

## MINUTES

### Michigan Conference United Church of Christ ~ Board of Directors January 20, 2018

Present: Akua Budu-Watkins (via Zoom); Ivana Burrows (via Zoom); Judy Furman; Judith Booker; Campbell Lovett (Conference Minister); George Bozanich; Vaughn Peterson; Dan Spaulding; Greg Briggs; Dennis Green; Ralph Sims; Karen Wheeler; Bob Heisler (Business Manager); Ruth Moerdyk; Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister)

Absent: Coni Simon (excused)

Campbell Lovett opened meeting a brief reflection and hymn

#### *Board Orientation*

- Reviewed Conference Bylaws and summary of basic responsibilities for board members distributed previously.
- Discussion of Board Member vs Association Representative. Campbell Lovett offered clarification re: selection process for Board.
  - Board members are recruited from each Association, but are not nominated by Associations or act as Association representatives under current Conference bylaws.
  - Board members represent only interests of Conference; need to avoid potential conflicts of interest in acting as representatives of Associations.
  - He will clarify confusion about Board member selection that has arisen
- Mission Area Team distribution discussed. Currently unassigned members encouraged to think about where they would like to serve.

#### *Adoption of Consent Agenda*

- Moved and seconded to adopt consent agenda. Passed.

#### *Approval of November 18, 2017 Minutes*

- Moved and seconded to approve minutes. Passed.

#### *Financial Report*

- Bob Heisler noted that there was not yet an official year end report for 2017 as books had just closed.
- Bob also updated Friends of the Conference appeal
- Full 2017 report available for next meeting

#### *Action Item: Grace UCC*

- The Executive Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that 10% of the remaining assets from the closing of Grace UCC in Grosse Pointe go to OCWM and the remaining 90% be deposited in the Church Development Fund to support, when possible, new church starts in metropolitan Detroit.
  - This recommendation came because of staff time and resources committed to process of completing closure of congregation and sale of building
  - Recommendation moved and seconded. Passed.

*Action Item: Bequests to the Conference*

- The Executive Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that when undesignated bequests are received by the Michigan Conference that they are deposited in one of the Conference's restricted funds.
  - This recommendation came because Conference has received its first undesignated bequest in many years.
  - Recommendation moved and seconded. Passed.

*Action Item: Ordained Ministers 2018 Housing Allowances*

- The Executive Committee asks for a vote confirming its December, 2017 vote to authorize that clergy housing allowances for Conference staff be the same for 2018 that they were in 2017.
  - Campbell Lovett: \$27,000
  - Cheryl Burke: \$16,000
  - Renee Jackson: \$5,000
  - Justo Gonzales: \$27,200
- Request moved and seconded. Passed.

Review of 2020 Vision benchmarks to date

- Reviewed previously distributed report of progress on 2020 Vision document, with particular attention to (and celebration of!) report by Cheryl Burke on new ministries.

New Business

- Racial Justice Training dates announced
  - 2/9 Hudsonville, 2/10 Portage and Church of Good Shepherd (Ann Arbor)
  - First class of trainers in Michigan are completing training
- Mission Area Team Updates (PIMAT, VGMAT, FFMAT, CGMAT)
  - Prophetic Integrity MAT: developing a focus on New Poor Peoples' Campaign.
  - Vital Growth MAT: covered by Cheryl Burke's notes on 2020 Vision
  - Faith Formation MAT: Greg Briggs will convene
  - Compassionate Generosity MAT: Meeting upcoming

Conference Minister Update

- Campbell Lovett reviewed previously distributed report.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Moerdyk  
Secretary