

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
United Church of Christ Board  
August 13, 2020 - 4:00pm astern  
Video Conference (Via Zoom)**

**Members Present:** Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, Deborah Blood, Brian Bodager Charles Buck, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, John Dorhauer, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Thaddaeus Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Darrell Goodwin, Kevin Graham, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Richard Harter, Alice Hunt, Penny Lowes, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Shari Prestemon, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Bob Sandman, D’Angelo Smith, Kylie Steever, Paul S. Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Lewis Zeidner

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

**Members Absent:** Faufau Alaelua, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Michael Cich-Jones, Dennis Coy, Hannah Cranbury, Derrick Elliott, Gabriela Everett, Tim Hachfeld, Eric Jackson, Franz Rigert, John Vertigan, Bill Worley, Jeanette Zaragoza De Leon.

**Staff Present:** Nick Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Dianne Roberts, Cheryl Williams.

**DECLARATION OF QUORUM AND CALL TO ORDER**

The Secretary called the roll and Yvette Wynn declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

**WELCOME**

Yvette Wynn welcomed all for their presence and voice.

**OPENING PRAYER**

Cameron Barr opened with prayer.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was VOTED:**  
**UCCB-20-08-01** to approve the Agenda (*Supporting Document UCCB-20-08-01 Agenda*).

**REMARKS BY GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT**

The General Minister and President expressed appreciation to the National Staff for stewarding resources and responding in the following ways: (1) relief work to form an immediate safety net for churches (2); webinars on Tuesdays and Thursdays; (3) Emerge booklet

sent to all active clergy; (4) ongoing work of OPTIC to make sure our voice is heard; to rebuild UCC.org to launch on January 1; and to ensure that we are active in the market and that our story is as powerful as it can be.

The GMP also noted that Rev. Traci Blackmon has been named a Faith Leader to Watch.

As of right now the organization is in a good financial position.

The UCC at every level of the denomination is proving that we are capable of responding in these challenging times. A word of deep and profound thanks to UCC staff to stay in the game and continue to support the mission of the UCC.

### **GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-20-08-02** to grant voice without vote to Nick Katzakis, Heather Kimmel, Dianne Roberts, Cheryl Williams.

### **APPROVAL OF UCCB JUNE 2020 MEETING MINUTES**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-20-08-03** to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2020 Special Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board (*Supporting Document UCCB-20-08-02 Minutes 06.02.2020*).

### **ELECTION OF MARK DUTELL TO THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD**

**Note from the Chair:** Ordinarily a vote to elect a UCCB member to fill an unexpired term would come as a recommendation from the Governance Committee, but because the Special Meeting was already scheduled, the Chair determined it was in the best interest of the UCCB to proceed with the election as a committee of the whole to allow Mark to participate at the earliest possible opportunity.

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-20-08-04** to elect Mark Dutell to the United Church of Christ Board Class of 2021, on the nomination of the General Synod Nominating Committee, to fill an unexpired term vacated by the resignation of Doug McClelland. (*Supporting Document UCCB-20-08-03 Mark Dutell Biography*).

### **CONSIDERATION OF BANKING AUTHORITY RESOLUTIONS**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-20-08-05** to adopt the resolutions relating to granting banking authority to the Chief Financial Officer for United Church of Christ Board, Justice and Witness Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ), Local Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of

Christ), and Wider Church Ministries (a Covenanted Ministry of the United Church of Christ) as shown on the following Supporting Documents:

- i. UCCB-20-08-04 UCCB Banking Authority;
- ii. UCCB-20-08-05 JWM Banking Authority;
- iii. UCCB-20-08-06 LCM Banking Authority; and
- iv. UCCB-20-08-07 WCM Banking Authority.

**CONSIDERATION OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR INSTITUTIONAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT, TRAINING, AND RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING RACIAL JUSTICE AND EQUITY**

Comments from Rev. Traci Blackmon regarding consideration of request.

Question and Answer period.

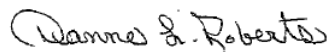
**It was VOTED**

**UCCB-20-08-06** to approve the Request for Proposal for Institutional Equity Assessment, Training, and Recommendations Regarding Racial Justice and Equity. *(Supporting Documents UCCB-20-08-08 Background for RFP on Institutional Equity Assessment; UCCB-20-08-09 RFP on Institutional Equity Assessment)*

**Closing Prayer by Cameron Barr**

**Adjournment**

**Respectfully Submitted**



**Dianne Roberts - Recorder**