

Session Update

At its May meeting Session received an update regarding the recent votes in the Denomination. Session discussed and validated that the position taken by the Pastoral Staff and Session remains the same. It was agreed to communicate with the congregation in writing and spoken word. As of this printing that goal has been met.

Ministry departments made presentations on goals for 2011-2012 based on goals developed during the March Session planning retreat. *To Know Christ and Make Him Known* continues as our mission statement, approved by Session in January 2008. Our goals are Missional Witness (Acts 1:8); Integrated Family (Deut 6:4-9); and Christ-Centered Community (Heb 10:23-25). Session worked on further clarifying and refining ministry goals and expects to approve these goals during the June Session meeting.

The Worship and Music Department made their annual report to Session led by the Minister of Music and Worship and accompanied by staff. Session also received updates from the Interim Pastor Selection Committee. So far, over 70 résumés for the interim position have been received and interviews have commenced.

A special invitation was extended to past Elders to participate in a final meeting with Pastor Jim. Over forty additional Elders joined this unique event. Much time was devoted to affirming Jim and Joy's call to this ministry and celebrating the way God has worked through them at MVPC.