

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES  
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

2013-02-28 5:00-6:30PM EST  
February 28, 2013

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VISION GOALS FOR 2013:

- ❖ Build sustainability and capacity into all we do.
- ❖ Communicate to the world with passion and clarity that we are stronger together.
- ❖ Give priority to churches and new ministries that demonstrate signs of health and growth.
- ❖ Continue to build leadership development into all we do, particularly with Young Adults.

OPEN QUESTIONS FOR 2013:

- ❖ What is our vision for funding ministry?
- ❖ How can our young adults help us to imagine and articulate a future for MCC? (Joel 2: 28 - "And that's just the beginning: After that— "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I'll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both...")
- ❖ What is needed to enhance our global ministry and structure?

ATTENDEES:

Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Moderator; Kareem Murphy, Secretary; Liz Bisordi, Treasurer; Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Tony Freeman, Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Bryan Parker, Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations, Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

EXCUSED ABSENCE:

Raquel Benítez, Vice Chair (injured foot)

The meeting began at 5:00pm. Rev. Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting and welcomed back Tony from his leave of absence. Nancy led in a short opening prayer.

A. Consent Agenda (Nancy)

- Minutes of 24 January 2013 meeting (Kareem)
- Director of Operations financial reports (Barb)
  - December Reports: P & L, Balance Sheet, Budget Summary
  - January Reports: P & L, Balance Sheet, Budget Summary
- Moderator's Report (Nancy)

Discussion: Nancy said that Kareem brought up the issue, next year, my sabbatical next year. She said she would talk about it at the March meeting. Tony questioned some of the projections on repayment of the Reserve Operating Funding for 2012 and 2013 and asked that we have discussion about compliance with our policy regarding the reserve during our March meeting. Nancy agreed that we would.

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132802.1: Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Onetta, seconded by Tony. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

B. Review Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez's presentation (Nancy)

Discussion: Tony asked if there was something better to use than a PowerPoint, saying he wanted more dialogue/interaction. Nancy suggested we might structure the presentations around a few targeted questions from the Governing Board. She asked if someone could take the lead in forming discussion questions for the presenters. Kareem said that some of the deliverables from the strategic planning exercise might offer a better frame for the Senior Leadership Team (SLT) feature each month. Candace said the exercise of having SLT and Governing Board will allow us to have a better understanding of each other.

C. Review March Face-to-Face Agenda (Nancy/Raquel)

- Strategic Planning Meeting will take place with the SLT Wednesday, 6 March and Thursday, 7 March

Discussion: General review of the agenda and items for each of the two days of the face-to-face meeting. Candace said we discuss the six-year term. Nancy said that it did not intimidate lay people from applying, but maybe clergy. We don't have a bylaws recommendation on that unless we (the Governing Board) decide to have one. Onetta noted that we do not have a bylaw request). She recalled that the intent during consideration in 2010 was to offer overlap. We would defeat the whole purpose of the overlap. There was general discussion about how virtual voting and how it would be possible to hold more virtual general conferences to vote on Governing Board members with shorter terms, learning how to perfect the process with each one. Nancy noted that there would likely not be any appointments for the Board of Pensions.

Nancy noted that we did not provide for young adults at this meeting. There was consensus to ensure we do that at the March 2014 face-to-face meeting.

Tony expressed concern about the Treasurer (Liz) not seeking another term and how we would handle that transition, asking that we include that topic at the face-to-face.

D. Governance (Onetta)

- Moderator Nominating Committee selection process
- Bylaw Committee (defer until March meeting)
- Update Governing Board Nominating Committee (defer until March Meeting)
- Communications Policy (defer until March meeting)
- Eligibility to Vote at General Conference (Finance Committee)
  
- Eligibility to Vote at General Conference (Liz)

Discussion: The order of items was adjusted so that matters related to the Moderator's Nominating Committee could take place as members absented themselves due to real/perceived conflicts of interest. First item discussed became the eligibility to vote during General Conference. Liz said that the Finance Team met about eligibility to vote and we used the same wording as last year so there is familiarity with it. Kareem asked if it was any different from what was done in the past. Liz said the effective/due dates change. Kareem asked if the intent was to ensure there were current and signed covenants, to ensure participation from churches, and Nancy said that was accurate. Onetta said the information would be released in March. Nancy said this was a reminder of what the policy is.

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132802.2: Motion to approve the following:**

***"In order to be eligible to vote at General Conference XXV, churches must have paid their UFMCC tithe assessment through 31 March 2013, no later than 21:00 UTC/GMT (5:00 p.m. EDT) on 1 June 2013,***

***or a current, signed tithe covenant must be in place, no later than 21:00 UTC/GMT (5:00 p.m. EDT) by 1 June 2013.***

***For U.S. churches, Board of Pension payments must also be current through 31 March 2013, by 21:00 UTC/GMT (5:00 p.m. EDT) on 1 June 2013."***

**Made by made by Liz, seconded by Candace. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

- Moderator Nom Committee selection process (Onetta)

Discussion: Onetta gave an update that interviews with candidates for the appointment to the Moderator's Nominating Committee (MNC) should be complete by Monday, March 4<sup>th</sup>. She invited non-recused Governors to review the interview summaries, and rank the candidates. She added that we would have additional conversation at the March face-to-face meeting about potential conflicts of interest.

#### E. Meeting Review (Nancy)

Discussion: Nancy reviews accomplishments including adoption of an updated voting eligibility policy for General Conference XXV, updates on the Moderator's Nominating Committee, and review and adjustment to our face-to-face meeting agenda.

Nancy closes meeting in prayer.

Meeting adjourned at at 5:39 p.m. EST.

#### Standing Committees

**Finance** - Liz Bisordi, Chair; Marsha Warren, Rev. Onetta Brooks; Bryan Parker

**Development** - Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Lead; Rev. Tony Freeman, Raquel Benítez - Rojas

**Governance** - Rev. Onetta Brooks, Chair; Bryan Parker

**Strategic Planning** - Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis, Chair; Kareem Murphy

#### Ad Hoc Committees

**Audit** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin; Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis; Marvin Bagwell

**International Task Force** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Chair; Raquel Benítez-Rojas, Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Linda Brenner-Beckstead, ITF Consultant to the GB

**Communications** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Chair; Bryan Parker, Kareem Murphy