Attended: Rev. Rachelle 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 Dalgleish
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
7. Audit report

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

**Communications:**

**Members:**
William Knight - Chair
Joe Cobb
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 Dalgleish
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.