

MINUTES—MICHIGAN CONFERENCE UCC

May 20, 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, Akua Budu- Watkins

Absent: Greg Watling, Jean Winther

Welcome Meeting called to order at 10:03 with a devotion an opening prayer by Judith Booker

Adoption of Consent Agenda

- Motion made to accept the Consent Agenda. Moved, seconded, and passed.
- Motion made to accept the March 18, 2023, Minutes. Moved, seconded, and passed.

Interim Financial Director - Karen Wheeler

- *Report reviewed and explanation of drop in investments provided (related to withdrawal and gain in markets)*
- *Jess Beurkens financial admin at People's Church in Lansing, will step in as an interim, contractual part-time financial director, eventually replacing Karen.*
- *Motion made to accept the financial report. Moved, seconded, and passed.*

Old Business

- *Leelanau Property Update* Lillian provided update. Property has been transferred to New Waves. They are still without a pastor, but housing piece is moving forward.
- *MI Conference By-Law Revision Task Force* Committee made up of Judith Furman, Sue Greenwood, Diane Baker, Stephen Johnson. Judith asked that at the next meeting we all review and determine what, if anything, needs to be amended.
- *MI Conference Financial Director* Karen covered in the Finance Director report.
- *Nominating Committee Update* Liz presented two candidates UNA Liaison Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes and Covenant Liaison Rev. Dr. Shawn Thea Monroe. These are both for continuing terms of the previously resigned liaisons. Motion moved, seconded, and passed.
 - Liz advised that we still need a Treasurer.

New Business

- *General Synod Update* Lillian advised the two orientations completed for our delegates. We've had an anonymous donor sponsor the dinner at the conference for the youth delegates.

- *Annual Meeting Update* Provided by Diane. The annual meeting will be in Grand Rapids. It's being determined if it will be a hybrid. Planning for 2024 has also been made. November 1-2, 2024, with early arrival October 31, possibly Crystal Mountain Resort – All Saints Legacy, Past, Present, Future (theme) Motion moved, seconded, and passed for 2024 dates.
- *Comments/Concerns* Judith encouraged us to bring comments, concerns, ways to improve the board, etc., to the board. Mary Ann provided an updated on the Faith Formation MAT

ACM Report

- Reports provided in advance. Judith presented an opportunity for Cheryl to highlight what she does in her capacity as ACM.

Conference Minister's Report

- Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel provided a written report, continuing to visit churches.

Final Words

- Judith encouraged us to attend the DMA Spring Conference on Saturday, June 2, 9am
- Sue and Liz were celebrated for the new path they are on (retirement).

The next meeting of the Board is July 15, 2023, 10:00 am

Meeting Adjourned at 11:17 with closing prayer from Lillian.

Respectfully Submitted,
Antoinette McGarvin, Secretary