**MINUTES**

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**HILTON BALTIMORE**

**BALTIMORE, MD**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 29, 2017**

**(12:00 NOON EASTERN TIME)**

**ACTIONS TAKEN**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-01** to approve the Agenda.

**APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

IT WAS VOTED:  
**17-06-UCCB-02** to approve the Consent Agenda

**ELECTION OF AISHIA A. BROWN TO THE UCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-03** to elect Aishia A. Brown to the United Church of Christ Board of

Directors as an At-Large member, filling a vacancy in the class of 2019

**GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE TO RON PATTERSON**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-04** to grant Voice without Vote to Ron Patterson

**RESCIND THE STRENTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING ACTION OF 2015**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-05** to Rescind the UCC Board of Directors action of 2015 concerning the Strengthen the Church Offering.

**MOTION FOR FURTHER ACTION REGARDING STRENGTHEN THE CHURCH OFFERING**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB 06** to form a task force for recommendations for further action.

**RECEIVING THE COMBINED AUDIT REPORT**

**IT WAS VOTED:**

**17-06-UCCB-07 to receive the combined AUDIT Report**

**ELECTION TO CORPORATE MEMBERS OF UNITED CHURCH FUNDS**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-08** to elect new members to the United Church Fund governance committee.

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD OF DIRECTORS – SITTING AS THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF THE THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL SYNOD**

**GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-09 to grant Voice without Vote to Resource Persons to the**

**General Synod:**

David Anderson Coordinator-Committee Process Team

Traci Blackmon Nominator JWM Ex. Min. Nomination Speech

Don Clark                               Presenter-Shaping Our Future Campaign

Ken Daniel                              Speak Out Coordinator

Christine Davies                     Presenter-New Church Start Recognition

Joel Dopico Presenter-Caribbean Initiative

Lee Foley                                Synod Administrator

Richard Hilbrich                     Associate General Counsel

Denise Page Hood                  Parliamentarian

Steve Jones                             Chief Financial Officer

Heather Kimmel                     General Counsel

Corey Larson Agenda Coordinator

Aaron Mair                             Keynote Speaker

Glennon Doyle Melton           Keynote Speaker

Movement Makers Honorees Movement Makers Award

Reps. of Youth@Synod Youth Perspective Event

Carolyn Roberts                     Presenter-John Deckenback Tribute

Raven Rowe                           Theological Reflector

Valerie Smith                         Associate Synod Administrator

Karen Georgia Thompson    Presenter-Ecumenical Guests

Libby Tigner                           Parliamentarian

Jill White Presenter-John Deckenback Tribute

Damaris Whittaker                 Theological Reflector

**SYNOD COMMITTEE LIAISON APPOINTMENTS**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-10** to accept notice of the Synod Committee Liaison Appointments: Caroline Belsom, Carolyne Call, Darrell Goodwin, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Richard Harter, Nesa Joseph, Brittni Melius, David Nelson, Kevin Peterson, Ernesto "Ernie” Reyes, Dwayne Royster, Carol Shipley, Noah Jensen Tabor, Frances Wong, Ron Patterson.

**SECONG REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISPOSITION**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-11** to accept the Second Report of the Committee on Disposition

The Committee on Disposition moved:

**The United Church of Christ Board adopts the Second Report of the Committee on Disposition**

Second Report of the Committee on Disposition

The Committee on Disposition recommends:

The United Church of Christ Board receives the item of business submitted to the Thirty First General Synod after the January 2, 2017 deadline and prior to the June 9, 2017 deadline. The United Church of Christ Board recommends disposition as follows:

**THE EARTH IS THE LORD’S – NOT OURS TO WRECK**

**IMPERATIVES FOR A NEW MORAL ERA**

Submitted by the Southern California Nevada Conference

*A Resolution of Witness*

The United Church of Christ Board recommends affirming that it meets the *Could Not Have Been Anticipated* paragraph XI 3c)1)ii) in the Standing Rules of the Thirty-First General Synod, and The United Church of Christ Board recommends referral to a Committee of the General Synod

**APPROVE THIRTY-FIRST GENERAL SYNOD AGENDA**

IT WAS VOTED:

**17-06-UCCB-12** to approve the Final Thirty-first General Synod Agenda:

**GENERAL SYNOD XXXI DETAILED AGENDA**

**Last Updated: 6/6/2017 at 9:17 AM**

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 30, 2017\**

**PLENARY 1**

Gathering Music

Opening Worship

Moderator Welcome/Call to Order

Welcome from the Central Atlantic Conference

Introduction of General Synod Leadership

Report of Credentials Committee/Organization of General Synod

Quorum Declared

Explanation of Electronic Voting

Adoption of the General Synod Agenda

Granting Voice to Resource Persons

Initial Report of the Board of Directors including Introduction of Slate for Nominating Committee

Report of the General Synod Nominating Committee

Committee on Disposition Report/Empowering Business Committee to Make Referrals of New Business for Action

Introduction of New Business (by title only)

Announcements

Recess

**SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 1, 2017**

**PLENARY 2**

Gathering Music/Prayer Service

Call to Order

Introduction of Honored Guests

Introduction of Ecumenical Guests

Introduction of Overseas Guests

Nomination and Speech of JWM Candidate

Movement Makers Award

Glennon Doyle Melton Keynote

Report of the General Minister and President

Theological Formation Summit Presentation

New Church Start Parade

Announcements

Tribute to John Deckenback

**SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 2, 2017**

**PLENARY 3**

Call to Order and Sponsor Commerical #1

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Committee Block A

Budget Presentation and Vote

Music /Stretch Break

Election of JWM Officer/Recognition of the Officers/Collegium

Committee Block B

Theological Reflectors

Announcements

Recess

**MONDAY MORNING, JULY 3, 2017**

**PLENARY 4**

Call to Order and Sponsor Commercial #2

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Election of United Church Board/Election of General Synod XXXII Moderator and Assistant Moderator/Election of Nominating Committee

Committee Block C

Recognition of New and Retiring Conference Ministers

Committee Block D

Music/Stretch Break

Aaron Mair Keynote

Theological Reflectors

Announcements

Recess

**MONDAY AFTERNOON, JULY 3, 2017**

**PLENARY 5**

Call to Order and Sponsor Commercial #3

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Committee Block E

Carribean Initiative

Committee Block F

Shaping Our Future Campaign

Theological Reflectors

Announcements

Recess

**MONDAY EVENING JULY 3, 2017**

**PLENARY 6**

Call to Order

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Committee Block G

Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statement (Three Great Loves)

Theological Reflectors

Announcements

Recess (following Evening Worship)

Worship

**TUESDAY MORNING JULY 4, 2017**

**PLENARY 7**

Call to Order

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Presentation by General Synod Youth

Committee Block H

Music/Stretch Break

Recognition of National Staff

Committee Block I

Theological Reflectors

Announcements

Recess

**TUESDAY AFTERNOON JULY 4, 2017**

**PLENARY 8**

Call to Order

Speak Out!

Theological Reflectors

Thanks to General Synod Program and Planning Committee

Committee Block H

Thanks to/Recognition of Local Arrangements Committee

Invitation to General Synod XXXII

Installation of General Synod XXXII Moderator and Assistant Moderator

Final Theological Reflection

Motion to Adjourn at the Close of Worship

Closing Worship Service

Respectfully submitted,

Dianne Robert – Recorder  
June 29, 2017