

**Minutes: Michigan Conference UCC
BOD Meeting
Saturday, September 21, 2024
10:00 am – 12:00 pm, Hybrid**

Welcome & Opening Devotion/Prayer/Meditation

- *Meeting called to order at 10:09 with Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes, UNA Liaison & Chair Personnel Committee*

Attendance (Excused and Absent)

- *Liz, Shane, Antoinette, Sue, Stephen, Abbie, Diane, Cheryl, Jeff, Jonathan, Pete, Ashley*
- *Excused: Lillian (Germany), Shawnthea, Mary Ann (Barbados)*
- *In attendance: Conference staff, Rev. Lawrence Richardson, Jenn Ringold*

Agenda was approved.

July 20, 2024, meeting minutes approved with changes.

MI Conference UCC Fundraising Campaign

- *Jenn Ringold and Rev. Lawrence Richardson presented how the Conference raises funds and where funds go when received. If we send money directly to national, the conference doesn't receive any of those resources. If we send funds directly to the conference, funds are allocated to the conference and national; led a group activity. When pledging to the local church, Basic Support is what is needed most at the state level.*
- *Led an exercise – Message Map handed out and emailed to all participants. Asked to answer the question, why is Michigan UCC here (homebase)?*
 - *To support, educate, and resource all participating churches of the MUCC*
 - *To help support local churches in mission work, stability, and spreading the gospel*
 - *Provide resources and support of UCC churches*
 - *To equip the local churches with resources for their vital success*

Business Items

- *Rev. Cheryl Burke, Associate Conference Minister*
 - *Resolution Changing Association Boundaries: EA & DMA agreed to the merge; no name change, will be DMA; Change will impact the number of At-Large positions on the Board; Start date of January 1 needs to be added to the resolution; resolution moved, seconded, and approved. Will go to the Annual Meeting for vote.*
- *Rev. Liz Larrivee, Chair & President*
 - *Psychedelics Resolution Approval Process Feedback (concerns about kinks in the process)*
 - *Liz asked the Board to attend the upcoming leadership lunch and to participate in the session at the Annual Meeting.*

BOD Committee Updates and Decisions

- *Rev. Shane Montoya, Treasurer, Chair Budget, Finance, and Investment Committee*
 - *Proposed 2025 Budget for Annual Meeting – see google drive for reportLa*

- *Shane proposes the line-item Board of Directors be used for reimbursements travel to conferences/Annual Meeting.*
- *Shane believes the General Synod budgeted amount may be low, considering the number of people participating.*
- *Shane proposes we allocate line-item National Initiative to a targeted national gift (to be identified), annually.*
- *Talahi Grants name may need to be changed.*
- *Budget approved with changes.*
- **Stephen Johnson, Chair Nominating Committee & DMA Liaison**
 - **BOD & General Synod 35 Nominations for Annual Meeting**
 - *BOD Nominees - Rev. Daryl Kistler (clergy) and Karen Metcalf (lay); approved by the BOD.*
 - *General Synod Delegates; 8-9 delegates still needed – see google drive for full presentation and list of delegates; Motion made to accept the list, plus two lay, plus Executive Committee; approved by the BOD, with necessary changes.*
 - *Liz has uploaded a document providing context on demographic requirements for Synod; we were out of compliance at last Synod; we need two lay persons to be in attendance.*
 - *Discussion made to determine if Executive Committee expenses to attend General Synod as an associate (no voting privileges).*
- **Rev. Dr. Diane Baker, Moderator, Chair Annual Meeting Planning Team Committee**
 - *2024 Crystal Mountain Attendee Financial Aid*
 - *MAT's table fees are \$40*
 - *Would like each Association to give guest speaker a gift from their region.*
 - *Would like a project our individual churches can all collectively participate in.*
 - **Proposed 2025 Annual Meeting Dates: Friday, October 3 & Saturday, October 4**
 - *Date approved by the BOD*
- **Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Rhodes, Chair, Personnel Committee & UNA Liaison**
 - *2024 Conference Minister Review - incomplete*
 - *HR Policy Update – see google drive for report.*

Liz asked us to review documents in the google drive. Needs a volunteer to look at the New Waves property and obtain property insurance on properties we now own.

Meeting adjourned at 1:09.

Meeting Adjourned:

Next BOD Meeting: November 16, 2024: Hybrid Meeting Location TBD

Lunch

Rio Wraps. Thank you, Shane and Lisa!