

MINUTES
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD
July 1, 2021
ZOOM

Members Present: Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Faufau Alaelua, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, , Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Carlyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Eleanore Chong, John Dorhauer, Mark Dutell, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Thaddaeus Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Tim Hachfeld, Richard Harter, Alice Hunt, Eric Jackson, Onyx Kuthuru, Penny Lowes, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Shari Prestemon, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, D'Angelo Smith, Kylie Steever, Paul S. Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, Harriet Ward, Marsha Williams, Bill Worley, Lew Zeidner.

Non-Board members with special expertise: Ron Patterson

Absent: Lawrence Bashe, Brian Bodager, Dennis Coy, Hannah Cranbury, Derrick Elliott, Kevin Graham, Darrell Goodwin, James Maki, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, Gordon Rankin, John Vertigan, Diane Weible, Jeanette Zaragoza

Staff and Others Present: Geoffrey Black, Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Chante Jones, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Vivian Lucas, Tami Marinella, Dianne Roberts, Kent Siladi, Cheryl Williams

Heather Kimmel, Secretary of the United Church of Christ Board, declared a quorum.

Opening prayer by Cameron Barr.

WELCOME

Yvette Wynn, Chair of the United Church of Christ Board, extended a welcome and thank you to the Board.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

It was VOTED:

UCCB-21-07-01 To approve the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA

It was VOTED:

UCCB-21-07-02 To approve the Consent Agenda.

UCCB-21-07-02a: Grant Voice Without Vote to Staff and Others: Geoffrey Black, Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Chante Jones, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Vivian Lucas, Tami Marinella, Dianne Roberts, Cheryl Williams.

UCCB-21-07-02b: To elect Onyx Kuthuru (Class of 2023) to fill an unexpired board term.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-03 Onyx Kuthuru Bio

UCCB-21-07-02c: To elect Rachel MaeRose as chair and June Boutwell as vice chair of the General Synod Nominating Committee for the 2021-2023 biennium.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-04 Rachel MaeRose & June Boutwell Bios

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-05 Rachel MaeRose & June Boutwell Demographics

UCCB-21-07-02d: To elect the following individuals to the General Synod Nominating Committee to fill unexpired terms: Cathy Green to the class of 2025 and Sue Johannsen to the class of 2023.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-06 GSNC Nominee Bios

UCCB-21-07-02e: To nominate the following individuals for election by the Thirty-third General Synod to the General Synod Nominating Committee class of 2027: Lynn Jones, Laura Migarone, Thomas Mitchell, Warren Orikasa, and Sue Sheer.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-06 GSNC Nominee Bios

UCCB-21-07-02f: To receive the report of the Executive Committee as set forth in the minutes of the April 13, 2021 Executive Committee meeting.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-04-ExCom-Minutes_04.13.2021

UCCB-21-07-02g: To approve the proposed corporate membership of the United Church Funds, Inc. for the next biennium, including the election of Doni Mooberry Slough, Noah Jensen Tabor, and Bernard Wilson to serve full six-year terms, and Lynn Bujnak to serve the unexpired term of Kathy Dwyer.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02g-1_Bernard Wilson (Bio)

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02g-2_Doni Mooberry Slough (Bio)

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02g-3_Lynn Bujnak (Brief Bio)

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02g-4_Noah Jensen Tabor (Resume)

UCCB-21-07-02h: To receive the preliminary report of the General Synod Credentials Committee

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02h-CC-Preliminary Report_06.28.2021

APPROVAL OF UCCB MAY 2021 MEETING MINUTES

It was VOTED:

UCCB-21-07-03 To approve the minutes of the May 28, 2021 Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-07-02_Minutes_May_28_6.14.2021

Opening Remarks by Yvette Wynn, Chair and Rev. Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair

General Minister & President Report by Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer

REPORT OF UCC NATIONAL OFFICE SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE By Lew Zeidner

Discussion of the changes in the work environment and needs of the National Setting; guest Geoffrey Black offered comments.

It was VOTED:

UCCB-21-07-04 To affirm the General Minister & President's exploration of the possibilities for the best stewardship of the office building at 700 Prospect Avenue, including: affirming the GMP's authority as President of 700 Prospect Corporation to lead the 700 Prospect Corporation Board of Trustees in selling the building if appropriate analysis warrants; affirming the GMP's authority to review, select, and lease a new office space location in Cleveland for the National Setting of the United Church of Christ; and affirming the GMP's authority to take all other necessary actions to accomplish any such sale and lease.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-XX-OS-02 May 18 Minutes/DRAFT

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE REPORT By Carla Gregg-Kearns

Discussion of the United Church of Christ Board Standing Rule changes.

It was VOTED:

UCCB -21-07-05 To approve the proposed amendments to the United Church of Christ Board Standing Rules.

Supporting Document: UCCB-21-06-GOV-07 Proposed UCCB Standing Rules Amendments

INVESTMENT & ENDOWMENT COMMITTEE REPORT By David Nelson

Oral report regarding transfer to Cornerstone 1.5M of COVID funds for investing in churches that wish to reduce their carbon footprint.

DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

By Rev. D'Angelo Smith

Discussion of legacy circle and legacy giving.

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-06 To approve the creation of a Task Force to address the future financial viability of the national setting of the United Church of Christ including consideration of Legacy Giving Circle and possible formation of a Foundation.

Supporting Documents: UCCB-21-06-03-Dev Comm-Comparative Giving Report and UCCB 21-06-04-Dev Comm-Exploration of Foundation

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-07 To go into Executive Session.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-08 To return to Regular Session.

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-09 To approve the Executive Session Minutes from March 5, 2021.

**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD
SITTING AS BUSINESS COMMITTEE OF
THE THIRTY-THIRD GENERAL SYNOD**

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-10 To grant voice without vote to Resource Persons to General Synod as follows:

**RESOURCE PERSONS TO BE GRANTED VOICE WITHOUT VOTE BY GENERAL
SYNOD**

David Anderson

Kevin Peterson

Suzi Townsley

Roy Mosley

Dennis Frische-Mouri

Caroline Belsom

Maria Brace

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Committee Chair

Rebecca David	Committee Chair
Andria M. Davis	Committee Chair
Marilyn Kendrix	Committee Chair
Cheryl Lindsay	Committee Chair
Crystal McCormick	Committee Chair
Elliott Munn	Committee Chair
Michael Vollbrecht	Committee Chair
Valerie Smith	Associate GS Administrator
Corey Larson	Agenda Coordinator
Derek B. Ritenour	Parliamentarian
Reginald Brantley	Parliamentarian
Heather Kimmel	General Counsel
Ken Medema	Theological Reflector
Tami Marinella	Chief Financial Officer
Shameerah Lemon	GS Registrar
Nathan Young	meet.ucc
Julie Yarborough	Association of United Church Educators
Thom Bower	Association of United Church Educators

It was VOTED:
UCCB 21-07-11 To approve list of General Synod Committee Liaisons as follows:

NOTICE OF GENERAL SYNOD COMMITTEE LIAISONS:

Carrie Call
Hannah Cranbury
Kevin Graham
Carla Gregg-Kearns
Dick Harter
David Nelson
Inez Reid

It was VOTED:
UCCB 21-07-12 To approve the General Synod Agenda (as presented).

UPDATE ON GENERAL SYNOD FREQUENCY COMMITTEE
By Yvette Wynn

There will be an event at General Synod to bring the church up to date in the frequency and form of General Synod and invite the church to begin a discernment.

UPDATE FROM FRANKLINTON CENTER

By Vivian Lucas

Update on the Center since the transfer; COVID-19 update and community involvement.

UPDATE ON RACIAL EQUITY ASSESSMENT

By Yvette Wynn and Traci Blackmon

Work has begun with Culture Brokers. Join the Movement toward Racial Justice will be launching at General Synod with the intent to bring the church together and denominational partners to advance the ideology of anti-racism. Racial Justice audit work to be in Join the Movement platform.

Remarks Honor the Class of 2021- Yvette Wynn

Outgoing Class: Carrie Call, Dennis Coy, Mark Dutell, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Richard Harter, Alice Hunt, Penny Lowes, James Maki, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, David Nelson, Gordon Rankin, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, John Vertigan, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Bill Worley

Remarks by Incoming Vice Chair – Julia Gaughan

Enjoyed meeting with Board members and incoming Board members and is looking forward for what is to come.

Remarks by Incoming Chair – Cameron Barr

Enjoyed meeting with new and continuing Board members.

Closing Prayer by Yvette Wynn

It was VOTED:

UCCB 21-07-13 To adjourn

Respectfully submitted,

/s/Heather Kimmel, Secretary