

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

United Church of Christ Board

June 2, 2020 - 2:00 pm Eastern

Video Conference (Via Zoom)

Members Present: Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Faufau Alelua, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, Michael Cich-Jones, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Derrick Elliott, Thaddaeus Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Kevin Graham, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Tim Hachfeld, Richard Harter, Penny Lowes, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, Paul Shay, D'Angelo Smith, Kylie Steever, Paul Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, John Vertigan, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Lewis Zeidner

Non-Board Member with Special Expertise: Lawrence Bashe, Ron Patterson

Member Absent: Deborah Blood, Brian Bodager, Dennis Coy, Gabriela Everett, Darrell Goodwin, Alice Hunt, Eric Jackson, James Maki, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Shari Prestemon, Michael Readinger, Bill Worley, Jeanette Zaragoza De Leon

Staff Present and Others Present making presentations to the Board of Directors: Cindy Bailie, Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Nick Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Dianne Roberts, Cheryl Williams.

DECLARATION OF A QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER

Yvette Wynn

Yvette Wynn thanked all for their presence and their voice.

OPENING PRAYER SERVICE

Traci Blackmon opened with prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was VOTED:

UCCB-20-06-01 to approve the Agenda (*Supporting Document UCCB-20-06-01 Agenda 5.21.2020*).

REPORT OF GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT

Thank you to the UCC for setting itself apart to stand for justice. Important things are taking place in order to equip our churches during this time to make sure our voice is heard. We are making updates to the church websites. Thank you to Traci Blackmon for her work. We are a small denomination with a large impact and a voice making a difference. The level of collaboration and cooperation with the Council of Conference Ministers has enhanced our effectiveness. We are all in a new way of learning to be together.

GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE

It was VOTED:

UCCB-20-06-02 to grant voice without vote to Cindy Bailie, Larry Bashe, Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Nick Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Ron Patterson, Dianne Roberts, and Cheryl Williams.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE UCCB MAY 2020 MEETING

It was VOTED:

UCCB-20-06-03 to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2020 meeting of the United Church of Christ Board (*Supporting Document UCCB-20-06-02 Minutes 05.01.2020*).

DISCUSSION OF GENERAL SYNOD 2021

Karen Georgia Thompson

Presented four Scenarios:

- Scenario #1 In person meeting with delegates only and essential staff
- Scenario #2. In person meeting with delegates, essential staff and a few guests
- Scenario #3: Full electronic meeting with delegates, essential staff, guest
- Scenario # 4 Cancel General Synod 33

Supporting Document: May 29, 2020 Memorandum from Rev. Dr. Karen Georgia Thompson to the UCCB

It was VOTED:

UCCB-20-06-04 The in-person General Synod 2021 is canceled and will be a virtual General Synod instead.

Point of Personal Privilege by John Dorhauer: A public thank you to Karen Georgia Thompson for her presentation and her staff for all of their work.

The vote will be communicated to the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference and Council of Conference Ministers, and not be made public for 24 hours.

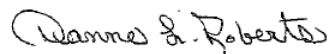
RESOLUTION 8 CONVERSATION FOLLOW-UP
Emma Brewer-Wallin

Emma Brewer-Wallin reported that the committee received mostly positive responses but also received some responses that merited further consideration. The Ministry Committee will be meeting in the future and then will make a new presentation.

Closing Prayer by John Dorhauer

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted



Dianne Roberts - Recorder