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


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 Board meeting.

¹PowerPoint 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.

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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
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

Dianne L. Roberts
Recorder
Office of the Secretary
United Church 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
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

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Other Resolutions as Members Indicate and Time Permits
United Church of Christ Board Sitting
As Business Committee Of The Thirty-Second General Synod
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 !!