

## Report of the Audio-Visual Committee, 2014-15

The AV Committee is relatively new, having been formed in early 2011 for the purpose of planning a new sound system for the sanctuary, which was accomplished by the start of the 2011-12 church year. Subsequent activity has included video projection during services and study of video streaming of the services. Regular activity includes supporting the sound system and video projection during services. Special recognition is given to Frank Grossman, Burns Fisher, and Billy Parker who regularly operate the sound system, and to Emma Sousa who prepares and runs the video projection.

Accomplishments during the 2014-15 church year include:

- Installation of wiring and equipment in the balcony to allow operation of video projection, audio control, and (in the future) video streaming from that location. Special recognition goes to Billy Parker for designing and constructing a desktop-style work surface that allows laptop computers and related equipment to be operated comfortably and did not require the removal of all or part of a pew as was originally contemplated.
- Acquiring two additional microphones and stands for better pickup of instruments and vocal groups especially.
- Cabling to allow audio clips to be played from the balcony operating location, whether as part of video or from portable audio players.
- Weekly live audio streaming of the Sunday service. Typically, 10-15 listeners listen to all or part of the service each Sunday, whether during the initial live broadcast or during one of the two rebroadcasts later in the day. A particularly noteworthy event occurred on Sunday, February 15, when the service had to be officially cancelled for the second week in succession because of winter storms. Jed Holland came to the church despite the snow and acted as host, leader, and musician for a virtual service. Additional content was provided in advance by Harry Purkhiser and John Sanders. Over 50 streams were in use for much of the hour, where each stream represents at least one and typically more than one listener. Many who listened reported a sense of being together in spirit, even if we could not be together in person.

The following items are the needs and objectives we foresee for the 2015-16 church year.

- Ongoing consultation with our new settled minister to explore her ideas and recommendations regarding AV support in the service, including the items we are already considering and others that we haven't thought of.
- Seeking volunteers for the regular preparation and presentation of the video projection at the service each week, as Emma will no longer be available to do this single-handedly.
- Selecting and obtaining equipment for a permanent video projection installation so that the projector does not have to be manually set up and taken down each week as at present. This has taken on increased importance because of the

- previous item. Further, a permanent installation will eliminate the obstruction in the chalice side of the chancel where the current projector must be located.
- Continue to study regular video streaming benefits and concerns and to work with the PR Committee and Board of Trustees particularly to find a consensus solution.
  - Improve support of occasional AV needs in the church beyond the sanctuary services. This includes occasional video and/or sound support for movies, meetings, presentations, etc.

The following is our budget request for 2015-16 in support of the objectives above:

\$2000	Video projector for fixed installation in the balcony.
\$225	Annual license covering music from our services and made available via streaming or podcast (koober.org).
\$300	Software subscriptions for laptop computers in AV system.
\$500	Contingency for system upgrades as determined after consultation with Rev. Allison.

Respectfully submitted,

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