

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**July 17, 2012 – 5:00 to 6:30 PM EDT**

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### VISION GOALS FOR 2012:

- Build leadership development into all we do, particularly with young adults.
- Communicate to the world with passion and clarity who we are -- and that “we want to know you!”
- Give priority to churches that demonstrate signs of health and growth.

### OPEN QUESTIONS FOR 2012:

- 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 Nancy Wilson, Moderator, Rev. Robert Griffin, Vice-Chair; Raquel Benitez, Rev. Onetta Brooks, Kareem Murphy, Rev. Candace Shultis, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations, Linda Beckstead , Staff support.

### APOLOGIES:

Rev. Tony Freeman is on Leave of Absence until September. Liz Bisordi and Bryan Parker were traveling.

## AGENDA

I. 5:00 PM Welcome and Opening Prayer

Nancy opened in prayer. Check in followed.

- II. 5:05 PM Consent Agenda
  - Minutes of June 18, 2012 meeting
  - Director of Operations financial reports
    - May P & L
    - May 31 Balance Sheet
    - Budget Summary at May 31

Motion 7.17.2012.01 moved by Candace, Second Kareem, to approve and accept the Consent Agenda: There are no minutes posted for June. No Moderator's Report.

Pass with initial abstention: Onetta abstains regarding the ITF report due to not reading it. By end of meeting, she reverses the abstention to pass the consent agenda.

- ITF Report

Raquel: The ITF Report will be available two weeks prior to the meeting.

### III. 5:15 – 6:15

- Review of Turnaround Plan (TP)
  - Finance Team
    - Conversations with churches, goals, plans
    - Monthly donor campaign numbers update

Barb: The Turnaround Plan was posted in Google docs. I want to call your attention to highlights. The percentages are coming up. Good growth in Moderator's Circle. Total growth has increased \$160,000 now to \$164,000 due to Mod Circle and current and consistent churches.

Nancy: I'm working on the Generous in Faith (GIF) letters. One of the issues in the August meeting, Barb and I are looking at preliminary numbers, 12% tithe, moving down.5%. On the other side of that, tithe rate will go down, it would be okay if everyone paid their tithes. We want them to consider us as they are making their budgets for next year. That is my wish and hope for what we do next year. Churches will feel good at paying 12%. Churches will feel good to pay higher amount to help us out.

In August, we'll make our determination and communicate that to everyone.

- Budget Finance Team

Barb: SLT working on ministry objectives and goals. Most feel like those are solid goals. We'll have input for you. What we look for is agreement about budget constructs. Tithe rate. Develop goals. Thinking about funding needs for GB for next year. What I have in mind, do we need to bring Dan Hotchkiss in next year? Those are key constructs that are work product of Aug. meeting.

- Prep for August Meeting Nancy

Nancy: I'm trying to keep to the Dan Hotchiss model, to have work products. The more you can get done, motions, etc. can make our [August] meeting focused. We have big issues to discuss. That's the price we pay for doing the TP optimally. I'm thinking about how we are looking at that in the budget as well.

For example, Lillie has been extremely helpful with TP plan, I want to bring her in for that [via Skype], like we did for Joseph.

Kareem: Bryan and policy manual. All of the assignments have been given out. Is the intention to have it completed?

Nancy: It is completed. But every year, you have an update.

Onetta; We're going to talk about LOA policy. And there are a couple of others. They are identified with a person's name. Are they going to be completed? I'll talk to Bryan about that.

Robert: Survey to the GB prior to August meeting will be given to use as a benchmark.

Nancy: Dan led us through a more complicated exercise last year. One thing, we need to review our committees, our officers in preparation for GC.

- Strategic Planning Sub-committee

Nancy, Candace, Kareem

Kareem: There will be a recommendation for a consultant. We reached an agreement on what to propose in August.

Candace. We're looking at having her Saturday to meet the GB at the face-to-face meeting in August.

IV. 6:15 – 6:25

- Governance
  - GB Nom Committee talks with GB
  - Moderator Nom Committee selection process

Onetta

Onetta: This will be brief: Accomplishments, met on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Cathy Alexander is Chair.

They had a chance to review processes. They can develop questions among themselves. They can read the documents. What we want them to extract is what we know. What is good criteria in selecting candidates for the next election.

Since there is the possibility of terms expiring, conversations will not be to go through criteria for purpose to give anyone advantage of having criteria in advance.

ITF Report coming.

Mod Nom Cmte: What needs to take place (in revision of document) it's come to my thought we may need to open it up to have people apply. Who are these three people that will make decision? We need a deadline. I have a guiding document. I've talked to Mona about what it's going to look like at GC. My target is to put it in Google docs so you can look at it, but I'll have PP charts to guide us. We will not name committee members in August. Minimum, have committee appointed by Jan. 2013. They go to GC to be listening posts with understanding that GB is responsible for framing that.

Kareem: Are you taking care there are not conflict of interests? it's important that people know we take real and perceived conflicts seriously. We have the utmost integrity in all this.

Onetta: On GB Cmte: That's why I gave you a comment about what we'll release. If you are running, recues yourself from that conversation. My role: I won't be involved, just passing on my lessons learned. The moderator is a consultant.

Raquel: One of the biggest concerns I have is that people don't' know what the GB does.

Onetta: I can't address that right now. We can talk more in August. once the Governing Board Nominating Cmte has more visibility. That would be a good thing to say to them at the August meeting. We'll put it on the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, no bias.

On Mod Cmte: that document will change again. We'll work on more guidelines.

V. 6:25 – 6:30 Review Action Items/Meeting Evaluation  
Consent agenda, minus Mod Report and minutes.

Nancy

Turnaround Plan and encouraging results.

August meeting, Strategic Planning, Governance, Mod Nominating Committee.

Missed Liz and Bryan. I haven't talked to Tony recently

I want to thank the Finance committee. We have weekly meetings.

Governance side—It was very exciting to meet the GB Nominating Committee. They are all graduates of LMR.

Thank you everyone for all the extra tasks you are talking on.

Closing Prayer

Raquel closed at 5:55.