

**MICHIGAN UCC CONFERENCE BOARD
MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

Present: George Bozanich (Moderator), Ruth Moerdyk (Secretary), Bob Heisler (Business Manager), Dan Spaulding, Akua Budu-Watkins, Karen Wheeler (Treasurer), Judy Furman, Campbell Lovett (Conference Minister), Judith Booker (Board President), Vaughn Peterson, Ralph Sims, Coni Simon, Greg Briggs (Vice-President, via Zoom), Ivana Barrow (via Zoom)

Absent: None

Welcome and opening prayer

- Vaughn Peterson opened the meeting with prayer.

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Nominating Committee changed to immediately follow minutes.

Approval of Minutes

- Moved and seconded to approve minutes of July 21, 2018 meeting. Approved

Nominating Committee

- Greg Briggs proposed nominating Mary Martin as liaison to the Board from Eastern Association for a vote on at Annual Meeting. Coni Simon also confirmed that her name can be submitted for a vote as member from Detroit Metro Association for a full term.
- A slate for General Synod delegates for the class of 2021 is in process. Experiencing some challenges finding candidates in the young adult category.

Financial Report

- Bob Heisler reviewed budget narrative prepared for Annual Meeting.
- Finances as of end of August reviewed.

Annual Meeting Update and Actions

- George Bozanich reviewed agenda for Annual Meeting. Discussed roles that need to be filled for the smooth running of the meeting (thank yous, prayers, hearing moderators, etc.).
- Ivana Barrow will serve as secretary *pro tem* for plenary, as Ruth Moerdyk has to conduct a memorial service that day.

UCC Constitution Ratification

- Campbell Lovett (Conference Minister) reviewed changes to UCC Constitution approved at 2017 General Synod. These amendments require approval by two-thirds of Conferences, so will need to come to a vote at Michigan UCC Annual Meeting.

New Business

- Prophetic Integrity. Conversation about resolution coming to Annual Meeting. Grants will be awarded Friday of meeting.
- Vital Growth.
 - Innovation Award applications being received.
 - Trying to regroup team.
 - New Waves having a meeting with area groups in Traverse City area re: use of land Conference owns.
 - Grand West Council officially accepted Holland Church's application to become part of UCC; Grand West fall meeting will vote on accepting Holland congregation.
 - Young Fenix Fellowship needs to change their space.
 - Benton Harbor ongoing, Space for Grace ongoing, Parables (Chelsea First Congregational) growing very well as a worship designed for people with special needs and their families.
- Faith Formation. Working on activities for youth at Annual Meeting, providing some support for Rev. Leah McCullough re: food and faith issues
- Compassionate Generosity. Friends of Conference kicking off Friday of Annual Meeting.

Conference Minister Update

- Campbell Lovett reviewed previously submitted report. Spent some time discussing staffing changes and how to move forward.

Performance Review

- Judy Furman, Dan Spaulding, and Judith Booker will meet for Campbell's performance review.

Closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Moerdyk
Secretary