

## GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

**January 24, 2013 – 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. EST; 22:00 - 23:30 UTC**

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### VISION GOALS FOR 2013:

- ❖ Build sustainability and capacity into all we do.
- ❖ Communicate to the world with passion and clarity that we are stronger together.
- ❖ Give priority to churches and new ministries that demonstrate signs of health and growth.
- ❖ Continue to build leadership development into all we do, particularly with Young Adults

### OPEN QUESTIONS FOR 2013:

- ❖ What is our vision for funding ministry?
- ❖ How can our young adults help us to imagine and articulate a future for MCC? (Joel 2: 28 - "And that's just the beginning: After that— "I will pour out my Spirit on every kind of people: Your sons will prophesy, also your daughters. Your old men will dream, your young men will see visions. I'll even pour out my Spirit on the servants, men and women both...")
- ❖ What is needed to enhance our global ministry and structure?

### ATTENDEES:

Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Moderator; Raquel Benítez, Vice Chair; Kareem Murphy, Secretary; Liz Bisordi, Treasurer; Rev. Onetta Brooks, Rev. Tony Freeman, Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Bryan Parker, Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis, Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations, Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez, SLT Guest, Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

## AGENDA

### The meeting began at 5:05 pm

- Rev. Nancy welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an opening prayer.

#### A. Consent Agenda

- **Minutes of 11 December 2012 meeting**
- **Director of Operations financial reports**
  - **November P & L (final)**
  - **Budget Summary at 31 December 2012**
- **Moderator's Report**

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132401.1: Motion to approve the consent agenda made by Onetta, seconded by Liz. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY**

There was general discussion about adjustments in the item order on the agenda. Tony complimented Nancy on the Moderator's Report.

#### B. Preliminary Year End Report (Finance Team)

- **December P & L (preliminary)**
- **31 December Balance Sheet**

Barb noted that in terms of the year end financial report, expenses close to final. Tithing income continues to arrive. Preliminary tithing income for the year will go up as they arrive. \$25,000 in expenses from 2012 will be deferred to 2013 for the Network Leaders Training and the Garner Institute. Liz asked everyone to review and absorb the financial progress and how different it is now compared to early in 2012.

Liz asked about an audit report this year. Barb said, “no,” adding that there was an issue between the information the auditors received from the attorneys. The auditors encouraged us to write off everything, but she noted that we have been in dialogue with churches, and they were going to get caught up. The auditors still recommend that we write off the oldest ones back tithes.

Liz said that she was concerned that we have not seen an audit report from 2011 yet. Barb said that the numbers from 2011 are solid at this point.

### **C. Governance Part I (Onetta)**

Onetta gave an update and report from/for the Governing Board Nominating Committee. In doing so, she read the report from Committee Chair Cathy Alexander. The Committee expects to have the slate of candidates finalized and announced by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Liz asked how many people applied and Nancy responded 21. However, the pool was further narrowed down to 16. There will be five seats up for election: three lay, two clergy. (four six year, 1 three year)

Onetta gave an overview of proposed bylaw changes and clarification.

- Addendum One is to clarify that the GB and Council of Elders are exempt from the requirement to secure two sponsors from two other countries.
- In working with Elder Darlene, we were able to clean up language in Article IX, we added language about forgiveness, partial payment (related to tithing).
- The Council of Elders has moved forward regarding virtual membership

These are the bylaw changes. What we need is approval. Liz asked a question about these going up for review by the Bylaw Team. Onetta said yes, that is the next step if the Governing Board approves them. Kareem asked that if we have concerns, do they then go to the Bylaws Team? After further process-related clarification from Onetta, she said, “yes.” Kareem asked if the Governing Board has to approve bylaw proposals originating with the Council of Elders and Onetta said, “no.” Nancy added that they would love to have the Governing Board support. Onetta added that the Governing Board will have a chance to review anything adopted today and provide feedback.

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132401.2: Motion to approve three proposed bylaw changes made by Raquel, seconded by Tony. MOTION PASSES, KAREEM OPPOSED.**

### **D. ITF Draft Proposal from Governing Board to General Conference (Robert/Nancy)**

Nancy noted that the Governing Board has previously seen this report. What I want approval from the GB for this report. The only two things that have changed regard financial implications in 2014. She said she is requesting the Governing Board’s approval of the report.

Kareem asked that the two motions be read aloud, and Nancy complied.

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132401.3: Motion to accept and approve the International Task Force Report made by Candace, seconded by Onetta. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Nancy thanked Raquel and Robert. Tony asked if they would put together a list of Frequently Asked Questions guide and Nancy said yes.

### **E. Strategic Planning Committee (Candace/Kareem)**

Candace shared that the meeting scheduled for today was rendered unnecessary because our consultant did not think we needed it. The planning continues and we are on schedule. She has a plan to get that last piece. Nancy said that she was very excited about this process.

### **F. 2013 Housing Allowance (Barb)**

Barb shared a proposal that would include housing allowances for the following clergy staff at the following calendar 2013 rates:

Rev. Dr. Kharma Amos	\$25,000.00
Rev. Lillie Brock	\$35,239.92
Rev. Darlene Garner	\$26,000.00
Rev. Kenneth Martin	\$18,000.00
Rev. Stedney Phillips	\$14,400.00
Rev. Dr. Mona West	\$40,000.00
Rev. Dr. Nancy Wilson	\$30,000.00

**GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 132401.4: Motion to accept and approve the International Task Force Report made by Tony, seconded by Onetta. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.**

Kareem asked about progress on ensuring equity in compensation for staff members who use home offices to conduct their work. Liz asked Board to speak to that, and Barb shared that we are making progress. Virtually all of our staff who work from home, they get internet connection and phone expenses. We have taken small steps.

**G. SLT Presentation and Q & A (Rev. Elder Héctor Gutiérrez)**

The presentation included the names of staff in the Office of Emerging Ministries, ICM church in Ibero America, the number of approved ministries, strategic partnerships, the Ibero American Institute, relationship with the Office of Formation and Leadership Development, online learning opportunities, communication networks and programs.

General conversation ensued, praising the work with thank you's to Hector and his team from the Governing Board.

Nancy shared that she had just preached in Spanish in Monterrey last weekend because Hector translated. They are very excited to be MCC. They love having Hector as their "Bishop."

**G. March Face-to-Face Meeting (Barb)**

Barb reviewed logistics for the face-to-face meeting, including dates and location.

**H. Governance – Part II (Onetta)**

- **Moderator Nominating Committee selection process**

*(At this point, Robert and Tony left the meeting.)*

Onetta shared that we have 15 applicants. We, the committee, have to create a short list. We need to go through, review the contents, with the intentions to have the Governing Board appoint three in time for the March meeting.

(Barb left meeting, technical difficulties)

Onetta said she was very excited about the number of folks. She noted that people like the deadline. She thanked everyone for the recruiting.

**I. Review Action Items/Meeting Evaluation (Nancy)**

Nancy reviewed our actions and accomplishments, including the year end financial review, housing allowances, presentation from Hector and the draft bylaws being sent to the Bylaw Committee.

Raquel said that she wanted to speak regarding the Moderator's Evaluation. She noted that two Governing Board Members did not complete the evaluation. She added that feedback is important and questioned the type of precedent not participating set.

Bryan gave a closing prayer.

**The meeting adjourned at 6:23pm.**

**2013 GB Meeting Dates**

- THUR 28 FEB 13 22:00 UTC; 5:00 PM EST
- 7-9 MAR 13 (details below)
- THUR 25 APR 13 22:00 UTC; 5:00 PM EDT
- THUR 23 MAY 13 22:00 UTC; 5:00 PM EDT
- THUR 20 JUNE 13 22:00 UTC; 5:00 PM EDT (date change due to GC)
- SAT 29 JUNE 13 (first meeting for GC)
- JULY – General Conference – No July Call
- 31 JULY – 3 AUG 13 (Details To Be Determined; Overlap with SLT)

**Standing Committees**

**Finance** - Liz Bisordi, Chair; Marsha Warren, Rev. Onetta Brooks; Bryan Parker

**Development** - Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Lead; Rev. Tony Freeman,  
Raquel Benítez - Rojas

**Governance** - Rev. Onetta Brooks, Chair; Bryan Parker

**Strategic Planning** - Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis, Chair; Kareem Murphy

**Ad Hoc Committees**

**Audit** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin; Rev. Dr. Candace Shultis; Marvin Bagwell

**International Task Force** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Chair; Raquel Benítez-Rojas, Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson,  
Linda Brenner-Beckstead, ITF Consultant to the GB

**Communications** - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, Chair; Bryan Parker, Kareem Murphy