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Dear Lakeside Membership:

For the past several weeks I have led a committee appointed by our Administrative Board to study changing the leadership structure of the Church. Committee members included: Nancy Dobbs, George Mitchell, Christian Martinez, and Rev. Judy Rudd. Last night we made our recommendation to the Administrative Board that we transition to the Simplified Structure as allowed by our Book of Discipline.

Currently, we have an Administrative Board and five administrative committees. The committees are: Finance, Trustees, Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC), Committee on Lay Leadership (Nominations), and Endowment. In addition there are numerous other committees that serve the Church for specific purposes.

Under the Simplified Structure, the Administrative Board, Finance, Trustees and SPRC would become one Board. All other committees will continue to function as normal and will report to the new Board.

While studying the proposed change for Lakeside, our committee identified several reasons why this new structure will be a positive change for our church. Without disparaging anyone, our current committee decisions are slow, if they happen at all. Decisions get bogged down between committees which makes it difficult, if not impossible, to make difficult and *timely* decisions. While we have clear lines of authority, there are no clear lines of accountability.

We believe that the Simplified Structure will create *more* accountability for the smaller Board. Communication with the membership will be critical because decisions will be made in a much faster time frame. The new Board will set our budget, policy, goals and provide oversight. The Pastor and staff will be able to manage the day to day operations of the Church within the limits set by the Board.

Our current Administrative Board will determine the size of the new Board. The recommendation is that the new Board have between nine and 11 members. The Lay Leader and Delegate to Annual Conference will be members by virtue of their position.

The change to the Simplified Structure will be voted on at our Church Conference on October 4, 2021. If approved, the new structure will begin on January 1, 2022. The size of the board and the initial membership will be voted on that day as well. If you are interested in serving on the new Board please let a member of the Nominations committee know.

If you have any questions or comments about the new structure, please let me or any member of the Administrative Board subcommittee committee know.

Rob Wyatt

What's Happening @ Lakeside United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 26

8:30 Chapel Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Worship
11:00 Fiesta de Colores pick up

Monday, September 27

6:00 Mi Casa Board meets

Tuesday, September 28

Wednesday, September 29

3:00 Coffee with Pastor
Midweek Manna
5:30 Meal
6:00 Tutoring
6:00 ESL
6:00 Mom's Group
6:00 Choir practice
6:00 - 7:00 Youth
(Nursery available ages 0-4)

Thursday, September 30

Friday, October 1

Office closed

Saturday, October 2



Sunday, October 3
8:30 Chapel Worship
9:00 Sunday School
10:00 Sanctuary Worship
Monday, October 4
6:00 Church Conference

Lakesiders, having promised to be loyal to Jesus Christ through The United Methodist Church and to do all in our power to strengthen its ministries, live out our promise by God's grace together—participating faithfully in the ministries of Lakeside United Methodist Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!



It's Here!
 Sunday 26th, immediately after church
 Tickets are still on sale.
 Adults \$10.00
 Children \$8.00
 Family \$30.00

Carry Outs and Drive Through Only.
 Call Mi Casa at 870-850-0142 or 870-939-9411 to get your tickets!

As we celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month in mid-September, we celebrate those among us whose heritage ties them to Spain, Spanish speaking Central American nations, South America, the Caribbean, and Mexico. These people from many nations and traditions bring a wide range of rich cultural experiences into our churches.

The Hispanic and Latino people have been present in our nation and in our church for generations and their numbers continue to grow. Already the fastest-growing population in the United States, their numbers are projected to double in the next 10 years.

In The United Methodist Church, we celebrate the presence of Hispanic and Latino members among us along with the gifts, service, and witness they bring to our communities of faith. Sometimes we do this by making opportunities for cultural experiences, moments of prayer, or singing together. We celebrate contributions and bridges built while singing the songs we were all created to sing, each voice blending into beautiful harmony reflecting the image of our Creator.



A joy shared is multiplied. We all can use a little joy in our lives. We hope that each of you are as excited about this news as we are. Recently, Terry Wynne resigned his position as SPRC chair after consulting our District Superintendent and Bishop Mueller so he and Pastor Judy can pursue a budding relationship.

Thank you, Terry for your years of leadership in the SPRC and welcome to Debbie Owens, our interim SPRC chair through the end of the year.



A huge thank you to Dave Sadler for setting up the sound system in the chapel for us.
 Worship in the Chapel is at 8:30 each Sunday morning.



We pray for the sick — Kathy Tanner, Robert Baltzell, Tom Roop

Grieving - The Bob Small Family
 The Wimpy Norton Family

Sheridan Healthcare Rehab: Don Massey
Woodland Heights Senior Living: Billie Doster

Lakeside's Hispanic Ministry; Young People around the world; Families in trouble; City Council members & Mayor; Students of all ages; Teachers, First Responders

Gifts Have Been Received in Memory Of:

Barbara Owen by: Etoyle Mouser, Linda Pickler, Tyson Travis, Bill Foster, Patricia King

Amy Buckholtz by: Andy & Elaine Vaccaro, Etoyle Mouser, Lynda Pickler



Midweek Manna continues on Wednesday nights beginning at 5:30 with a meal. On the 15th we had 37 participants.

Here is what to expect for the rest of the month:

	<u>Youth</u>	<u>Mom's Activity Class</u>
Sep. 22	Preparation for FDC	Preparation for FDC
Sep. 29	Practice for Children & Youth Worship Service	Bible Study; Fruit of the Spirit

Church Conference



Mark Your Calendar – October 4th @ 6:00 pm:
 District Superintendent Edna Morgan will preside at Lakeside's church conference to vote on the sale of the property at 1501 S. Olive St. and adoption of a simplified, single board of governance.

Because these are important decisions for our church, we are holding a "church conference" rather than a "charge conference" so that the entire church body may attend and have voice. Please plan to attend in the Fellowship Hall.



Not only is Lakeside's Blessing Box a great benefit to the community, but so is our Lending Library. This is a photo of Barbara and Bonnie selecting books from our Lending Library.



Our Presence in Worship and Study

Wednesday Night September 15, 2021 - 37

Sunday, September 19, 2021
 8:30 Worship Service - 14
 10:00 Worship Service - 43
 9:00 Sunday School - 26

Our Weekly Service at Church
Sunday, September 26, 2021

Preaching: The Reverend Judy Rudd; Liturgist: Debbie Owens
 Music: Rene Leus; Flowers:
 Sermon Series: And the Children Shall Lead Us
 Sermon: Boldness Scripture: Genesis 37:3-11
 Children's Sermon: Lizbeth Antonio
 Ushers: Steve Dobbins, Joe Coles, Rob Wyatt, Bobby Wyatt, Roy Whitaker, Ken Kesterson

September 27 Counters: George Mitchell & Deborah Whitaker
 September 27 Brass Polishers: Penny Whitener & Susan Brown

All services are available on Facebook or Facebook Live.

Join us online for worship at:

<https://www.facebook.com/LakesidePB/live/>

Check out what is happening at Lakeside on our website www.lakesidepb.org

From Rene'



Hola, mi familia.

This Sunday's prelude is entitled "You Are the Mighty King", written by Eddie Espinosa, a Hispanic singer and songwriter.

Espinosa has written over 40 praise songs, including one of our favorites "Change My Heart Oh God".

Growing up in Southern California, he spent most of his career in public education, teaching elementary, middle, and high school students. In 1979, he was recruited by Anaheim Vineyard Fellowship church to be on their worship team. He temporarily left public education and worked as a full time pastoral counselor and worship leader at Anaheim, recording new songs that spread all over the world through Vineyard Music Group and Maranatha Praise.

Even though he and his wife retired from teaching in 2017, Espinosa thinks of himself as "rewired", not "retired". He's still writing songs, invited by the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship in 2018 to compose new songs for Advent and Christmas, and still speaks at conferences and other events. He says "I want to write songs that exalt God and Christ, draw us in, and express and celebrate who God is." Muchas gracias, Senor Espinosa por su cantos muy hermosos!

Shalom!