

Summary of 2020 by Marcia Grant, Church President

The primary things I noted were the ability of this congregation to adapt to a pandemic. Some of our membership were able to attend in person services but we were also able to use technology such as livestreaming for worship, and Zoom for meetings and Bible Study so that other members could attend worship in their own homes.

Difficulties that this congregation faces include filling volunteer spots such as ushering, committee memberships and livestreaming volunteers. At this time, we need to continue to use our volunteers wisely and consider reducing the number of committees to reduce the strain on volunteers.

The Mission Study Committee and Staffing Committee reached their conclusions. In 2021, this congregation will begin another search process for a Senior Pastor. While this process seems slow, it has been methodical and has allowed us to work together as a congregation and determine what we desire for staffing and in a Senior Pastor.

I did not have a stressful year. I found Pastor Edward, the Governing Council and various committees wonderful people to work with and learn from as we worked through this year.

The challenges this congregation faces in the future are those of an aging congregation. This is not uncommon but needs to be addressed as we consider our ministry and missions in 2021 and beyond. Thank you for letting me be of service to Federated Church.