

## **Governing Board Meeting Minutes**

### **26 January 2017 at 4:30 pm ET**

Governors Present: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown, SJ Ramage, Rev. Joe Cobb, Rev. Dr. Stephanie Burns, Rev. Dr. William Knight, Rev. Jakob Hero, Angel Collie, Mark Dalglish; Absent: Kimberly Brown

Staff Present: Barb Crabtree, Jack Hutter

Check-In and Opening Prayer led by Rachelle Brown

Consent Agenda:

- 2016 12-22 Meeting Minutes
- 2016 Jan – Nov P & L
- 2016 November Balance Sheet

**Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by William Knight.**

**Motion seconded by Joe Cobb.**

**Aye: All voting members present**

Discussion Agenda:

The Interim Moderator's Report was presented by Rachelle, who reported on recent meetings with the SLT on shifting budget priorities to reflect programming emphasis. This emphasis is emerging from the Joint Priorities Statement created collaboratively with the SLT, Council of Elders and Governing Board. These priorities are also identified in updates to how we function structurally.

Rachelle updated the GB on an upcoming Listening Tour to provide opportunities for individuals and congregations around the globe to offer perspective, ideas and feedback to her and other leaders including representatives from the COE and GB.

Work is progressing toward 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plans and implementation.

**Motion to receive the Moderator's Report was made by Joe Cobb.**

**Motion seconded by SJ Ramage.**

**Aye: All voting members present**

Committee Reports:

**Finance** – Barb reported progress in cash flow management, the adapting and implementing of changes recommended by the Audit Committee over the past years,

work on the new budget structure and expanding the list of authorized check signers to be completed at our Face to Face meeting in March/April.

**Assessment** – SJ reported that the application deadline for this commission is January 31, with a number of applications already submitted for review. Marsha Warren has been appointed as Co-Chair of the commission. The commission will begin its work in February.

**Governance** – Stephanie reported is reviewing and prioritizing tasks, beginning with support of the Board of Pensions for their upcoming Spring meeting including certification of U.S. based churches. The committee is also reviewing and evaluating the Moderator Search Process prior to beginning the formation of a new Moderator Nominating Committee.

**Development** – Rachelle reported that she is working with Emily on modifications to the Moderator's Circle and plans to engage the Governing Board in identifying potential donors.

**Communications** – no report.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee** - Rachelle reported that this committee is being formed. Jakob and William offered their participation from the GB.

SLT Meeting Report – Rachelle offered a summary of the SLT meeting in January which included a review of priorities and budgeting. Conversations began around the four priorities identified in the Joint Priorities Statement, and then grew into programming opportunities based on these priorities and budgeting to support these programs. Barb reported that funding is steady, with January income stronger than the previous quarter.

Future meetings:

The next GB meeting is scheduled for 23 February, 2017, 4:30 pm ET.

A reminder that our Spring Face to Face Meeting will be held March 33-April 3 in Durham, North Carolina. We are hoping to participate in activities as part of the Trans Day of Visibility at Duke University on March 31.

Meeting closed in prayer by Joe at 6:00 pm ET