



# Belvedere Family Church Council Newsletter

December 2016

**Council Mission Statement (2015-2017)** ~ Our mission is to be a driving force for the community, and to support the Head Pastor, by establishing a clear organizational structure and thriving financial base, resulting in a vibrant, God-centered culture within our families and community.

## 2016-2017 Annual Budget Approval

This year it took many meetings of the Financial Committee, our Bookkeeper, Akiko Shields and the Council to come up with an annual budget we could approve. However, after much discussion and hard work, we have approved the Annual Budget! Though there are some financial challenges with our current expenses, there is a plan being developed to increase our income. A mid-year financial report will be provided to the community approximately February/March 2017.


## Camp Sunrise Decision

Despite last year's council's recommendations for debt prevention, due to reduced attendance and decreased income, Camp Sunrise this year has a debt of \$46,000. Because BFC sends the most youth to camp than any other neighboring church community, BFC is responsible for 40% of any debt. This year we need to pay \$18,000. As much as we all value Camp Sunrise, the community needs to make a decision about keeping the CS property or not. The council has stated to the CS board that we would only continue to support CS in 2017 if the community agrees to continue to support Camp Sunrise. For this reason we administered a community survey from 11/20 to 12/4.

## Belvedere Property Rental Agreement

At the November Council meeting, representing HSA-UWC Belvedere Properties Management, Mike McDevitt gave a report to the Council about plans for renting out the Belvedere Property to bring in income, and discussed how that would affect the Belvedere Family Church. We were encouraged hearing the good potential for more revenue by opening up our beautiful property for public use. This could begin this spring. A draft rental agreement between HSA-UWC and Belvedere Family Church for use of the Belvedere Property was presented, and we are moving forward with fine-tuning the agreement. Once it is finalized, we will let you know.

**Happy Holidays to all of you!**  
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questions or suggestions to

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# BFC Committee Reports

## Finance Committee (Council Representative Yuki Jones)

A new member has joined the finance committee, Charles Patterson! His active involvement in the community and business knowledge will be an excellent asset for the committee.

## Youth Ministry (Council Representative Akiko Morris)

We are happy to have Wonky Todd, representing CARP activities, join the committee and contribute his investment with college-age members. Toyo Hagiwara reported that Up and Coming has been focused on the theme of INSPIRE which is about making and taking responsibility for our personal relationship with God. Testimonies during UC were heard from our older brothers, encouraging everyone to see that they are at a perfect place to make that next step towards building that connection with their Heavenly Parent.

## Outreach Committee (Council Representative Peter Reiner)

The committee is making plans to expand the outreach beyond ACLC such inviting guests to Dr. Kone's DP lecture events, Sunday Service and cultural and educational events. Julie Okamoto has loyally served BFC for many years as paid outreach coordinator. Although the outreach coordinator is no longer a paid position we are grateful that Julie is happy to continue in volunteering her energies and enthusiasm to outreach. Thank you Julie. With this expanded focus on outreach, the committee is welcoming new members and volunteers for leading the committee. Dr. Kone plans to educate the new BFC Outreach team about his ambitions to witness to three different types of people: those interested in a church, young people interested in activities and non-religious people interested in small groups and social action.

## Sunday Service Committee

(Council Representative Sun-Ae Patterson)

A newly formed Ad-hoc Committee on Staging Upgrade, consisting of Jonathan Gullery, Charles Patterson, Dominic Barber and David Wolf will ramp up the progress in improving the stage, sound system and lighting. The UC staff will also be involved as the youth ministry will enjoy updates for their programs. A special Christmas Service and Party is being planned for the evening of December 18th at 5:00pm.

## Upcoming Council Meeting

Our next Council business meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 17th, from 10am to 12 noon, 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.**