

**Heartland Conference Board of Directors
Minutes 1.21.2022**



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.

Location: Zoom Video Conference
Stated Date: January 21, 2022
Stated Time: 9:00am

Attendance

Voting Members Attending (9)

Mr. Tom Hathaway, Moderator
Rev. Daniel Doty, Vice Moderator
Rev. David Plant, Past-Moderator
Mr. Jim Henry, Treasurer
Mx. MK O'Haver, Conference Secretary
Mark Vaughn, NWOA Representative
Rev. David Brown, Living Water ONE Representative
Charlene J. Smith, Living Water ONE Representative
Mr. Martin Buck, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Eric Williams, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Diane Carter, NWOA
Dan Weyand-Geise, SONKA representative
Rev. Laureen Roe, Disciples of Christ Representative

Non-Voting Members, Staff, and Guests Attending

Rev. David Long-Higgins, Heartland Conference, Conference Minister
Ms. Rebecca Hoskins, Heartland Conference Executive Administrator
Ms. Jill Frey, Heartland Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries
Rev. Daniel Busch, NWOA Association Minister
Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Living Water ONE Association Minister
Rev. Carl Robinson SONKA Association Minister
Cathy Green, Tempel Hill Capital Campaign Chair

Voting Members Not Attending

Rev. Melody Ruffin Ward, Living Water ONE Representative
TBA, SONKA Representative

Non-Voting Members, Staff Not Attending

Rev. Patricia Battle CSEOA Association Minister

- **9:00 Welcome, Introductions and Covenantal Prayer**

God of Love, made known to us in Jesus Christ, our common journey of faith leads us to continue to grow in mutual love. Help us respect each one's place on the journey of faith, while we live into our commitment to be active agents of social justice. Guide us to extend an extravagant welcome to all as we ourselves are nurtured in the unity of the One Spirit across all settings. Offering our diverse gifts in building God's beloved community here and now, we seek to promote responsible stewardship and sharing of resources which calls us to reach out across the Heartland and to our ecumenical partners. This we seek as we embody God's healing love throughout all creation. Amen.

- **9:10 Approval of Minutes/Agenda Items**

- **Action Item: Motion to approve agenda & 12/17/2021 minutes**
- Moved: David Brown
- Second: Diane Carter
- Result: Motion Passed

- **9:15 Committee Leadership and Representatives**

- **Human Resources Chairperson - David Plant** (one year)
 - David Plant agreed to serve as committee chair for one year but we will need a Board member to serve as co-chair with David and assume the chair after one year.
 - **Action Item: Motion to approve David Plant for Chairperson (1 year)**
 - Moved: David Brown
 - Second: Eric Williams
 - Result: Motion Passed
- **Constitution Review Working Group**
 - Dave Plant (chairperson), Lauren Roe, Terry Williams, Brian Burke, Tom Hathaway and Dave Long-Higgins
 - **Action Item: Motion to approve working group**
 - Moved: Dan Doty
 - Second: Mark Vaughn
 - Result: Motion Passed
- **Need Heartland Board Representative to DOC Regional Board**

- **9:20 Treasurer's Report**

- Fiscal Report at next meeting as Jim finishes 2021 books & year-end reports
- Hills Are Alive Update Capital Campaign Update from Cathy Green
 - Launched in summer of 2019
 - www.LoveOurHills.org
 - There are brochures available
 - Goal of \$350k during a roughly 18-month campaign
 - Campaign was paused during pandemic
 - \$202,590 received so far from 77 donors
 - \$20k was tithed already to Shaping our Future
 - Operating under assumption that will relaunch
 - Marty Buck supports this assumption & would like to be a part of the relaunch
 - Consensus from BoD is yes
 - Asked new members of BoD to consider giving a donation & assisting in promotion of campaign

- Contact Cathy Green if you would like to be a part of the campaign or have input green.cjm@gmail.com
- **9:30 Outdoor Ministry Report**
 - Revised cost estimates for the Skipper rest rooms renovation expected to be received in early February with quick approval needed to insure that the project is completed on time. By consensus, BoD entrusted the Executive Committee to review and render a decision on the new estimates.
- **9:40 Conference Minister's Report**
 - Highlights
 - Kevin Gehres is working to build a depot at Temple Hills to house Disaster Relief buckets & hygiene kits. Goal to collect 2022 kits/buckets
 - Faith Formation Network continues it's work for the February 25-27 event
 - Conference wide fitness review training
 - [Communications Job Description](#)
 - Submission of resumes/portfolios by 1/31/22 to jobapplication@ikcucc.org
 - Leadership Roundtable Updates
 - SONKA had good financial 2021 & is reevaluating structure
 - School of Ministry is undergoing transformation in Living Water ONE Association
 - NWOA is holding its Annual Meeting on 4/30/22
 - Pictures and bios - please send to Becca at becca@heartlanducc.org
- **9:55 Disciples of Christ Representative Report**
 - Lauren Roe gave report from DOC Board
 - Monthly Online Clergy Gathering on Wednesday, January 26 will focus on how "The Great Resignation" affects churches. These calls are always on the fourth Wednesday at 10 a.m. using the Zoom videoconference platform and our UCC colleagues are welcome to join.
 - The next Christian Church in Ohio Regional Church Council meeting will be Saturday, February 5 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and will be held virtually.
 - We will once again have a limited in-person Summer Camp & Conference season at Camp Christian with COVID safety protocols in place. We are hiring 10 young adult Summer Camp Staff Members and those application forms are available now on our CCinOH website: <https://www.ccinoh.com/camp-christian/summer-programs/camp-christian-summer-staff.aspx> (The Summer Camp Schedule is available on the CCinOH website as well).
 - There are currently 17 congregations in pastoral transition across Ohio with 7 actively receiving profiles, including two seeking part-time youth ministers (one of them, Howland Community Church in Warren, is both a Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ congregation).
 - Our biennial Regional Assembly will be on Saturday, September 24 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and will be a completely different format and flavor! We are hosting "A Family Reunion" at Camp Christian that day and we will have games and fellowship activities in addition to a little bit of business and the celebration of our ministries these past two years. All of our United Church of Christ friends are welcome to attend!
- **9:55 Clarifying Ministry Priorities for 2022**
 - [Heartland Conference Goals and Priorities - Updated](#)
 - Dave walked us through the changes made to the document
 - The first & last slides will be adjusted to match the first slide

- Eric Williams affirmed the changes and thanked Dave LH for the work he put into the presentation. He found it very helpful for visual learners.
- Tom: Does this address our concerns and concerns?
 - Laureen: The yellow is difficult to read.
 - Nayiri: Expressed how much this document encompasses & could become overwhelming & hopes we will keep it fluid
 - **Action Item: Motion to affirm as working model for 2022-2025**
 - Moved: Eric Williams
 - Second Marty Buck
 - Result: Motion Passed
- [Heartland Trends and Priorities Summary](#)
- Executive Teams Upcoming Meeting - January 26th - 9:30 - 11:00 am
- **10:20 Next Meeting Dates**
 - **January 21, 2022**
 - **February 18, 2022**
 - **March 18, 2022**
 - **April 22, 2022** (Due to Good Friday)
 - **May 20, 2022**
- **10:22am Meeting Adjourned**