

## Michigan UCC BOD Meeting November 18, 2023

### Welcome

- Meeting called to order by Rev. Liz Larrivee, President @10:04

### Devotions/Prayer/Meditation

- Opening prayer and devotion by Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, Conference Minister

### Attendance (Excused and Absent)

- Adoption of Consent Agenda – moved, seconded, and approved.
- Approval of September 16, 2023, Minutes – Jeff Rhodes was present at the last meeting; moved, seconded, and approved.
- All board members (15) were present Liz, Lillian, Antoinette, Diane, Peter, Jonathan, Mary Ann, Sue, Abbie, Stephen, Ashley, Shawnthea, Shane, Jeff, Cheryl

### Introduction of New BOD Members

- Rev. Shane Montoya, Treasurer
- Ashley Lewis, At Large
- Peter Mueller, GWA Liaison

### Financial Report

- No report this month

### Old Business

- Committee Updates
  - Rev. Dr. Diane Baker, Annual Meeting Planning Team Committee (Moderator) provided a recap of the annual meeting. Feedback shared by fellow board members. Diane and the retreat committee were commended for their hard work and a job well done.
  - 2024 Annual Meeting – Feedback shared about selecting future locations to allow all associations to attend, if desired, without it being cost prohibitive or to ensure online mechanisms are in place to enable participation.
- Liaison Updates
  - Rev. Dr. Shawnthea Monroe (COV), Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes (UNA Liaison), Mary Ann Martin (EA Liaison), Stephen Johnson (DMA Liaison), Rev. Susan Greenwood (SWA Liaison), Peter Mueller (GWA Liaison)
  - Reports provided by respective association liaisons.
    - UNA does not have a minister. Jeff offered to check in. He was advised to have additional dialogue with Cheryl.
    - Sue brought updates on the Emanuel Scholarship and encouraged MIDs in our respective associations to apply.

### New Business

- Liz highlighted the prospective sale of East Lansing MI Conference Property; advised BOD to refer to the meeting materials provided. There are concerns about mold, wet ceilings, squirrels, the cost to maintain absence of staff, etc. Feedback solicited and provided by the BOD. Some are in favor of the property being sold. Lillian shared team members may not be in favor of working from home. She would like to provide them with an option. Lillian also suggested that we can have board meetings at our local churches.

- Motion made to list the Michigan Conference Lansing Property which includes 5945 Park Lake @ 3.55 Acres (MCUCC building), (b) the land between the building and the house @ 14.76 Acres, and (c) 2660 Lake Lansing @ 1.17 acres (house) with Lisa Kost, Coldwell Banker Hubbell Commercial Property Representative, and that a task force be selected by Rev. Dr. Lillian Daniel, MI Conference Minister UCC, to shepherd this process, and seek input from, as well as communicate progress to, the BOD President, Executive Committee and full Board of Directors. Seconded and approved.
- Liz provided thoughts on moving forward as a team. Shared slide on high performing team development stages – storming, forming, norming, and performing.
- Bylaws and other documents for new board members will be provided in advance of our next meeting. Training will be provided at that meeting for new board members.

### **Staff Reports**

- Cheryl provided ACM updates.
- Lillian provided an update. Her birthday is today. We honored her with a song. She suggested a small gift to the Friends of the Conference. She thanked everyone for their feedback on the 2024 Annual Meeting. She committed to raise funds through the Friends of the Conference to help churches with a hardship to attend the conference in Crystal Mountain.

### **Closing Prayer/Meditation/Benediction**

- Meeting adjourned at 11:26 with a closing poem provided by Shane.

**Next BOD Meeting: Jan 20, 2024 10:00 am – 1:00 pm.**