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
GB Business Documents planned/posted (see ppt slide)

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
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
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