

MINUTES¹
United Church of Christ Board
JUNE 20, 2019
Hilton Milwaukee
Milwaukee, WI

Members Present: Cameron Barr, Caroline Belsom, Traci Blackmon, Deborah Blood, Brian Bodager, Frank Bolden, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Michael Cich-Jones, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Gabriela Everett, John Folk, Darrell Goodwin, Kevin Graham, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Tim Hachfeld, Don Hart, Richard Harter, Wesley Hurt, Nesa Joseph, Penny Lowes, James Maki, Doug McClelland, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Keith Mills, James Moos, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Kevin Omi, Kevin Peterson, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Carol Shipley, Hannah Snyder-Samuelson, Paul S. Tch , John Vertigan, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Norman Williams, Bill Worley, Yvette Wynn.

Members Excused: Dennis Coy, Robert Frieberg, Alice Hunt

Staff and others present making presentations to the Board: Donyale Copeland, Nicholas Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Dianne Roberts and Cheryl Williams.

Heather Kimmel, Secretary of the United Church of Christ Board, declared a quorum.

WELCOME

Frank Bolden, Chair of the United Church of Christ Board, extended a welcome and thank you to the Board. Greetings were extended by Traci Blackmon on behalf of Justice and Local Church Ministries and Jim Moos on behalf of Global Ministries, and Global Engagement and Operations.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB – 19-06-01 Approve Agenda as amended.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was VOTED:

UCCB-19-06-02 Approve Consent Agenda which contains the following items of business and granting voice without vote to the following additional persons: Dale Bonds, Ron Patterson, Charles Buck and Karen Georgia Thompson.

- UCCB-19-06-02a:** Approve the minutes of March 2019 United Church of Christ Board meeting.

¹ PowerPoint presentations and related documents are attached in the Appendix to these minutes in the order in which they occurred.

- UCCB-19-06-02b:** Grant Voice Without Vote to Staff and Others Advising the UCC Board: Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Nicholas Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Dianne Roberts, Valerie Smith, Cheryl Williams.

Opening Remarks, by Chair, Frank Bolden

Remarks of the GMP, John Dorhauer

**UCCB NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT
By Nesa Joseph**

The UCCB Nominating Committee recommends the election of Yvette Wynn as Chair and Cameron Barr as Vice-Chair.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-19-06-03 To elect Yvette Wynn as Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2019-2021 biennium.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-19-06-04 To elect Rev. Dr. Cameron Barr as Vice-Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2019-2021 biennium.

**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
by Caroline Belsom**

The Governance Committee recommends the election of Jiakai Chen, Rev. Stephen R. Silver, and Bryan A. Thomas to the Board of Directors of the United Church Funds, Inc. for the class of 2025.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB -19-06-05 Approve the election of Jiakai Chen, Rev. Stephen R. Silver, and Bryan A. Thomas to the Board of Directors of the United Church Funds, Inc. for the class of 2025.

The Governance Committee recommends the election Donald G. Hart, Michael Headen, Rev. Laurie Manning, Rev. Freeman L. Palmer, and Rev. Ryan P. Sirmons to the Board of Directors of Local Church Ministries Church Building and Loan Fund.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-06 Approve the election of Donald G. Hart, Michael Headen, Rev. Laurie Manning, Rev. Freeman L. Palmer, and Rev. Ryan P. Sirmons to the Board of Directors of Local Church Ministries Church Building and Loan Fund.

A motion was made and seconded to elect Nesa Joseph to the class of 2021 and Brian Holman to the class of 2023 to the Board of Directors of United Church Funds, Inc.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-07 Approve the election of Nesa Joseph to the Board of Directors of the United Church Funds, Inc. Class of 2021 and the election of Brian Holeman to the Board of Directors of the United Church Funds, Inc. Class of 2023.

The Governance Committee recommends the election of Thaddaeus Elliott to the United Church of Christ Board class of 2023 to fill an unexpired term.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-08 Elect Thaddaeus Elliott to fill an unexpired United Church of Christ Board term for the class of 2023.

INVESTMENT & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

By David Nelson

Oral report on investment in UCF’s A Just World Fund.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

By Frank Bolden

Oral report on the vote for correction of General Synod Nominating Committee slate and for the creation of UCCB/CCM Strengthening the Covenantal Relationship Task Force.

Discussion regarding the sale of 941 Babbitt Rd, Euclid, Ohio.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-09

RESOLVED that it is in the best interest of United Church of Christ Board, an Ohio corporation, (the "corporation") to sell certain real estate located at 941 Babbitt Road, Euclid, Ohio at a price of \$15,000 pursuant to the attached sales contract dated May 29, 2019, as said property is no longer necessary or appropriate for the current and future needs of the corporation.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the Treasurer has been duly appointed to and qualified in the office of the corporation set forth opposite his name and is the incumbent of such office, that he is the officer of the corporation empowered to act pursuant to the Resolutions herein until such time as his successor may be duly elected or appointed and qualified, and that the authentic signature of such officer appears opposite his name.

OFFICE	NAME	SIGNATURE
Treasurer	Nicholas Katzakis	

Treasurer shall be required for each document to evidence the transaction.

RESOLVED FURTHER that the corporation's Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered in the name and on behalf of the corporation, to do all acts necessary and to execute, perform and deliver to the Purchaser all necessary documents, deeds, lien or other indemnities, contracts, applications, assignments and any other instruments, in connection with said sale, on such terms and in such form as may be required by the Contract or by the parties thereto and as may be deemed necessary, appropriate or advisable by the Treasurer, his execution thereof to be conclusive evidence of such necessity, appropriateness or advisability; and

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Treasurer of the corporation be, and hereby is, authorized, directed and empowered in the name and on behalf of the corporation to take all such further action, perform such further duties and execute and deliver or file such additional agreements, documents, applications, instruments, certificates and corporation papers as are contemplated in or by the Contract or as such Treasurer may otherwise deem necessary or desirable in order to accomplish the purpose and intent of the foregoing Resolutions, the taking of such action, the performance of such duties and the execution and delivery of such agreements, documents, applications, certificates, instruments and papers to be conclusive with regard to such necessary or desirability

IT WAS VOTED:
UCCB 19-06-10 To go into Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
(See separate minutes)

A motion was made that the Board of Directors of the United Church of Christ return to Regular Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

IT WAS VOTED:
UCCB 19-06-11 To return to Regular Session.

IT WAS VOTED:
UCCB 19-06-12 To approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 7, 2019 and March 8, 2019.

IT WAS VOTED:
UCCB 19-06-13 To approve filing a petition for deviation related to Minnie's Seaside Rest.

UCCB/CCM STRENGTHENING THE COVENANTAL RELATIONSHIP TASK FORCE
REPORT
By Cameron Barr

Oral report.

Discussion of Resolutions Having Constitutional Implications

- #4 General Synod Action Team
- #8 Stewardship of Exhibit Space
- #11 Discerning, Articulating, and Resourcing the Nature . . .of ‘the Basic Unit of Life and Organization of the United Church of Christ’
- #13 Oversight of the Local Church

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD
SITTING AS BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF
THE THIRTY-SECOND GENERAL SYNOD**

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-14 To grant voice without vote to Resource Persons to General Synod as follows:

VOICE WITHOUT VOTE RESOURCE PERSONS

Anderson, David	Coordinator, Committee Process Team
Avison, Jean	Chair, Nominating Committee
Bailie, Cindy	Presenter
Blair, Michael	Introducer of AGM Nominee
Blood, Deb	Presenter
Call, Carolyn	Presenter
Champion, Sandy	Theological Reflector
Daniel, Barbara Kershner	Youth Director
Coyne, Maria	Presenter
Daniel, Ginny Brown	Presenter
Davies, Chris	Presenter –New Church Welcome
Desmond, Matthew	Keynote Speaker
Dilley, Elizabeth	Presenter
Evans, Jack	Theological Reflector
Gabriel, Chris	Presenter
Gardner-Spencer, Jocelyn	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Graham, Cleo	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Guffey, Edith	Presenter
Guillaume, Sheila	Presenter
Hackenberg, Rachel	Presenter
Hood, Denise Page	Parliamentarian
Katzakis, Nick	Chief Financial Officer
Kendrix, Marilyn	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Kimmel, Heather	General Counsel
LaBoy, La-Vette	Chair, Credentials Committee
Lemon, Shameerah	General Synod Registrar
Larson, Corey	Agenda Coordinator Movement Makers Honorees

Munro, Frances	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Olson, James	Parliamentarian
Remick, Don	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC” Richardson,
Tia	Theological Reflector
Rigert, Franz	Presenter
Sanderson, Corey	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Schulte, Gary	Speak Out! Coordinator, Floor Secretary
Sigmund, David	Presenter
Siladi, Kent	“Together as One –A New Conference in the UCC”
Smith, Valerie	Synod Administrator
Thompson, Karen Georgia	Presenter/Nominee –Associate General Minister
VanAken, Troy	Introducer of Keynote
Whitcher, Jenny	Introducer of GMP nominee
Williams, Cheryl Joseph	Presenter
Youth@Synod	Representatives

SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISPOSITION REPORT
By Carla Gregg-Kearns

The Subcommittee on Disposition recommends the adoption of Third Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition as the Third Report of the Committee on Disposition.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-15 To adopt the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition as the Third Report of the Committee on Disposition.

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-16 To approve the Agenda for the Thirty-Second General Synod.

Tribute to the Class of 2019 - Frank Bolden

Jim Moos; Don Hart; Caroline Belsom; Keith Mills; Nesa Joseph; Norman Williams; Kevin Omi; Kevin Peterson; Carol Shipley; Wesley Hurt and Hannah Cranbury

Remarks - John Dorhauer

Parting Remarks - Frank Bolden

Remarks by Incoming Chair - Yvette Wynn

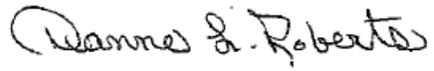
Remarks by Incoming Vice Chair - Cameron Barr

Closing Prayer - Jim Moos

IT WAS VOTED:

UCCB 19-06-17 To adjourn

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dianne L. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D'.

Dianne L. Roberts
Recorder
Office of the Secretary
United Church of Christ



Board of Directors

June 20, 2019

**The Hilton Milwaukee
City Center**

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST



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OF CHRIST

Reading of the Behavioral Covenant

Behavioral Covenant

- Seeking to be faithful together, we covenant with one another to be attentive to these guidelines as we make decisions for our faith community. In a spirit of trust and love, we will:
- Listen before answering
- Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ
- We will keep our conversations and communications open for honest exchange
- We will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others Listen.

Listen. Listen. Listen.

- We will try not to formulate what we want to say while someone else is speaking
- Welcome and regard each other as equals with our own unique gifts and graces
- We will seek clarification if needed

Speak the truth in love

- Be open to new learnings from various perspectives
- Share our concerns in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teaching
- Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence, or integrity
- Speak for ourselves only, expressing our own thoughts and feelings, referring to our experiences. We will avoid broad generalizations.

Maintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace

- Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous or full of tension
- We will be ready to forgive and be forgiven
- We will include those who should be involved in discussions even if we disagree with them
- Support and abide by the decision of the majority even if we disagree with it, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it work for that change in ways which are consistent with these guidelines
- Include our disagreements in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.

First Business Session

Thursday, June 20, 2019

(1:00PM – 5:00PM)

- *Call to Order*
- *Declaration of a Quorum*
- *Welcome*
- *Greetings*



Call to Order

Declaration of a
Quorum

Frank Bolden & Heather Kimmel



Welcome

Frank Bolden



Greetings

Traci Blackmon & Jim Moos



Approval of Agenda

Frank Bolden



Approval of Consent Agenda

Frank Bolden



Opening Remarks

Frank Bolden



Report from the GMP

John Dorhauer



Election of UCCB Chair & Vice Chair

Nesa Joseph



VOTE 1

Elect Yvette Wynn as Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2019-2021 biennium.



VOTE 2

Elect Rev. Dr. Cameron Barr as Vice-Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2019-2021 biennium.



Report of the Governance Committee

Caroline Belsom

VOTE 1



Approve the election of Jiakai Chen, Rev. Stephen R. Silver, and Bryan A. Thomas to the Board of Directors of the United Church Funds, Inc.



VOTE 2

Approve the election of Donald G. Hart, Michael Headen, Rev. Laurie Manning, Rev. Freeman L. Palmer, and Rev. Ryan P. Sirmons to the Board of Directors of Local Church Ministries Church Building and Loan Fund.

VOTE 3



Elect Thaddaeus Elliott to fill an unexpired United Church of Christ Board term for the class of 2023.



Report of the Investment & Endowment Committee

Dave Nelson



Report of the Executive Committee

Frank Bolden



EXECUTIVE SESSION

Frank Bolden



VOTE 1

**To approve the Executive Session Minutes
from March 7, 2019 and March 8, 2019.**



VOTE 2

To approve filing a petition for deviation related to Minnie's Seaside Rest.



Report on UCCB/CCM Strengthening the Covenantal Relationship Task Force

Cameron Barr



Discussion of Related Resolutions Having Constitutional Implications

**Frank Bolden/
Heather Kimmel**



- **#4 General Synod Action Team**
- **#8 Stewardship of Exhibit Space**
- **#11 Discerning, Articulating and Resourcing the Nature of the Basic Unit of Life and Organization of UCC**
- **#13 Oversight of the Local Church**

Other Resolutions as Members Indicate and time Permits

***United Church of Christ Board Sitting
As Business Committee Of The Thirty-
Second General Synod***



VOTE 1



Grant voice without vote to resource persons to the General Synod as identified on the supporting document 19-06-BusComm-01.



Notice of General Synod Committee Liaison Appointments

Kevin Peterson



Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition

Carla Gregg-Kearns



VOTE 1

Adopt the Third Report of the Subcommittee on Disposition as the Third Report of the Committee on Disposition.



Review of General Synod 32 Agenda

Norman Williams



VOTE 1

**Approval of the Final Thirty-Second General
Synod Agenda**



United Church of Christ Board of Directors



Remarks Honoring the Class of 2019

Frank Bolden



Remarks by the Chair

Frank Bolden



Remarks by Incoming Chair

Yvette Wynn



Remarks by Incoming Vice Chair

Cameron Barr



The UCCB will meet as the Business Committee and the Committee on Disposition following the FIRST PLENARY SESSION of General Synod (scheduled to begin at 3:45pm) ONLY if new business is introduced during the FIRST PLENARY SESSION.

**Room 203D
Convention Ctr.**



Closing Prayer



Jim Moos



Reception Honoring Jim Moos & Don Hart

7:00pm-9:00pm

***Hilton Hotel
Regency Ballroom***

Next UCCB Meeting
October 25-27, 2019



Crowne Plaza
1260 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, Ohio 44115

ENJOY GENERAL SYNOD !!