

# Heartland Conference Board of Directors

## Minutes - 3.19.2021

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Location: Zoom Video Conference

Stated Date: March 19, 2021 – Feast Day of Saint Joseph

Stated Time: 9:00am

### **Attendance**

#### Voting Members Attending (15)

Rev. David Brown, Living Water ONE

Mr. Martin Buck, Living Water ONE Representative

Rev. Diane Carter, NWOA

Rev. Daniel Doty, Secretary

Ms. Cathy Green, Past-Moderator

Tom Hathaway, Vice Moderator

Mr. Jim Henry, Treasurer

Rev. Elizabeth Leung, Living Water ONE Representative

Ms. Pam Linderson, SONKA Representative

Mx. MK O'Haver, CSEOA Representative

Rev. David Plant, Moderator Heartland Conference UCC

Rev. Adrian Sunday, NWOA Representative

Rev. Melody Ruffin Ward, Living Water ONE Representative

Dan Weyand-Geise, SONKA representative

Rev. Terry Williams, CSEOA Representative

#### Non-Voting Members, Staff, and Guests Attending (7)

Rev. Patricia Battle CSEOA Association Minister

Rev. Daniel Busch, NWOA Association Minister

Ms. Rebecca Hoskins, Heartland Conference Executive Administrator

Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Living Water ONE Association Minister

Rev. David Long-Higgins, Heartland Conference Transitional Conference Minister

Ms. Jill Frey, Heartland Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries

Rev. Carl Robinson SONKA Association Minister

#### Voting Members Not Attending (1)

Faith Solon, Christian Church-Disciples of Christ Representative

#### Non-Voting Members, Staff Not Attending (0)

**Our Why:** Together in Christ's love, we collaborate to reconcile and restore all God's creation.

**Our Calling:** Empowered by the Holy Spirit we are called to connect, equip and support our faith communities to grow as faithful disciples and responsible stewards, following Jesus' call to extravagantly love all God's children and creation.

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- **9:00 Welcome, Introductions and Prayer**
- **9:05 Approval of Minutes/Agenda Items**
  - [February 19, 2021 Minutes](#)
  - **Action Item: Approve the minutes**
    - **Cathy moved**
    - **David B. second**
    - **Motion passed unanimously**
  - **Action Item: Approve the agenda**
    - **Pam moved**
    - **Diane second**
    - **Motion Passed unanimously**
- **9:15 - Vision Plan Update - Dave**
  - [Vision Powerpoint Summary](#)
    - Dave LH presented the PowerPoint that was not available at our last meeting
    - A question was raised as to how to utilize this report beyond the BOD
      - Carl mentioned that Dave LH could record a video of the presentation that he gave this morning and post that to our various social media/websites, etc.
  - [TCM Summary Report](#)
  - Disaster Response Ministry
    - Dave Zerby needs to transition away from leadership of this ministry
    - Dave LH has been discerning ways forward and perhaps this might be a joint UCC/DOC project for the Heartland/Ohio Region

- **9:30 Personnel**
  - TCM Evaluation - Committee Update
    - Pam mentioned that the evaluation is in process
  
- **9:35 General Synod Delegates**
  - [General Synod Delegate Slate](#)
    - David P mentioned that he didn't think any new names have been added since the last time the BOD has taken up this roster of names
    - Dave LH spoke about the need to meet certain delegate demographics and that we are close to having a full delegate roster
      - Dave LH mentioned that NWOA has sent a new name with a new person to meet
      - **Action Item: Approve Scott May as a delegate from NWOA to the roster of General Synod delegates**
        - **Adrian moved**
        - **Diane second**
        - **Motion passed unanimously**
  - SONKA
    - Awaiting some more names from this Association
  
- **9:40 Outdoor Ministry - Jill Frey**
  - [General Report - Summer Camp/Templed Hills](#)
    - Jill mentioned that the US Bank business has been taken care of
    - 67 camp registration have been submitted so far
    - New video will be released for promotional use for the upcoming camp season
    - A few more informational zooms will happen for folks around the conference who might have questions
    - She referenced a few more items that are in the report (link above)
    - Major pipes broke in the freeze in Skipper this past winter
      - A lot of damage occurred
      - We have submitted an insurance claim
      - Professional cleaning company has been engaged
      - Boiler is “new” and we are working to see if it is still in working shape
      - Carpeting was soaked but the belief is that it can be cleaned and we need not replace it. The cleaning company is assessing this
        - Some of the paneling was damaged





- **10:10 Leadership Roundtable**
- **10:20 Annual Gathering**
- **10:25 DOC Ohio Regional Board Report**
  - Terry W reported that, upon recommendation of the Regional Search Team and unanimous affirmation of the Regional Church Council, the Rev. Allen V. Harris has been called as the next Regional Pastor and President for the Christian Church in Ohio. Rev. Harris is no stranger to Ohio, having served as the Senior Pastor of Franklin Circle Christian Church in Cleveland and active as a leader in the Region and at Camp Christian for many years. Most recently, Rev. Harris served as the Regional Minister for the Christian Church Capital Area (Washington D.C). His official start date will be April 1, 2021.
  - Additionally, Ted Nelson, the caretaker at Camp Christian, will be leaving his position with the Ohio Region March 19, 2021. The Regional Church Council is working hard to ensure leadership is in place for the summer session this year & that the region is poised for a full search going forward after this camping season.
- **Next Meeting Date - April 16, 2021**
  - **BOD Meeting Dates going forward**
    - May 21, 2021
    - June 18, 2021
    - July 16, 2021
  - **Tentative Dates**
    - **Annual Gathering - September 24-25**
    - **October BOD Retreat**
- **Adjournment - Dave LH adjourned the meeting with prayer at 10:47 a.m.**