

## **INREACH COMMITTEE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY 10/12/23**

Inreach Committee welcomed Liz Deterding from RIC Committee. Liz presented an RIC recommendation about inviting worshippers to write their pronouns on their nametags during our next nametag Sunday. The committee had a thoughtful discussion and approved this recommendation.

Here's what we discussed as presented by Liz: "Other than our names, pronouns are one of the primary ways others refer to us, so using pronouns that correctly reflect someone's gender identity shows the same respect and hospitality as calling them by their correct name.... Sharing your pronouns is always optional, but if you feel comfortable, providing your pronouns helps us all feel welcome and included as our whole selves here at Good Shepherd."

Next Nametag Sunday will be RIC Sunday, January 28. RIC and Inreach will host tables together, along with offering some basic communications about how the use of pronouns are intended to be a sign of welcome and inclusion.

Inreach Committee also received a final draft of an Internal Directory of Entry Points of Ministry for staff use, wished Godspeed to Pat Westimayer and thanked her for her 40+ years of service to Good Shepherd, and welcomed new committee member Toby Sterk.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Pastor Sheryl Erickson