

Heartland Conference Board of Directors
Minutes 3.18.2022



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: March 18, 2022
Stated Time: 9:00am

Attendance

Voting Members Attending

Mr. Tom Hathaway, Moderator
Rev. Daniel Doty, Vice Moderator
Mr. Jim Henry, Treasurer
Mx. MK O'Haver, Conference Secretary
Ms. Charlene J. Smith, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. James Semmelroth Darnell, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Eric Williams, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Diane Carter, NWOA
Rev. Lauren Allen, SONKA Representative
Mr. Martin Buck, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. David Brown, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. Melody Ruffin Ward, Living Water ONE 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
Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister & President
Rev. Andrew Warner, Generosity Outreach Officer National Staff

Voting Members Not Attending

Dan Weyand-Geise, SONKA representative
Rev. David Plant, Past-Moderator
Mr. Mark Vaughn, NWOA Representative
Rev. Laureen Roe, Disciples of Christ Representative

Non-Voting Members, Staff Not Attending

Rev. Patricia Battle CSEOA Association Minister

- **Meeting called to order at 9:05am**

- **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.

- **Approval of Minutes/Agenda Items**

- [February 18, 2022 Minutes](#)
- **Action Item: Motion to approve 2/18/22 Minutes & Today's Agenda**
- Moved: Rev. Dan Doty
- Second: Rev. Dave Brown
- Result: Motion Passed

- **Welcome Rev. Dr. John Dorhauer, General Minister and President of the UCC**

- Shared some reflections on personal & church life shifts since the beginning of the Covid pandemic
 - Noted the twice weekly virtual webinars presented by National Staff
 - Ukraine Relief
 - September of 2022 Summit Gathering with leaders from across the church to discuss how the past 2 years has and will shape the future of the church
 - General Synod committed to missional (Join the Movement)_
 - Stories of how your church/congregation is seeing transformation in Racial Justice in your community
 - Relocation of National Setting Offices
 - Savings of \$750,000 OCWM dollars
 - 15 year lease of 1 floor
 - Goal is to be moved in May & fully operation in June
- Q&A Dialogue

- **Rev. Andrew Warner**

- Teaching fundraising across all settings of the church
- Wisconsin Conference & National Setting

- **Treasurer's Report - Jim Henry**

2021 Financials

- [2021 Balance Sheet](#)
 - Working on some cleanup/untangling of funds
- [2021 Analysis of Revenues and Expenses](#)
- Highlights
 - Statements not complete yet, but making good process
 - OCWM increased over prior year
 - Misc Income is PP loan forgiveness
 - Total revenue 668K
 - 35% pass thru to National Setting goal 160K
 - Elimination of Business Manager position accounts for change in staff payroll
 - Total Office Expenses 35K vs 53K 1 year ago savings attributed to going virtual
 - Operating Budget 160K surplus
 - This is the first year you see full expenses for OM

- **Outdoor Ministry Report** - Jill Frey
 - Camp Promotion and Staff Recruitment – see report for opportunities
 - Launched camp “swag” website with t-shirts and more to come
 - New camp sign final design headed to local sign company for production & installation

- **Committee Updates**
 - **Constitution Review Taskforce**
 - Had couple meetings & working on 1st draft
 - **HR/Personnel**
 - No report/updates

- **Conference Minister’s Report**
 - Network Updates:
 - Leadership Roundtable Updates
 - Annual Gathering Dates (Thursday and Friday) September 22 and 23, 2022
 - Pictures and bios - please send to Becca at becca@heartlanducc.org
 - Becca will be emailing folks today
 - *Quietly Courageous* Book Study
 - Let Becca know if you haven’t received your copy
 - Information regarding focus chapters will be emailed
 - SARA is our conduit for direct relief to Ukraine efforts

- **DOC Regional Board Report** - Lauren Roe

- **Next Meeting Dates**
 - **April 22, 2022** (Due to Good Friday)
 - **May 20, 2022**
 - **June 17, 2022?** (May go one week later and forego July?)

- **Meeting adjourned at 10:34am**