

**MCC Governing Board Minutes**  
**Thursday, February 8, 2018 – 6:00 pm (EST)**

Present: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown; Rev. Victoria Burson; Rev. Joe Cobb, Angel Collie Dr. Mark Dagleish; Rev. Miak Siew; Dr. David Williams; Barb Crabtree, Dir of Operations; Staff, Jack Hutter

Absent: Kimberly Brown, Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw

Quorum Established

Welcome/Check-In: Rachelle welcomed everyone and we had a brief check in.

Opening Prayer: Rachelle Brown

Consent Agenda:

Meeting Minutes for 25 January 2017

**A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Dr. David Williams. The motion was seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson. The motion was approved.**

**Aye: All present**

**No: none**

**Abstentions: none**

Discussion Agenda:

Development Plan – Governors reviewed a comprehensive Development plan create by Rachelle for 2018 and beyond, paying close attention to fundraising models that work well locally and globally, and how to be more creative and innovative in our approach. Discussion included creating a culture of generosity, and the possibility of establishing an MCC Charitable Foundation. We will also consider updating our current Moderator’s Circle, along with exploring a Donor Challenge, Donor Dinners, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Grants, Be A Gem program, and a global juried art show.

2018 Budget – Barb presented our proposed 2018 Budget for consideration. We reviewed our current financial realities and recommendations including a minimal cost of living increase for all staff (which has not been provided for some time). We acknowledged the challenges of adopting a balanced budget with current projected income, while managing areas of cost savings without minimizing our justice strategy and ministry projects and programs.

We then discussed which budget level to adopt between \$1,770,000 (which includes a 1.5% cost of living increase for all staff totaling (\$14,800 – which Rachelle is opting out of) or \$1,560,000. After further discussion on the implications of reducing projected expenses, the Governors moved to a vote.

**A motion was made by Rev. Victoria Burson to adopt a 2018 budget of \$1,560,000. The motion was seconded by Rev. Miak Siew. The motion was approved.**

**Aye: All present**

**No: none**

**Abstention: one**

Bylaw Revision –

Recommendation to correct error in current UFMCC Bylaws, Article V, E.2.a. MODERATOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE: The Governing Board shall appoint a Moderator Nominating Committee of three (3) persons. The responsibility of the Moderator Nominating Committee is to actively solicit candidates for the position, review any and all applications, and select up to five (5) qualified candidates. The qualified candidates shall be presented by the Governing Board to the General Conference for election.

Revision to reflect GC2016 minutes, p. 10, Consideration of Bylaw Amendments, Motion 14 “Rev. Onetta Brooks moved to approve the bylaw change proposal 05, to increase the members on the MNC from 3 to 5. Motion was seconded; Motion passes overwhelmingly in Clergy House and Lay House.”

The Board determined that a Motion was not needed, based on the decision of General Conference. Only a directive to correct the bylaws in the official file and online to reflect that the MNC has 5 members.

Committees:

Governance – Victoria Burson agreed to serve on this committee.

Finance – David Williams, as Treasurer, will serve as Chair of this committee.

Update on MCC in Canada – Recommended changes to the MCCiC bylaws have been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting of the Governing Board.

Face-to-Face Meeting in April – Travel day will be April 26, with full meeting days on April 27-28 (the 28<sup>th</sup> will include time with consultant Dan Hotchkiss), and our final meeting and travel day on April 29. All meetings will take place in Durham, NC, USA.

Closing Prayer – Angel Collie

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Joe Cobb, Clerk