**Crocker Presbyterian Church**

**Transformation Grant for Technology**

**November 2020**

This final report fulfills Crocker Presbyterian Church’s requirement to report on activity related to the approval of the Transformation Grant for Technology. In summary, the grant was approved in November, 2019 for computer supported technology for the church’s administration and its worship activities.

Although the Corona virus has impacted in-church worship, none-the-less our Worship Elder, Debbie Fraski has been able to prepare worship material for Sunday services. Whether services were held in the sanctuary or via Zoom, each week the liturgy was prepared and presented as appropriate through the use of Proclaim software. On October 25th, the message was delivered by Dr. William Agnew from his home via Zoom to the congregation and displayed on the television in the sanctuary.

Because of the Corona virus, the church’s only pianist, Betty Layman, has been hospitalized. Through the use of Audacity Recording software, her husband, Ronnie Layman, our Clerk of Session, was able to record her playing before she was hospitalized. The music was then mailed to our Worship Elder who downloaded it into her music file. Debbie Fraski then selects the piano accompaniment hymns for the worship service and then loads them into the Proclaim software and adds the lyrics so that the church has music for the Sunday service. The situation of not have our pianist present for services was anticipated when the software was first purchased. These software purchases are a result of the technology grant.

Additionally, computer files pertaining to the church’s Food Pantry distribution were updated each month of 2020. One of Crocker’s most important mission activities has been the distribution of food from four different sources: Convoy of Hope in April, Farmers to Family graciously shared by the Metamorphosis Church in June through September, USDA Food for Kids from June through Mid-August, and Ozark Food Harvest in May and continuing through November. After November’s distribution, approximately four thousand food boxes have been distributed in 2020. Correspondence to other churches and city organizations were made utilizing the computer authorized by the grant throughout this year.

In the month of October, Crocker Presbyterian Church hosted the John Calvin Presbytery Meeting. Every piece of equipment authorized by the grant was used to prepare, host, and present the church’s portion of the meeting. Several compliments have been noted on the professionalism of the material and video presented at the meeting.

Our Worship Elder, Debbie Fraski, has also requested and received Advent material for Sunday School and Bible study. The material was printed for Sunday classes and emailed as necessary for the Bible study. She has also researched and printed Advent readings for candle lighting services in the upcoming Advent season.

One issue that still remains is the ability to setup a better audio system for recording church services. A Bluetooth Audio Transmitter which was purchased has been returned to Best Buy and the church treasury has been reimbursed. Currently, an audio cable is being considered to be installed from the rear of the sanctuary to the computer in the front of the sanctuary which will hopefully improve sound quality on recorded church services.

The Corona virus continues to present challenging problems for the Crocker community and church. None-the-less, the technological equipment and software purchased as a result of the grant’s approval has allowed the church to support its administrative requirements, its strong mission activities, and worship services throughout 2020. The John Calvin Presbytery’s forward looking support and approval of this grant request made this all possible, and for that, our membership and the community has been well served this year and will continue to be in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Cliff Oesch