

Session Notes – At its concurrent Annual Retreat and September meeting, Session celebrated how the Lord has and continues to work through His church family at MVPC to touch so many lives in our community and around the world and rejoiced in the faith-led response of the congregation that closed the 2009-2010 annual budget gap in August. Session received and approved a recommendation from the Family Ministries Department to hire Evan Kolding as our Senior High Director, who started his ministry with students here the week of September 26th. Please provide Evan, his wife Christina and 4 month old daughter Brylie a big MVPC family welcome as they relocate from Stockton to Lamorinda in the coming weeks. Session also approved a proposal by Pastor Tom to reallocate funds for extended Staff and Volunteer Development and endorsed the direction and work he has completed to date formalizing the Mission Study Committee. Members are invited to contact the Clerk of Session Bob Holt, the Pastoral team or any member of Session with questions or input.

Succession Planning Update – Pastor Tom has developed, submitted and received Session endorsement for a summary on the MVPC Mission Study Committee including its stated purpose and goals, proposed timeline, criteria for committee member selection and nomination process. It is anticipated the committee member selection process and initial committee meeting will be completed by the end of October. The Farewell Committee will also begin its work in October. We will begin selecting the Interim Pastor Search Committee (IPSC) members in December of this year. Please send all IPSC committee nominations to Pastor Tom. Nat Weber and Pastor Tom have made numerous presentations of the Succession Planning process and timeline to MVPC ministries and during a congregational forum. If you missed one of these presentations, you can find a summary on the MVPC website (www.mvpc.today.org) by clicking on the "Succession Planning" link. The Pastors, Session, and Succession Planning Team ask for your continued prayers and active participation in the spiritual growth and health of our church family through this transition period and beyond. For more information, members may contact the Clerk of Session Bob Holt, Succession Planning Team members Donny Bergen, Tom Dabasinskas, Ron Fadelli, Terry Sylvester, Jim Watkinson and Nat Weber.