

## **Governing Board Meeting Minutes 22 February 2018**

Attended: Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown; Kimberly Brown; Rev. Victoria Burson; Angel Collie; Rev. Jakob Hero-Shaw; Rev. Miak Siew, Dr. David Williams; Barb Crabtree, Dir. Of Operations; Jack Hutter, Staff.

Absent: Rev. Joe Cobb, Dr. Mark Dagleish

### **Quorum Established**

After a brief check-in, the meeting was opened with prayer by Rachelle

### **Consent Agenda:**

Feb 8, 2018 Meeting Minutes  
Moderator Report

**Motion to accept the consent agenda as presented was made by Kimberly Brown.**

**Motion was seconded by Dr. David Williams**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Motion carries.**

### **Discussion Agenda:**

Signature Cards: Barb discussed the need to update the signature card with current board members. This will be done at the April Face-to-Face meeting.

**Motion to authorize the following signers as the only signers on Bank of America accounts: Kimberly Brown, Victoria Burson, Joe Cobb, Angel Collie, Barb Crabtree, Jakob Hero-Shaw, and David Williams was made by Kimberly Brown.**

**Motion was seconded by Rev. Miak Siew.**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Motion carries.**

Sarasota Property: Rachelle updated the board on the status of the Sarasota property. The realtor is suggesting a drastic price drop because of current market conditions in the Sarasota area. The other option is to try to lease the space until market conditions improve. The board feels that the price reduction suggested is not acceptable, and that the lease option is a good alternative.

**Motion to take the Sarasota property off the market and find a tenant to lease it was made by Rev. Elder Rachelle Brown.**

**Motion was seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Motion carries.**

Governance Committee: Victoria discussed the list of things to work in in the next 30 days. The priority will be to establish a MNC and GBNC. There will be an announcement to allow nominations from people. The board will then decide on committee members.

Development: Rachelle discussed several options that are being considered. This is a great time to do something different with a shift away from the Moderator's Circle. One idea is a campaign linked to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. It will possibly be called \$50 for the 50<sup>th</sup>. It will say how the funds would be used, and anyone in the world would be able to donate online. The idea is to establish a foundation as a separate 501c3 non-religious organization. It would be an associated NGO.

Finance Discussion: William presented the need for an additional \$200,000 Budget Supplement which would be used for leadership development, implementation of the Flexible Paths to Ministry program, and deployment of training for churches for Diversity and Generosity. Leadership Development would include expansion of the Darlene Garner Institute to support leadership development in Ibero-America and globally. Implementation of the Flexible Paths to Ministry would include development of assessment tools to measure skills and readiness, and three intensives to launch the Commissioned track globally. Training for churches for Diversity and Generosity would be rolled out at Network Gatherings, and budget to implement International Development and Inclusion goals.

Income for this budget supplement would come from the following: \$10,000 to partially fund Africa work to come from Easter Offering, and \$190,00 from additional Development income.

**Motion to approve an additional \$200,000 for the 2018 budget was made by Dr. David Williams.**

**Motion was seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson.**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Motion carries**

A webinar of Finances with the Governing Board has been scheduled for 21 March 2018. This will be a visual presentation of the P&L, Assets & Liabilities, and an Assessment update.

MCC in Canada – Name change from Eastern District to Metropolitan Community Churches in Canada (MCCIC): MCCIC needs to send a letter to the Office of the Registrar of Marriage which shows that UFMCC has officially authorized the name change.

**Motion was made by Rev. Elder Rachelle brown to approve the name change from The Eastern District to Metropolitan Community Churches in Canada.**

**Motion was seconded by Rev. Victoria Burson.**

**Aye: All members present**

**No: none**

**Abstain: none**

**Motion carries.**

The meeting was closed in prayer by Miak.