

# **RLC FOUNDATION**

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### **Annual Meeting – RLC Foundation**

January 29, 2023

#### **Agenda**

**Opening Prayer** 

Call to Order-Kris Mitchell

Welcome and President's Report - Kris Mitchell

Annual Meeting Minutes – Last meeting was in January 2020. 2021 and 2022 annual reports and voting were conducted via mail due to pandemic conditions.

Treasurer's Report - Erlan Leitz, Treasurer

Election of Board Members - Kris Mitchell

Call for New Business/Committee Reports – Kris Mitchell

Adjournment - Kris Mitchell

**Closing Prayer** 

**Board Members:** Kris Mitchell, president, Ginnette Ernst, vice president, Erlan Leitz, treasurer, Alyce Budzeck, secretary, Diane Bonin, Rick Snyder and Cindy Dixon

**About RLC Foundation:** The purpose of the RLC Foundation is to plant seeds for new ministries that enhance the Lord's work. These seed are nurtured and grown to maturity by the RL Congregation. It is expected that the start of these ministries would not be possible within the fiscal limits of the church budgets and supporting normal operation costs are outside of the foundation charter. All members of Richland Lutheran Church are members of the Foundation. Voting members are those who have met the requirements for being voting members of Richland Lutheran Church.

**Funding:** Donations may be provided via direct contributions (envelopes or on line), United Way and as gifts in many forms such as wills, trusts life insurance and annuities. People who have qualifying Thrivent volunteer leadership positions, or pay annual premiums of insurance products or have a contract value on qualifying products can select the Foundation as a recipient of Thrivent charitable distributions. We have been blessed with numerous gifts and donations for over 30 years and in 2021 exceeded the required endowment assets of \$500K. Now, in addition to the endowment income, all donations, unless specified otherwise, are available for planting of seeds. Reaching this level of

funding also requires more extensive Federal Tax reporting (990), and additional administrative and insurance requirements, which the Board finished in 2022.

Planting Seeds of Ministry: The RLC Foundation finds joy in its ability to financially assist new ministries to further Christ's kingdom by awarding grants from income generated by endowment funds. Proposals for use of funds are made using the Ministry Seed Application form which can be found on the RLC web site or the RLC App. Applications require review and approval of the appropriate RLC Ministry Lead (pastor). Please don't hesitate to contact a Foundation board member or Ministry Lead to explore ideas for the new ministries and the use of these funds or for help with an application.

**Foundation Seeded Ministries:** The RLC Foundation plants seeds of ministry which when nurtured by the Congregation and God willing grow into new and lasting ministries to the glory of God. More than 20 new ministries have been funded since the Foundation was formed. In 2022 two new ministries were funded.

- Healing Prayer Ministry will serve to both proclaim and demonstrate the gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit to those who need physical, emotional, and spiritual healing, or deliverance, to alleviate pain and sickness of all kinds through prayer (not counseling), to help people be healed of the effects of trauma, loss, our own sin, or the sins of others, and to help people find freedom, reconciliation, and peace with themselves, God and others. Healing Ministry Teams of 2 or 3 will listen, love and pray with individuals who seek healing through individual appointments with those who desire it or with shorter prayers after worship services when scheduled. Seed money was provided for training of the ministry teams. Please contact Kathy Umgardner for more information.
- **Fellowship Ministry** will foster relationships, community, and opportunities for connection by offering activities, events and gatherings that promote relational growth. The Fellowship Ministry Team functions will include:
  - Facilitate Hebrews Café on Sunday mornings, including training and recruiting congregation members to serve as hosts
  - Host fellowship activities and gatherings for the RLC community, which in the past have included a Campfire & Sing-a-long, Bingo & Ice Cream, and the Confirmation Luncheon Reception
  - Meet as needed to plan and coordinate fellowship activities

This new team will help us to be more deliberate and intentional as we seek to bring folks together in partnership in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Seed money was provided to support five events in the first year.

# **Treasurer's Report**

Provided separately.

### **Returning Board Members and 2023 Nominees**

Returning Board Members: Kris Mitchell, Erlan Leitz, Cindy Dixon and Rick Snyder.

**Nominees:** Diane Bonin (1-year term), Alyce Budzeck (3-year term) and Jami Priggi (3-year term)

**Special Thanks:** We offer special thanks Ginnette Ernst, for serving on the board and appreciate her leadership as president through the pandemic years.