

THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER
MINUTES OF THE VESTRY MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
7:00 P.M. – PARISH HALL

*Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light.
Live as children of light—for the fruit of the light
is found in all that is good and right and true.
Ephesians 5:8-9*

Quorum. The March Vestry Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. The following Vestry members were present, representing a quorum for the conduct of business: Ally Abernathy, Peter Bain, Margie Chandler, James Guyton, Erin Hagar, Dixon Harvey, Anne Haskins, Kristen Heerema, Kathy LaPlant, John Schmick, and George Tracy. The following clergy members, staff members, and officers were present: David Ware, Ellen Chatard, Keri Frisch, Steve Sutor, Doug Riley, and Fern Riley. The following Vestry member was absent: Sara Engram.

Members of the Redeemer History Working Group were also in attendance.

Opening Prayer. David Ware opened the meeting with a prayer.

Approval of Minutes. Prior to the meeting, Fern Riley presented electronically the minutes of the Vestry Meeting held on February 21, 2023, and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Redeemer History Working Group. In response to the February 15, 2022 Vestry resolution to create a working group to research the relationship between Redeemer and the institution of slavery, the adoption of Jim Crow laws, and other practices in Maryland that disenfranchise communities, the Redeemer History Working Group was formed and has been researching the church's past. They had previously met with Vestry members on March 5 to discuss their research from the era of slavery. They continued their presentation of church history from the Jim Crow period. The Vestry and Working Group members discussed their findings. The group will continue their research through the summer and will present and discuss their work at the Vestry/Staff Retreat in October.

Adjournment. David offered closing remarks, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Fern Riley, Registrar