

RECORD OF ACTIONS
SPECIAL GENERAL CONFERENCE BUSINESS MEETING
6-7 May 2015
Virtual Meeting via Internet for Voting

The Special General Conference business meeting (virtual voting) was convened by Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Moderator of MCC, with an opening virtual prayer via Facebook on MCC Governing Board, MCC Churches and Moderator's Facebook pages. Virtual voting opened on Wednesday, 6 May 2015 at 9:00 am EDT.

Virtual General Conference II
The Affirmation of New MCC Elders
6-7 May 2015
Rev. Nancy Wilson, Moderator

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us today.
As we gather at computers in our homes, churches, offices,
or at internet cafés, we claim the Providence and guidance
of Your Holy Spirit. Without you, we are not able
to do anything that we do – locally or globally.

Be in our praying, in our discerning, in our voting.
Create community in and through us today. Bless those
we represent. Bless those who have been appointed Elders.
We thank you for their willingness to offer themselves
to our global denomination for service among our pastors
and churches, in our mission for inclusion and justice.

We trust You and Your wisdom expressed
through our General Conference with the results
of this vote of affirmation.

Bless our Council of Elders, and the future of MCC,
that now unfolds before us, through your Grace.

In the name of Jesus, and all that is Holy and Good.
Amen.



Metropolitan Community Churches

TRANSFORMING OURSELVES AS WE TRANSFORM THE WORLD.

Declaration of Quorum

CLERGY HOUSE:

- The total number of MCC Clergy eligible to participate in Special (Virtual) General Conference is (260 active + 95 retired) = **355**
- The number required to achieve quorum is $(.20 \times 355) = 71$
- The number of MCC Clergy present for virtual online ballot was **158**.
 - *Rev. Onetta Brooks, Chair of the Governance Committee of the Governing Board declared that a quorum was achieved in the Clergy House.*

LAY HOUSE:

- The total number of MCC Laity eligible to participate in Special (Virtual) General Conference is (4 lay GB+ 16 IPL+190 Lay delegates) = **210**
- The number required to achieve quorum is $(.20 \times 210) = 42$
- The number of MCC Laity present for virtual online ballot was **105**.
 - *Rev. Onetta Brooks, Chair of Governance Committee of the Governing Board declared that a quorum was achieved in the Lay House.*

Tabulation of Election Results via SurveyMonkey

Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento de la Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	89.5%	94
No / Nein / Não / No	6.7%	7
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	3.8%	4
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento de la Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	79.1%	125
No / Nein / Não / No	12.7%	20
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	8.2%	13
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Rev. Pat Bumgardner

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Pat Bumgardner to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Pat Bumgardner in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Pat Bumgardner para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Pat Bumgardner al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	98.1%	103
No / Nein / Não / No	1.0%	1
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	1.0%	1
<i>answered question</i>		105

skipped question 0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Pat Bumgardner to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Pat Bumgardner in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Pat Bumgardner para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Pat Bumgardner al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	86.1%	136
No / Nein / Não / No	10.1%	16
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	3.8%	6
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Rev. Tony Freeman

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Tony Freeman to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Tony Freeman in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Tony Freeman para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Tony Freeman al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	89.5%	94
No / Nein / Não / No	3.8%	4
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	6.7%	7
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Tony Freeman to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Tony Freeman in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Tony Freeman para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Tony Freeman al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	81.0%	128
No / Nein / Não / No	15.2%	24
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	3.8%	6
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Rev. Dwayne Johnson

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Dwayne Johnson to the Council of Elders.
 Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Rev. Dwayne Johnson in den Ältestenrat wähle ich
 Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Rev. Dwayne Johnson para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas.
 Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Rev. Dwayne Johnson al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	87.6%	92
No / Nein / Não / No	7.6%	8
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	4.8%	5
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Dwayne Johnson to the Council of Elders.
 Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Rev. Dwayne Johnson in den Ältestenrat wähle ich
 Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Rev. Dwayne Johnson para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas.
 Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Rev. Dwayne Johnson al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	82.9%	131
No / Nein / Não / No	8.2%	13
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	8.9%	14
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Nancy Maxwell

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M to the Council of Elders.
 Zur Berufung von Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M in den Ältestenrat wähle ich
 Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas.
 Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	90.5%	95
No / Nein / Não / No	3.8%	4
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	5.7%	6
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Nancy Maxwell, J.D., LL.M al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	74.7%	118
No / Nein / Não / No	13.9%	22
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	11.4%	18
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	95.2%	100
No / Nein / Não / No	1.0%	1
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	3.8%	4
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León to the Council of Elders. Zur Berufung von Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas. Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León al Consejo de Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	86.1%	136
No / Nein / Não / No	8.9%	14
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	5.1%	8
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis

2015 Virtual General Conference Lay House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis to the Council of Elders.
Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para
afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas.
Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis al Consejo de
Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	94.3%	99
No / Nein / Não / No	3.8%	4
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	1.9%	2
<i>answered question</i>		105
<i>skipped question</i>		0

2015 Virtual General Conference Clergy House Ballot

I vote to affirm the appointment of Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis to the Council of Elders.
Zur Berufung von Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis in den Ältestenrat wähle ich Eu voto para
afirmar a nomeação do Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis para o Conselho de Bispos e Bispas.
Voto para afirmar el nombramiento del Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis al Consejo de
Obispos y Obispas.

Answer Options	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes / Ja / Sim / Si	82.9%	131
No / Nein / Não / No	11.4%	18
Abstain / Enthaltung / Abster-se / Abstención	5.7%	9
<i>answered question</i>		158
<i>skipped question</i>		0

Tabulation of Election Results via MCC

Affirmation for Position to Council of Elders			
	Lay House	Clergy House	Total
Number of Eligible delegates	210	355	565
Quorum (20%) of eligible delegates	42	71	113
Reverend Ines-Paul Baumann			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	94	125	219
Against	7	20	27
Abstain	4	13	17
Reverend Pat Bumgardner			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	103	136	239
Against	1	16	17
Abstain	1	6	7
Reverend Tony Freeman			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	94	128	222
Against	4	24	28
Abstain	7	6	13
Reverend Dwayne Johnson			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	92	131	223
Against	8	13	21
Abstain	5	14	19
Professor Nancy Maxwell			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	95	118	213
Against	4	22	26
Abstain	6	18	24

Reverend Margarita Sánchez De León			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	100	136	236
Against	1	14	15
Abstain	4	8	12
Reverend Dr. Candace Shultis			
Valid Ballots Cast	105	158	263
Required for Affirmation (=50%)	54	80	134
For (is > 50% ?)	99	131	230
Against	4	18	22
Abstain	2	9	11

Summary

Rev. Ines-Paul Baumann, Rev. Pat Bumgardner, Rev. Tony Freeman, Rev. Dwayne Johnson, Nancy Maxwell, Rev. Margarita Sánchez De León, and Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis were all affirmed as an Elder of the Metropolitan Community Churches. All seven affirmed Elders by the General Conference become members of the MCC Council of Elders on 01 June 2015.

There were 135 eligible churches out of 205 total churches from 20 different Networks that participated in this Special General Conference for Elder Affirmation.

# churches/ network	NETWORK NAME
2	Africa
5	Australasia
6	Brasil
2	Canada
6	Carolinas
7	Central US East
4	Colorado / Nevada
8	East Florida
10	Eastern US
11	Europe
4	Georgia / Tennessee / Alabama
6	Heartland
5	Iberoamerica / Caribbean
11	New Mexico / Texas
9	North Central US

9	Northeast US
5	Pacific Northwest
3	South Gulf Coast
12	Southwest US
10	West Florida
<i>135</i>	<i>Total churches from 20 Networks</i>

Adjournment

The virtual business meeting of Special General Conference was adjourned when the virtual polls closed at 5:00 pm (EDT) on Thursday, 7 May 2015.

Submitted by Rev. Onetta Brooks, Clerk of Special General Conference/Chair, Governance Committee of the Governing Board, and Rev. Vickey Gibbs, Ballot Lead and Survey Monkey™ Coordinator.