

Council News April 2017

The Council of Riverside United Church met on April 19 under the leadership of the Chair - Clara Ballantine. The following are highlights of reports and discussions from the meeting.

- Discussed the chapter of Fishing Tips that focused on “Say Who You Are”
- Discussed the Halo Project recommendations; affirmed that we need to find ways to discover community needs.
- Heard a report from the 5 persons who attended the “Regeneration” workshop on March 26th
- Agreed that a Mission Forward Working Group be established to continue to guide the process.
- 5 Lenten gatherings were held with combined committees to discuss questions of identity and future direction
- 4 “Bible Exploration” events were held in Lent with 37 people participating in one or more.
- Communion service will be held at Landmark on May 9th
- Interest in a “Right Relations” circle will be determined over the next couple of months.
- The Swing Dance will be held on Sept 29th.

- Financial summary for 2017: (end of March)

	2017	2016
Income	47,619	48,338
Expenses	<u>-46,841</u>	<u>- 45,982</u>
	778	2,356

- Our investment with Fiera (Endowment Fund) has increased in value by \$7,627 in the first quarter of 2017. (Not included in the above figures)

Next meeting: Wed., May 10, 2017