

Moderator Report:

Praise and Glory to God as we reflect on another year of blessings and challenges at Ray of Hope.... Blessed in that we have continued to stay faithful to being hearers and doers of the Word and the promises of God by continuing to rejoice and fellowship with one another. Blessed that our internet presence continues to reach others all over the world and Blessed because our doors are open and the telephone lines and lights are on, so Ray of Hope can be a beacon for others in some of their darkest hours. Challenging in that we have not found the answers we sought in regards to being more financially stable so we can sustain this ministry and our building. It is that revelation that continues to fuel my spirit to find the solutions we seek to remain sustainable for the next generation to come.

The council is committed to finding ways to extend our outreach and grow our membership so we can sustain this ministry started 37 years ago. We definitely need financial support as all the reserves we were able to draw from in previous years are not there this year. We used the funds as they were designated to complete the replacement and installation of the front doors which were damaged via an act of vandalism 3 years prior.

The front door project was necessary for both security, codes and to create a more welcoming environment for all who enter. I am very thankful to all who contributed to the project and it's successful completion. We must work together to keep these doors open and even open new ones for the glory of God.

In 2020, we will return to the practice of collecting an offering at our Bible Enrichment sessions. The offering will be used to support the operational portion of the budget. Please consider saving your change during the week and dropping it into the offering plate, every penny will make a difference.

If you have additional ideas that you think will help, please share them and join us at our Council meetings where we discuss the governance of this body of Christ. If something isn't working please let us know and if there is something we need to do more of, let us know that too. Help us come up with solutions.

I want to thank Lisa Frost and Br. Benedict for their tireless services on the Council and pray for assistance with all they do that you see and that you don't see. I also want to thank those who gave of their time and treasure in any way to support this ministry.

Through our collective support of this ministry we can continue the mission and purpose of Ray of Hope Church. I have inserted below our statement of Purpose for all of us to revisit and seek instruction from the Holy Spirit on how we can better fulfill it this year for the glory of God.

**In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus,
we the faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus
Christ commit to:**

- + Guide and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends.
- + Declare and openly assert the truth that same-sex relationships founded and fostered in God-centered love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the world.
- + Uphold, proclaim and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit.
- + Change the world around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny.
- + Proclaim the ray of hope, which is the soon-coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and peace for all God's people and the universe.

The congregation lost Jane McDermott and Charlotte Allen in 2019 but gained two strong prayer warriors in Paradise. Both were very strong in their faith and desired to see the Ray of Hope faith community thrive. I know they will continue to be advocates for our sustainability even more now that they are in Paradise. Many have paved the way for us at Ray of Hope, let's continue to carry the torch they lit and grow this ministry together, it is our time to do our part here on earth.

My prayer for all us is that God will help us discover the gifts and talents that have been placed within each of us so that we can use them to fulfill our purpose and give God the praise and thanksgiving that is so deserved.

As I stated last year in my report, as your Moderator, I will continue to work diligently with you to understand God's plan for our congregation and how best to serve.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Floyd, Moderator Ray of Hope Church of our Lord Jesus Christ

Vice Moderator Report:

Another year in which the Harvest did not produce an individual who felt God's calling to join the Council and take on the role of the Vice Moderator of the Council. In Matthew 9:37 and Luke 10:2 it states, "The Harvest is plenty but the Laborers are few.

I ask that you spend some time in discernment on how you can use your talents as a laborer for the Lord here at Ray of Hope.

We remain faithful to God's word and we will wait for God to send us the right person to share in this position of leadership.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Floyd, Moderator Ray of Hope Church of our Lord Jesus Christ

Clerk Report:

Jane McDermott passed into Paradise on October 1st 2019. Jane held the position of clerk on the Council for many years. All matters of church correspondence was received and documented in the clerical records. The official office of clerk remains open on the Council. Please consider volunteering to assist and support this position or any other officer roles of the Council in 2020 as you do not have to be a member of the Council to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

Veronica Floyd, Moderator Ray of Hope Church of our Lord Jesus Christ