

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST BOARD**  
**May 28, 2021**  
**Via Zoom**

**Members Present:** Yvette Wynn, Chair, Cameron Barr, Vice-Chair, Faufau Alaelua, Kearstin Bailey, Traci Blackmon, Emma Brewer-Wallin, Charles Buck, Eleanore Chong, Hannah Cranbury, John Dorhauer, Mark Dutell, Shernell Edney-Stilley, Derrick Elliott, John Folk, Julia Gaughan, Tim Hachfeld, Richard Harter, Penny Lowes, Gloria-Ann Muraki, David Nelson, Shari Prestemon, Gordon Rankin, Michael Readinger, Inez Reid, Franz Rigert, Bob Sandman, Kylie Steever, Paul S. Tch , Karen Georgia Thompson, John Vertigan, Harriet Ward, Diane Weible, Marsha Williams, Jeanette Zaragoza, Lewis Zeidner.

**Absent:** Brian Bodager, Carolyne Call, Rachel Chapman, Dennis Coy, Thaddaeus Elliott, Carla Gregg-Kearns, Darrell Goodwin, Kevin Graham, Alice Hunt, Eric Jackson, James Maki, Yesenia Menendez-Sanchez, D'Angelo Smith, Bill Worley

**Absent-Non-members with special expertise:** Lawrence Bashe, Ron Patterson

**Staff and Others Present:** Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Tami Marinella, Cheryl Williams

**ROLL CALL and DECLARATION OF A QUORUM**

**Welcome by Chair, Yvette Wynn**

**Opening prayer by Cameron Barr**

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-21-05-01** to approve the Agenda.  
*(Supporting Document UCCB-21-05-01 Agenda)*

**GRANT VOICE WITHOUT VOTE**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-21-05-02** to grant voice without vote to Donyale Copeland, Cynthia Gaffney, Heather Kimmel, Alisa Lewis, Tami Marinella, Cheryl Williams.

**APPROVAL OF UCCB MARCH 2021 MEETING MINUTES**

**It was VOTED:**

**UCCB-21-05-03** to approve the minutes of the March 4, 2021 Meeting of the United Church of Christ Board.  
*(Supporting Document UCCB-21-05-02 Minutes 04.09.2021)*

**REPORT OF THE UCCB CHAIR/VICE CHAIR NOMINATING COMMITTEE  
by Inez Reid**

The Committee nominates Cameron Barr as Chair during the 2021-2023 biennium. The Committee nominates Julia Gaughan as Vice-Chair for the same time period.

**It was VOTED:  
UCCB-21-05-04**

to elect Cameron Barr as Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2021-2023 Biennium, beginning at the close of the 2021 General Synod and continuing until the close of the 2023 General Synod or until a successor is duly elected and assumes office.

**It was VOTED:  
UCCB-21-05-05**

to elect Julia Gaughan as Vice-Chair of the United Church of Christ Board for the 2021-2023 Biennium, beginning at the close of the 2021 General Synod and continuing until the close of the 2023 General Synod or until a successor is duly elected and assumes office.

*(Supporting Document UCCB-21-03-Chair\_Vice-Chair\_Nom\_Com-01 Report)*

Both Cameron Barr and Julia Gaughan gave remarks and thanks.

**REPORT OF THE RACIAL JUSTICE, EQUITY AND INCLUSION RFP COMMITTEE  
by Traci Blackmon**

The Committee received seven applications for a racial justice audit. The skills sets may need to change over time so it was decided to do the audit work first. There were two finalists for the audit. The Committee decided to recommend Culture Brokers. They have a standardized way to go about this work and are able to compare to others with justice goals. Cost \$35,000.00 of audit but asking approval of \$50,000 for customization.

**It was VOTED:  
UCCB-21-05-06**

to accept the proposal of Culture Brokers in response to the Racial Justice, Equity, and Inclusion Assessment Request for Proposal and to authorize the expenditure of funds necessary for the associated fees.

*(Supporting Documents UCCB-21-05-Equity-RFP-01\_Culture\_Brokers\_proposal; UCCB-21-05-Equity-RFP-02\_Mission\_Institute\_proposal)*

**REPORT OF UCC NATIONAL OFFICE SPACE NEEDS COMMITTEE  
By John Dorhauer**

The Committee is considering the current possible sale of 700 Prospect. Good stewardship of our resources frames what we do with the building. There was previous Board

action authorizing GMP to list it for sale and attempts to sell building and lease open space in building; without upgrades no one was interested. The Committee is now asking this Board to take ownership. The options available are to stay, monetize, or move. There has been a reduction in staff over time and COVID-19 has changed the landscape with many staff not working in the building in a daily basis. The building needs many upgrades.

The Board has decided to defer the vote on the office space until after more documentation is provided to the Board members. Board members are requested to express the need for more information and what documents are needed.

**GENERAL SYNOD PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE UPDATE**  
**by Penny Lowes**

Registration is open at the [generalsynod.org](http://generalsynod.org) website. At registration, voting delegates will set up time for training on the voting software. Scripts are currently being written for roles and speaking. The resolution process working well. Educational intensives have opened up more opportunities. Fundraising is going well.

**GENERAL SYNOD FREQUENCY COMMITTEE UPDATE**  
**by Yvette Wynn**

On agenda for optional event to have conversation for wider church on July 13, 2021. This is an ongoing topic.

**Closing Prayer by John Dorhauer**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Kimmel, Secretary