

**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, Carlyne 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. Tch , 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.

**It was VOTED:**

**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:

Early Bird registration	remove early bird
Delegates, National Staff, Conf. staff, Ecum, etc.	\$300.00 based on 1716 reg.
Youth 13-18 years	\$175.00
Youth 6-12 years	\$ 65.00
Youth 5 and, Conference Volunteers	\$ 70.00
Single Day (Fri, Mon, or Tues)	\$100.00
Saturday only (can only charge if added programs)	\$125.00
Three Day Registration (Fri-Sun; Sat-Mon; or Sun-Tues	\$200.00
Exhibitor (Vendors only)	\$125.00
Seminarians	\$175.00

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**

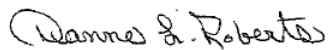
Discussion regarding the exhibit space at General Synod and behavioral covenant.

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**