

Senior Leadership Team Update to the Congregation
December 21, 2011

The following are highlights from the December 21, 2011 meeting of the Senior Leadership Team:

1. Rev. Semeyn reported on the many and wonderful opportunities he has had to connect with members of the Elmhurst CRC community during the Christmas season. He also noted the overwhelming support of the “Glimmers of Hope” program by the congregation as it raised over \$15,000.00 for needy families in our congregation, chickens, goats and sheep for needy families around the world and hundreds of pairs of socks for the men of the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, Louisiana (with whom we celebrated Christmas).
2. Pastor DeMey shared a look into the planning for our Advent Services and plans for 2012 services. He also informed the SLT of plans for January small group study of the book “The Next Christians.”
3. Jack Lanenga, Executive Director, reported that the City of Elmhurst approved a new wall sign to be installed on the east side of the building in the next few months. He highlighted the continuing work of Andy Pasek as Facility Coordinator to get work done in and around the building, and Ron Becvar and Jack McNamara’s volunteer work at 149 W. Brush Hill and 905 S. Kent. He concluded by reviewing the work on the 2012 budget.
4. Rob Petroelje emphasized the need for Congregational giving to finish strong in order to collect the roughly \$200,000.00 ECRC needs to receive before the end of the fiscal year on December 31. He then presented revisions to the 2012 budget. The final 2012 budget will be presented at the SLT meeting on January 18, 2012. It will then be presented to the Elder’s and Deacons on January 30, 2012. If approved, the Congregation will vote on the budget at the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, February 15, 2012.
5. Ken Hoving presented a report from the Personnel Committee that included reformulating the committee by replacing an SLT member and a staff member with 2 new members from the congregation.