

MINUTES—MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UCC

March 18, 2023, VIA ZOOM

Present: Diane Baker (Moderator), Judith Booker (President), Cheryl Burke (Associate Conference Minister), Lillian Daniel (Conference Minister), Abbie Goerg, Sue Greenwood, Stephen Johnson, Liz Larrivee (Vice-president), Mary Ann Martin, Antoinette McGarvin (Secretary), Jonathan Riedel, , Karen Wheeler (acting Financial Director), Judith Furman

Absent: Akua Budu- Watkins, Greg Watling, Jean Winther

Welcome from Judith Booker

Opening prayer by Lillian Daniel at 10:13

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Motion made to accept the January 21, 2023, Minutes, moved and seconded by Antoinette and Stephen. Passed.
- Motion made to accept the February 25, 2023, Minutes, moved and seconded Jonathan and Stephen
- Judith asked Cheryl Burke to provide update on the Revitalization Project and meeting with Claire Bamberg

Interim Financial Director - Karen Wheeler

- *2022 Financial Report* – almost complete, have not been submitted to and reviewed by Lillian yet. Will have report in the next week or two.
- *Motion made to accept the financial report. Moved and seconded by Sue and Mary Ann. Passed.*

Old Business

- *Traverse City Property Update* – close to completion. The Executive Board will review the final documents. Lillian thanked Karen once again for all her work on this project.
- *East Lansing Property Update* – Lillian reported that Lisa is in communication with another realtor; minor repairs being done.
- *Michigan Conference UCC By Law Revision* – Judith reported they have not been revised since 2016: Judith Furman, Sue Greenwood, Diane Baker, Stephen Johnson all volunteered to work on the committee.

New Business

- *General Synod* – Met with all delegates this past week, 20 delegates however we only need 19; we will maintain the number of 20 just in case.
- *Dearborn Congregational Church UCC* – Judith reports the church building has been sold but the church is not being dissolved at this time.
- *Annual Meeting Information* – Diane reported there is no additional information at this time.
- *Resignation of Rev. Greg Watling UNA Liaison to Board* – nominating committee will be looking for someone to finish out his term.

11:30 a.m. Conference Minister's Report - Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel – provided a written report, continuing to visit churches.

Revitalization Project (meeting with Claire Bamberg)

Cheryl Burke provided an update. Spoke to assessments, identity, team roles, creating spaces, nostalgia of time past, etc. Cheryl will provide a list of resources shared.

The next meeting of the Board is May 20, 2023, 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned at 10:49 with closing prayer from Judith Booker

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette McGarvin, Secretary