

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

27 October 2016

4:30 pm (EDT)

Attended: Rev. Rachele Brown, SJ Ramage, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns, Mark Dalgleish, Angel Collie, Rev. Dr. William Knight, Rev. Jakob Hero

Absent: Kimberly Brown

Staff Present: Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Check-In/Opening Prayer:

There was a brief check-in and Joe opened the meeting with prayer.

Consent Agenda:

**Motion made by SJ Ramage to accept the consent agenda items as presented.**

**Motion was seconded by Rev. Jakob Hero**

**Aye: All Governors present voted Aye**

**Motion passes**

Discussion Agenda:

Committees:

Finance:

Members

Kimberly Brown - Chair

Sarah-Jane Ramage

Barbara Crabtree

Doug Berger

Cathy Campbell

**Goals:**

1. Budget preparation
2. Reporting in line with functionality
3. Implement recommendations of audit committee

Finance will meet monthly usually the week before the governing board meeting.

Ad Hoc – Assessments (develop systematic way of engaging with congregations regarding assessment matters)

Members

Sarah-Jane Ramage- Chair

Barb Crabtree

Stephanie Burns

Timeline - Meet monthly to get going

## **Assessments Task Force**

### Members

Sarah-Jane Ramage - Chair

Barb Crabtree

Will establish an open call and application process to identify and appoint eight additional people representing global and diverse body, including a mix of clergy and lay. Two lay people have already volunteered to serve.

### **Goals:**

1. Full scale review of current assessment system  
Problems: current system is too complicated; currently a whole cohort of churches who aren't or don't want to pay
2. Recommend new process
3. Establish timeline

SJ will create and circulate a process starting with an open call in November, and initial meeting of the task force in December and a timeline to report to a Virtual General Conference 15 months after starting – early 2018

### **Development:**

#### Members:

Joe Cobb - Chair

Kimberly Brown

Emily Gaylor

### **Goals:**

1. Increase Moderator Circle participation
2. Fundraising events around Network Gatherings

### **Governance:**

#### Members:

Stephanie Burns - Chair

Mark Dalglish

William Knight

Angel Collie

Jakob Hero

### **Goals:**

1. Board of Pensions – U.S. Church Management
2. Moderator Nominating Committee review and new process
3. Review Bylaws
4. Virtual General Conference
5. Governing Board Nominating Committee
6. Policy Manual
7. Audit report

Ad Hoc: HR Manual, with Governing Board review, guidance and approval

### **Communications:**

#### Members:

William Knight - Chair

Joe Cobb

Linda Brenner

**Goals:**

1. Messaging strategies
2. Delivery of messages
3. Creation of Collaborative Team, comprised of representatives from the Governing Board, Senior Leadership Team and Council of Elders, to sustain general flow of communication, create joint statements (when necessary and helpful) and plan F2f gatherings

**Strategic Planning:**

Members

Angel Collie - Chair

Stephanie Burns

Sarah-Jane Ramage

Mark Dalglish

William Knight (observer)

\*Identify two additional members reflecting global and diversity task force recommendations.

**Goals:**

1. Review and implement ITF recommendations
2. Develop plan for organizing MCC as a global community of churches, ministries, and individuals.
3. Restructure organization around Core Values

**Additional Discussion Agenda:**

**Sale of Sarasota building:** Rachelle is looking into this, along with approaching area pastors and congregations about the possibility of housing MCC office and staff.

**COE Letter:** A response will be drafted by a sub-committee (Joe, SJ, William, Rachelle)

Next meeting will be on 17 November 2016.

Closing Prayer was led by Rachelle.