service is conducted twice on Sunday with the new music director Roberto Villeda. The mission and vision statement was revised to be more inclusive. Pastor Balderas continues to meet with prayer partners in Virginia and Delaware.

Discussion – Edith Williams asked why Outreach was not included in the church report and whether it was acknowledged by the church. It was explained that Outreach is acknowledged by the church however for the purposes of this meeting reporting was not required.

**Elder, Deacon Reports** - There were none.

**Voting and Reporting:**

Those in attendance at Millian reviewed the following reports.

- **2018 Clergy Compensation** – Kathy Martin read the report. She motioned to accept the report and it was second. Before the vote, Chuck Thompson requested clarification of total compensation. The 2018 budget proposal reflected a \$116,836 Salary and Benefit Package for Pastor Miguel Balderas. The compensation report reflected \$110,578. Dwayne Weigel will correct budget to reflect the amount in the compensation report. Those in attendance voted and the motion carried.
- **Inactive Membership Report 2017-** Was reviewed and will be corrected based on input from Jann Dalrymple that Phyllis Clark and from Edith Williams that Mrs. Baker should remain active.
- **Nomination Report** – Pastor Balderas reported this will be completed in October 2017.
- **Candidate for Ordained Ministry** – There were no names submitted for vote.
- **Certified Lay Ministries Reports** –John Kelley and Brian McGahey submitted their Lay Ministry Reports. There was a unanimous vote affirming their continuation in the Lay Servant Ministry.

Rev. Green thanked the church for conducting due diligence. He requested that the church membership reach out to the community. The church, as a whole, needs to increase its ministry in order to increase the numbers attending church. He has been involved with struggling churches similar to Millian and indicated that there are avenues that can be researched to assist with the struggles. It is necessary to embrace the community around the church.

**Additional discussion:**

Chuck Thompson asked Rev. Green to review the Administrative Council minutes to recognize the problems Millian is facing. The Administrative Council is requesting a meeting with the Rev. Green and anyone else he feels should attend. Rev. Green planned to meet with Pastor Balderas at the conclusion of the church conference.

In response to Roger Arnold’s questions Rev. Green responded that church conferences were planned based on the requests Bishop Easterling received. The Book of Discipline states that a Pastor can request a church conference rather than a charge conference through the District

Superintendent. These are generally held when major decisions need to be made (e.g. building proposal) and can occur at anytime.

In response to Edith Williams' request for an assessment of Millian, Rev. Green stated that while he had not reviewed the church conference packet in full, he had previously looked at the Millian neighborhood and its population. When he asked if a 360 evaluation had been completed, Chuck Thompson responded that the Millian strategic plan was based on a 360 evaluation. Millian will be looking to the District for financial as well as hands on support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sheila Hopkins  
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