SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
United Church of Christ Board  
May 1, 2020  
Via Videoconference  
Cleveland, Ohio

Members Present: Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, Brian Bodager, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Derrick Elliott, Thaddaeus Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Darrell Goodwin, Kevin Graham, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Tim Hachfeld, Richard Harter, Eric Jackson, Penny Lowes, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Shari Prestemon, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, D’Angelo Smith, Paul S. Tché, Karen Georgia Thompson, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Bill Worley, Jeanette Zaragoza De Leon, Lewis Zeidner

Members Absent: Faufau Alelua, Michael Cich-Jones, Dennis Coy, Gabriela Everett, Alice Hunt, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Kylie Steever, John Vertigan

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

Declaration of a quorum and call to order by Yvette Wynn

Opening Prayer by Cameron Barr

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-01 to approve the agenda

REPORT OF GENERAL MINISTER & PRESIDENT

Discussion of Council of Conference Ministers working with Cornerstone and CBLF for a relief package for Local Churches. Approval of $1.5 million in low interest loans for churches. Twelve-month loan at 2.5%, through Just World for All fund. LCM, JWM, and LCM are also identifying grant funds for Local Churches.

GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-02 to grant voice without vote to: Cindy Bailie, Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Nick Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Dianne Roberts, Valerie Smith, and Cheryl Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE UCCB MARCH 2020 MEETING

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-03 to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2020 meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.

REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
By Carla Gregg-Kearns, Chair

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-04 to take the motion to approve the General Synod Standing Rules amendments off the table.

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-05 to adopt the proposed amendments to the Standing Rules of the United Church of Christ Thirty-third General Synod as shown on Supporting Document UCCB-20-03-GOV-04

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-06 to adopt the proposed amendments to the United Church of Christ Board Standing Rules as shown on Supporting Document UCCB-20-03-GOV-06

REPORT OF THE FINANCE & BUDGET COMMITTEE
By Cameron Barr, Chair

It was VOTED:
UCCB-20-05-07 to approve the General Synod Budget

1 abstention (Penny Lowes); remaining all in favor

Proposed increase in registration to help balance budget and 10% cuts across the board. The budget presumes that General Synod is as it has been in the past; does not accommodate the challenges of COVID-19 costs and liabilities.
UCCB-20-05-08 to adopt the following rates by zone to be used in calculation for the 2021 Conference Delegate travel pool as follows:

1. 0 – 499 Miles $.05  
2. 500 – 999 Miles $.06  
3. 1,000 – miles $.07  
4. Hawaii Conference $1,273 per voting delegate

It was VOTED

UCCB-20-05-09 to adopt the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee for General Synod 2021 registration fees as follows:

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<td>Early Bird registration</td>
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<td>Delegates, National Staff, Conf. staff, Ecum, etc.</td>
<td>$300.00 based on 1716 reg.</td>
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<td>Youth 13-18 years</td>
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<td>Youth 6-12 years</td>
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<td>Youth 5 and, Conference Volunteers</td>
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<td>Single Day (Fri, Mon, or Tues)</td>
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<td>Three Day Registration (Fri-Sun; Sat-Mon; or Sun-Tues)</td>
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<td>Seminarians</td>
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Fees for each of the categories are up essentially $50; more costs will be borne by the Conferences.

Resolution 8 Conversation Follow-up led by Ministry Committee by Emma Brewer-Wallin, Chair

Discussion regarding the exhibit space at General Synod and behavioral covenant.

Ministry Committee make revisions and invite input from stakeholders and come back to the Board with proposal of a final version.

Closing Prayer by John Dorhauer

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted

Dianne Roberts - Recorder