



Belvedere Family Church Council Newsletter

October 2016

Council Vision Statement (2015-2017) ~ Our vision is for the Belvedere Family Church Council to be an effective and authentic team that represents the Belvedere community, and for the Council members to feel energized, joyful, and honored to be on the Council.

Council Discusses Proposed 2016-2017 Annual Budget

Being good stewards of members' donations, tithing and managing our expenses is a primary and serious responsibility of the council. We appreciate that Akiko Shields, our hard-working bookkeeper, joined the September council meeting for in-depth discussion of the BFC budget. This deliberation was productive but as there are many issues still deserving attention the council will continue the budget discussion on a council online video conference this month.

Committee Reports

Finance - Our committee head, Yuki Jones will give the budget report to the community on October 16. These reports take a lot of careful preparation, so please thank Yuki, Jessica Sattinger and Akiko Shields. Also we are looking for one more volunteer for the Finance Committee. If you are good with finances please consider supporting this important committee.

Sunday Service - This committee, represented by Sun-Ae Patterson and chaired by Dominic Barber, is one of the busiest every single week. The Regional Camp Sunrise Service, held on October 2, was a success. Our special annual Worship in the Woods service unfortunately was moved indoors because of weather but it was still a special service with Demian Dunkley's message.

Administration - Have you noticed that our community emails are really "looking good"? Congratulations to Chiaki Hagiwara, Charles Patterson and Jessica Sattinger, our chair, for working hard in order to switch to Mailchimp. The committee is now working on a community newsletter to include advance event dates and information about our various ministries. This is different from the Council newsletter which reports only on council activity. This ambitious team is also revamping our website.

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Kester Wilkening
Chairperson



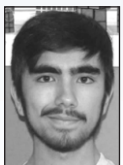
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The Belvedere Family Church Council
welcomes your input!

Please email your comments,
questions or suggestions to

bfc-council@googlegroups.com

Committee Reports ...continued...

Community Enrichment - The sub-group, the Small Group Committee, will launch two well-facilitated small groups this month, both meeting at the white house. The group for adults will begin Wednesday, October 12. This will be a weekly meeting from 7 to 9pm, running for 8 weeks. The second small group for young adults (younger than 35 years old) will meet weekly on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:45pm, starting on October 18. All are welcome to join. Please contact committee chair, Lynn Walsh, if interested in the adult group and Kathy Ross if interested in the young adult group.

Youth Ministry - Sunday School has started up. We wish our new director, Yiru Sugihara, all the best in taking on the role of educating our precious children. Up and Coming also has begun. Toyo Hagiwara is has stepped up to the plate as the director with enthusiasm and zeal. Let's support the U&C staff with prayer and by volunteering our time and ability to add to theirs. Please let Akiko Morris, committee head, know if you can offer some help.

Blessing and Family - Committee chair, Chris Perkins, reported on the many good plans for marriage and family enrichment. Debby Gullery, BFC marriage and family counsellor, continues to love and care for our members and spent time with the U&C staff to offer her expertise and ideas for educating our youth.

Update on Dr. Kone's possible Navy Appointment

As you know, after serious consideration, Dr. Kone re-instated his previous application for Chaplaincy in the Navy. He will receive the first level of acceptance or rejection in late October. If that result is positive he will hear a final decision, yea or nay, from the Navy in sometime in December.

We all are mixed about the possibility of losing our beloved pastor but want the best for him. Let's continue to pray for him and his family in alignment with God's desire.

Announcing our New BFC Staff

We are delighted to welcome and congratulate two new people as paid staff. **Denthew Learey** is our new Assistant Pastor. **Andy Morris** is our Event Coordinator.

Please support these very able brothers as they adjust to their roles and invest their talents into our community.

Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next Council business meeting is scheduled for Friday October 28th, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm, at the White House.

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IMPORTANT NOTE FOR VISITORS: *Visitors are very welcome - but please be aware that our agenda is usually very full. If visitors would like to suggest an issue to be discussed or to be given time to express an opinion, they should contact the council (any council member) at least one week before the meeting.*