

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCHES
GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

23 May 2013

5:00 - 6:30 p.m. EST; 22:00 - 23:30 GMT/UTC

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; Raquel Benítez-Rojas, Vice Chair; Kareem Murphy, Secretary; Liz Bisordi, Treasurer; Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Tony Freeman, Bryan Parker, Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations, Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

The meeting began at 5:03 pm. Nancy led in a short opening prayer. She noted that we have 1,093 registrants for General Conference.

A. Consent Agenda (Nancy)

- Minutes of 25 April 2013 meeting (Kareem)
- Director of Operations financial reports (Barb)
- Moderator's Report (Nancy)

GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132505.1: Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Onetta, seconded by Tony. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

B. Finances (Finance Committee/Barb)

Liz reviewed the amount of account receivable (mostly tithe income) that this Governing Board has written off (over \$220,000). In terms of messaging, it is important to have voices beyond the Governing Board to speak to this issue. Several ideas including working with the Large Church Pastors group. Bard added that the tithe report will be available at GC. Liz said that for people asking for information about assessment rates, they should look at the bad debt line and ask "What

Ministry did we not do for lack of funding?” Kareem asked what the strategy was on outside engagement and what we hope to gain by that, noting that the Governing Board talked briefly about a potential Governing Board Commission on Tithes. Nancy shared that the Joint Working Group (Large Church Pastors and Senior Leadership Team) was very animated about this in support of the Governing Board and encouraged the Board to explain why they will propose remaining at the 12% rate. There was additional discussion about communication strategy, and how to engage ministries, churches, and networks. The consensus was to make this a priority discussion item for the August face-to-face meeting.

C. General Conference: Tick/Tock, Award Presentations, etc. (Nancy)

Nancy and Linda gave an update on logistics for Governing Board participation. They will provide a book for all members to know what is taking place and where they need to be. Nancy gave an update on the awards that will be presented during Conference.

D. General Conference Webinars on Governing Board Proposals, Tithes, Strategic Plan (Raquel)

Raquel shared that the webinars are scheduled for June 3, 10, 17. They will focus on bylaw proposals, finances and fund development, the Strategic Plan and the International Task Force. They will each last one hour.

E. Survey Lay Delegates and Clergy on Key Issues/Feedback (Raquel)

There was discussion on whether to conduct a survey prior to General Conference, particularly related to the Bylaw Proposals, International Task Force, Tithe Assessments and other key issues. The discussion reflected lessons learned from the structure proposals considered in 2010 in Acapulco.

F. Strategic Plan

- Priority Actions (Candace and Kareem)

Candace shared that we have all the data and responses needed and will confer with Gail (Strategic Planning Consultant) to secure her feedback. Nancy asked if items were missing. Kareem noted that the Governing Board and Senior Leadership Team would have one final review of the document before it was published. Candace and Kareem reviewed the roll out plan during General Conference.

G. Governance (Onetta)

- Moderator Nominating Committee

Onetta recommended that we wait to appoint two (shadow) members of the Moderator Nominating Committee. The Committee held its first meeting, and it went well. Onetta said that the Governance Chair would continue to service as their primary liaison with the Governing Board.

H. Meeting Review (Nancy)

Discussion: Nancy reviews accomplishments including a preview of the General Conference schedule, awards, consideration of an in-depth review of tithe and assessments, and updates on our strategic plan and the progress of the Moderator Nominating Committee.

Nancy closed the meeting in prayer.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 pm EST.

2013 GB Meeting Dates

- THUR 20 JUNE 13 22:00 UTC; 5:00 PM EDT (date change due to GC)
- SAT 29 JUNE 13 (first meeting for GC)
- JULY – General Conference – No July Call
- 31 JULY – 3 AUG 13 (Details To Be Determined; Overlap with SLT)

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