



MCC GOVERNING BOARD MEETING
Thursday, 31 July 2014
4:00-5:30pm EDT / 20:30 – 21:30 GMT/UTC

UFMCC FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN (2014-2018) Breakthrough Objectives:

- 1. Global Growth:** Become a growing multi-cultural, international, spiritual community.
- 2. Justice:** Boldly claim our prophetic role as a justice movement for the 21st century.
- 3. Congregations and Ministries:** Expand the number of healthy, vibrant churches and ministries.
- 4. People:** Cultivate, nurture and deploy lay and clergy leaders that are equipped and empowered to carry out our global mission.
- 5. Finances:** Build a culture of generosity to achieve our vision and mission.

OPEN QUESTIONS FOR 2014:

What will it mean to be MCC in 2023?

What is our vision of MCC as a culturally diverse, international movement?

ATTENDEES

Rev. Elder Dr. Nancy Wilson, Moderator; Rev. Onetta Brooks, Vice Chair; Kareem Murphy, Secretary; Gail Rissler, Treasurer; Raquel Benítez-Rojas; Sarah-Jane Ramage; Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin; Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell; Rev. Clinton Crawshaw; Barbara Crabtree, Director of Operations; Linda Brenner-Beckstead, Staff Support.

APOLOGIES

Raquel Benítez-Rojas (death in family)

AGENDA

Consent Agenda

- Moderator's Report
- Minutes: 26 June 2014
- Director of Operation's Financial Reports
 - Final May & June 2014 P & L, Balance Sheet, Budget Summary

GOVERNING BOARD MOTION 140731.1: Motion to approve the Consent Agenda, made by Onetta, seconded by Gail. MOTION PASSES UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion Agenda

1. Moderator Corner

Nancy said she and Barb have been talking about budget, and about the All Staff meeting. Haven't had once since 2009. How we would orient Elders. MCC is blessed by our virtual church consultants. She is working to set things up to be on sabbatical for two months.



2. Finances

Barb said we have two months of final reports. May was preliminary at last meeting. Low point: cash was below what we expected it to be in June. July bounced back. It has gotten us a third of the way. Heard from churches that took action and will send reasonably large checks. Optimistic we will be in good shape. Big picture is not substantially different. Expenses managed and run behind on development income.

Gail said that, for those anxiously tracking deficit, not a lot has changed. On track with income and controlling expenses; have a 60K deficit. There are things that could affect that. Churches could change and there could be increase in Moderator's Circle. She said that the Team will be examining the forgiveness for portion of outstanding debt. A lot of this debt has been written off, and whether this is forgiven—no debt.

3. Assessments Policy status

- **What to expect for approval at August meeting**

SJ said that the quick answer (about status of Assessment Policy) is to take more time. Had a good meeting this week, but have edits to turn proposal into policy. Haven't gotten it to point for everyone to consider. We'll get it out in the next week so everyone has time to read before Face-to-Face. We need to discuss when to get feedback. We have something that is a useable document and includes concerns raised by SLT.

4. Strategic Plan

- **GB SP Priorities**
- **Prep for detail review at August meeting**

Carol noted that the Committee sent out again the document from the March Face-to-Face, and received no feedback. Could leave it for the Face-to-Face and move forward. It's on agenda for August.

Gail said that the SLT has identified mini-case studies of investments that are already occurring. We'll start with an update of investments. Carol will have priorities of how we are doing. Then we'll move into recommendations around Vision or Mission language. As joint group review language, dates, additions or deletions. Then we're able to look at 2015 priorities. It could be very productive to make sure plan is what you want it to be and where the focus is.

5. Development

Robert asked Nancy to speak about Gil and the development consultants. Part of Development is working on your package, and we'll save that for your face-to-face. Nancy said that they (Gil and Stan) have done a good job. Over 300 responses. Along the way, picked up people to interview, could become major donors. Gil will be at meeting (virtually). Final report in September.

Beginning to make asks. Not same people Gil is interviewing. I'm doing others meanwhile. Hopefully getting checks earlier than usual this year. Nancy thanked Gail, and her team, working on (Gratitude) concert.



6. Communications

- **Webinar feedback**
- **GB webpage**

Kareem said that the webinars went well. Technical difficulties on second. Feedback (not a lot) has been positive. Guests were glad to contribute. Nate was excited to be a young adult voice. There is room for improvement.

Nancy said that her only suggestion is around marketing. She thought it was wonderful to have other voices. In ways that we can communicate? How do we have better marketing? How would it be for lay delegates, pastors, local churches? Even though announcement went out, it looked like it was about MCC finances. It's such a good thing. Keep persevering. It's very important.

7. Governance

- **GBNC appointment status**
- **What to expect for approval at August meeting**
- **Feedback (GB feedback due to Linda by 31 July)**
 - **COE – Concurrent Affiliation Policy**
 - **COE - Frequently Asked Questions**
 - **COE - Social Media Policy**

Onetta: They are going to give bi-monthly reports. We can go less. We talked about worldwide MCC strategy. Surveys were released, we were inundating people, and it's been discussed.

Clinton and SJ have been interviewing. At August meeting, will have three recommendations.

We will revisit committee rotation at Face-to-Face meeting as well as officers.

Nancy asked if we have received reports from BOP? Onetta said that she would ask Wes (Board Chair) if there are appointments. She will follow-up.

Onetta asked that if others to give feedback on the Concurrent Affiliation Policy to Linda.

8. August Face to Face Agenda

- **Expect ALL Governors to be present through Sunday's joint GB/SLT meeting**
- **What's needed from each Governor for the meeting in advance**

Nancy and Onetta reviewed the agenda and said that they are adapting based on feedback.

Nancy gave the closing prayer at 5:30 and focused remembering Raquel and Carme.



2014 Governing Board Meetings

August Face-to-Face Meeting

Thursday, 21 August – Sunday, 24 August 2014

Thursday, 25 Sept 2014

Thursday, 30 October 2014

Thursday, 20 November 2014

Thursday, 18 December 2014



STANDING COMMITTEES

Finance – Gail Rissler, **Chair**; Raquel Benítez-Rojas; Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell; Marsha Warren; Rev. Onetta Brooks (STAP); Barb Crabtree, Director of Operations

Development – Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, **Chair**; S-J Ramage; Rev. Clinton Crawshaw

Governance - Rev. Onetta Brooks, **Chair**; Raquel Benítez-Rojas (Policy); Rev. Clinton Crawshaw

Strategic Planning – Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell, **Chair**; Gail Rissler, Kareem Murphy

Communications - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, **Chair**; S-J Ramage, Kareem Murphy

AD HOC COMMITTEES

Audit - Rev. Dr. Robert Griffin, **Chair**; Kareem Murphy, Marvin Bagwell

Task Force for Retirement for Clergy Outside the US: (tabled)

Assessment Ad Hoc – S-J Ramage, **Chair**; Kareem Murphy, Gail Rissler, Rev. Dr. Carol Trissell