

GB Meeting Minutes – approved 05/26/16

21 April 2016

When: Thursday, 21 April 2016

Time: 4:00 pm EST

Where: Virtual via Adobe Connect

Present: Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Sarah Jane Ramage, Kareem Murphy, Raquel Benitez-Rojas, Rev. Clinton Crawshaw, Jack Hutter, Barb Crabtree

Check in/Opening Prayer – Nancy opened the meeting with prayer

Consent Agenda:

Moderator[/SLT] April Report and Face to Face Meeting Minutes

Motion to accept the Moderator's (April) Report and the GB Face to Face Minutes for 31 March, 1 April, and 2 April 2016 made by Clinton; Seconded by Onetta; 5 ayes; Abstain (Kareem); MOTION PASSES.

Discussion Agenda:

Finance – Barb

Working on 2014 and 2015

Once bill is paid will get audit report without DRAFT

Income on trend for January and February

Closing march 22 April

Contact with Good Hope MCC – working with them to get their reports

Cash soft in March

Cautious about discretionary spending

Doug (new Finance Committee member) was on the call with Finance Committee

Briefed on controls implementation

Rotating person from committee will look at things: Doug, Cathy, and SJ

SJ checking 2014 and 2015 – nearly there with numbers

Governance – Onetta

GBNC - Slate released on 4/12

MNC - 1st webinar has taken place

Individual Moderator candidates' webinars are scheduled

GB Policy Handbook updated

Updated policy 6 and 21; will be posted

Two GB GC webinars scheduled @ 4 pm ET:

6/01 - will focus on getting people ready for GC business forum and meetings

6/09 - will focus on financials

GB communications to be released next week

GC Business Documents planned/posted (see ppt slide)

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Highlighted in yellow – posted

on <http://emerge.mcccchurch.org/business-meeting-documents/>

Report of Statement of Faith – pending gc feedback on draft 3.0

Report of GBNC – released/pending post on emerge

GB Report status:

Governance – ready (will send to SJ & Jack)

Finance – almost ready

Strategic Planning – shared with Kareem and needs small tweak

Development - almost there

Need to pull together the doc parts into one – Jack will do this

Have someone to translate it into Spanish

Onetta asked if there are motions – needs summary

Will do a round of Virtual Voting via Survey Monkey before GC start

Started wheels turning on this – Mike, Lauren, and Barb

Will announce – rate and date for virtual voting in a newsletter

Transition Team (Barb)

Held meeting today with Mona, Lauren, Rusty, and Barb

Almost ready to announce a “Save the Date” for installation

Pieces of work plan for Transition Team

Discuss staffing

Focus on position to have installation at National Cathedral

Onboarding (Nancy)

Preparing for everything

Will develop a formal & clear plan

Saturday after conference thru 1st meeting of GB

Onboarding will include new moderator or process to choose a new moderator

Input as to what onboarding is

How to support them until October F2F?

Possibly use Phil Griffin

What kind of materials will they need most?

Will bring plan for next meeting

Response Letters from GB (Onetta)

Almost done; majority of responses sent; remaining responses will be sent out by next week.

How to respond to churches asking for debt forgiveness – May GB meeting

SLT Meeting Suggestions (Nancy)

Widening of Commission on Assessments proposal

Decline past 7 years of assessment income in the US

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Looked at trends

Worked on models of organization – scenarios

Liked idea of a commission

Hold “kitchen table” talks with churches

What do they want?

What can they pay for?

Scenarios:

Much simpler downsized organization with different expectations

Evolve into regional associations – more self-directed

Flat organization:

Low level of commitment

Limited resources

Primarily credentialing clergy and lay leaders

How can we engage our churches?

Have to adapt to be a 21st century denomination in lean times

Open discussion – frank conversations

What are the right things?

Focused on formulating questions rather than answers

Useful for Assessment Commission

How to translate Mission and Vision to be sustainable

Not be very specific about options but clear on what is happening

Commission needs to engage stakeholders in a very specific way

Will mention in Moderator’s Final Report to GC

Proposal – Follow up on joint relationship building

Did some work last August but left it drift

Work on what will do next

Also within GB

Made some progress

How do we take this forward?

Request a more directed/focused first GB meeting (July 09) after GC

Prepare ourselves to be the leaders at GC

May meeting – focus on GB

Early June do a joint meeting with SLT

Doodle poll to schedule

SJ – GB

Nancy – SLT

Wrap-up (Nancy)

Ask for prayers for staff going forward with GC

Be-A-Gem behind in fund raising

Need 20 more [GC registrations] to break even with GC costs

Board of Pensions – SJ will send response by Friday

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Closing Prayer – Raquel closed the meeting with prayer

Next meeting: Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 2:00 pm ET

MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting minutes Submitted by Secretary, Onetta Brooks