



WESTROCK COUNCIL

Newsletter

February 2016

Council Mission Statement (2015-2017) ~ Our mission is to be a driving force for the community, and to support the Head Pastor, by establishing a clear organizational structure and thriving financial base, resulting in a vibrant, God-centered culture within our families and community.

WESTROCK SURVEY: WE ARE "ALL EARS"

An important step in improving our church community is taking a good assessment of how things are working. You make up the community, so we need your opinions and suggestions. This is why we administered the recent WestRock Survey. There was a large amount of response, but not as many from our younger members. We are individually reaching out to all younger members, please fill out our form by visiting westrockfamily.com/2016survey on our website. Associate Pastor, Rev. Clarke, will lead the charge in finalizing this survey.

And speaking of feedback, please notice the new "Sunday Service Suggestion Box" complete with forms on the table by the entrance of Belvedere.

An online version is also available by visiting westrockfamily.com/suggestions. Your feedback on any area will help us listen with better ears.

WESTROCK OR BELVEDERE: WHAT'S IN A NAME?

As most of you know, we recently administered a survey in response to a proposal that our name be changed from WestRock Family Church to Belvedere Family Church (different from the community survey). The predominant response was in favor of changing our name. However, a few individuals made thoughtful arguments for keeping our name. We see these comments as worth consideration and deserving our response.

For this reason Rev. Kone will continue in his discussions with those interested. Also the council will be compiling a summary of the objections, along with what we hope are well-reasoned answers for becoming the Belvedere Family Church. This information will be made available to the community, of course.

TOYOMICHI HAGIWARA GIVES UPDATE ON OUR UP AND COMING YOUTH MINISTRY

We were pleased to have Toyo attend our council meeting and give an update on the Up and Coming Youth Ministry. UC is successfully creating a safe place for our youth to fellowship together and support each other. Toyo also stated it would be helpful to have a list of people who could provide certain services for UC, such as speaking, driving, cooking, assisting in special events, etc. Yasu, Toyo and the UC staff are doing an excellent job, and send a special thank you to those who currently volunteer! If anyone else can offer some support, it would be greatly appreciated! Please contact our youth ministry if you would like to offer your help, or if you have any further questions or comments regarding the program.

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NEXT COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING Our next Council business meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday Feb. 23rd**, from 7:30 to 9:30pm, at the White House.

IMPORTANT NOTE FOR VISITORS: Visitors are very welcome - but please be aware that our agenda is usually very full. If visitors would like to suggest an issue to be discussed or to be given time to express an opinion, they should contact the council (any council member) at least one week before the meeting.



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The WestRock Council welcomes your input! please email your comments, questions or suggestions to wrcouncil@googlegroups.com