



**Heartland Conference Board of Directors
Minutes 02.16.2024**

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 inspire, 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 Meeting
Stated Date: February 16, 2024
Stated Time: 9:00am

Voting Members Attending

Rev. Daniel Doty, Moderator
Mr. Tom Hathaway, Past-Moderator
Mr. Jim Henry, Treasurer
Mx. MK O'Haver, Conference Secretary
Rev. Eric Williams, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Terry Williams, CSEOA Representative
Rev. Phyllis Richards, Living Water ONE Representative
Ms. Charlene J. Smith, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. Brenda Waddell, Living Water ONE Representative
Rev. Leila Jindra, Living Water ONE Representative
Mr. Mark Vaughn, NWOA Representative
Rev. Diane Carter, NWOA Representative
Rev. Lauren Allen, SONKA Representative
Rev. Joe Kay, 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. Jill Frey, Heartland Executive Director of Outdoor Ministries
Rev. Daniel Busch, NWOA Association Minister
Rev. Nayiri Karjian, Living Water ONE Association Minister
Rev. Char Burch, Sabbatical Supply Conference Minister

Voting Members Not Attending

Mr. Joe Kirk, Vice Moderator

Non-Voting Members, Staff Not Attending

Ms. Rebecca Hoskins, Heartland Conference Executive Administrator
Rev. Carl Robinson SONKA Association Minister
Rev. Patricia Battle CSEOA Association Minister

- **Meeting called to order at 9:08am.**
- **Welcome, Introductions and Covenantal Prayer:** God of Love, made known to us in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, 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 and Consent Agenda Items**
 - [Minutes - 11.17.2023](#) and [Minutes - 1.19.2024](#)
 - [Conference Minister's Report](#)
 - [DOC Report](#) - Highlights from Laureen
 - **ACTION ITEM: Approve consent agenda items.**
 - Motion: Mark Vaughn
 - Second: Tom Hathaway
 - Result: **Passed**
- **Treasurer's Report - Jim Henry**
 - Jim Henry presented highlights of attached reports and are available in the recording of the meeting.
 - [November Balance Sheet](#)
 - [November Revenue & Expense](#)
 - November Ministry Analysis Summary
- **[Outdoor Ministry Report](#) and Camp Discussion/Update - Jill Frey**
 - Summer Camp 2024 & 2025
 - Search for Directors/Co-Directors is ongoing for 2025
 - Templed Hills Sale Update
 - Bob Kutschbach will lead the sale team. The team will meet before Dave Long-Higgins goes on Sabbatical.
- **Policy and Procedure Update - Tom Hathaway**
 - [Human Resources Committee](#)
 - [Designated Ministry Partners Committee](#)
 - [Resolutions Committee](#)
 - [Ecumenical Concerns Committee](#)
 - **ACTION ITEM: Recommend adoption of the HR, Designated Ministry Partners, And Resolution Committees and dissolve the Ecumenical Concerns Committee**
 - Motion: Tom Hathaway on behalf of the Policy & Procedure Committee
 - Second: Terry Williams
 - Result: **Passed**
- **Annual Gathering Update**
 - Joint Heartland/Ohio DOC Annual Gathering will be September 27-28, 2024, at First Community Church in Columbus
 - Theme - **Being the Community of Christ - Together** based on Romans 1:11-12

- **Leadership Round Table**
 - Introducing Rev. Char Burch - Sabbatical Supply Conference Minister (3/17/24 - 6/16/24)
 - [Sabbatical Supply CM Job Description](#) and [Offer Sheet](#)
 - **Faith Formation Conference - “Worship as Faith Formation” March 2, 2024 - [Link to Register](#)**
 - Offering satellite locations to offer easier access
 - Updates and upcoming events in the Associations were shared from Nayiri Karjian & Dan Busch

- **Next Meeting Dates**
 - March 15, 2024 - In Person at Dublin Community UCC, 81 W Bridge St, Dublin, OH 43017 10:00AM
 - April 19, 2024 - Zoom
 - May 17, 2024 - Zoom

- **9:59AM Adjournment**