

## **Catoctin Association Spring Meeting Minutes**

### **March 16, 2019**

The annual spring meeting of the Catoctin Association was held on March 16, 2019 at Glade Valley UCC in Walkersville, MD.

Following a continental breakfast, Rev. Guy S. Johnson led the worship service which started at 9:30 am.

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg, President of the Association Council, called the business meeting to order at 10:00 am. Chair of Association Services, Rev. Eric Marsteller, confirmed a quorum. Rev. Shillingburg introduced guests, Rev. Freeman Palmer, Conference Minister and Rev. Dr. Audrey Price, Associate Conference Minister.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes from the annual fall meeting. Motion carried.

While no formal report from the treasurer is reviewed at the spring meeting, Steve Mathias, Association Treasurer, advised that the general fund has a balance of ~\$40,000.00 and the saving account has a balance of ~\$27,000.00- \$28,000.00.

### **Committee/Commission Reports**

#### **Church and Ministry**

Chair, Norine Haas, expressed thanks to all current members working on the commission.

Norine congratulated the following pastors and encouraged attendees to attend the Ecclesiastical Council for each:

- Debra Wilcox Peters, St. Matthew's UCC in Pleasant Valley, MD
- Rodney Gross, Lazarus UCC in Lineboro, MD
- Dan Ricketts, Mt. Tabor UCC in Rocky Ridge, MD

Commission member, Sue Rock, recognized the following ministers on the anniversary of their Ordination this year:

- 55 years- Rev. Don Evasion and Rev. Fred Winters
- 35 years- Rev. Chuck Mackley
- 30 years- Rev. Dr. Gerry Hanberry
- 20 years- Rev. Ed Higgenbottom
- 15 years- Rev. Dr. Marty Kuchma
- 5 years- Rev. Sam Chamelin

Rev. John Shillingburg expressed appreciation to Norine for her service on the Church and Ministry Commission. Rev. Shillingburg has accepted the position of Chair. He also advised attendees that the 5 for 5 will be posted in the Catoctin Association newsletter.

#### **Youth Report**

Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg, Catoctin Youth Coordinator, provided the following report:

- The Regional Youth Event in 2018 is now ERYE, the Eastern Youth Event and includes Conferences in the Northeast joining the Mid-Atlantic Regional Youth Event. The next event will be in 2020.
- Rev. Dr. Barbara Kershner Daniel is the Coordinator for Youth @Synod this summer. Two years ago in Baltimore, she successfully integrated youth and their adult chaperones in the business of Synod. Youth going this year will have the same experience, along with activities designed for youth to connect faith and daily life, issues of justice, as well as leadership opportunities. One important difference is those youth who want to participate do not have to be a part of a formal Youth Group. Any person or group of youth between the ages of 13-18 can participate in the Youth @Synod program. More information can be found on the youth webpage: [synod.uccpages.org/youth.html](http://synod.uccpages.org/youth.html)

The registration fee for this age group is \$150.00 which includes lunches for those participating in the Youth @Synod program. As in the past, the Catoctin Association will likely pay up to one third of the cost of youth who attend. A decision to cap the amount will be determined once an estimate of the costs is determined. As in the past, churches are asked to cover one third of the expenses which leaves one third for the youth to pay. Rev. Shillingburg suggested fund raising activities to help defray the cost for the youth. Rev. Dr. Barbara Kushner Daniel advised that the youth will have nine minutes to address any of the three issues on the agenda. Youth will need to conduct research and prepare in advance.

### **Association Services**

Chair, Rev. Eric Marsteller, announced a quorum as follows:

- 33 clergy
- 39 lay
- 21 churches

The new association council and commission members are:

### **Church & Ministry**

Ester Ziegler (Frederick County, Clergy 2022)

David Beeson (Washington County, Clergy, 2022)

Lisa Remsburg (Frederick County, Lay 2022)

Jeff Dull (Carroll County, Clergy, 2022)

### **Association Council (2021)**

Eric Marsteller, Secretary (Carroll, Clergy, 2021)

Guy Johnson (Leesburg/Frederick, Clergy, 2021)

Rob Apgar-Taylor (Frederick/Washington, Clergy, 2021)

Katie Penick (Frederick, Clergy, 2021)

Steve Matthias, Interim Treasurer (Carroll, Lay)

### **General Synod Delegates**

John Shillingburg (Frederick, Clergy)

Rebecca Shillingburg (Frederick, Clergy)

Sam Chamelin (Carroll, Clergy)  
Cliff Barr (Frederick, Lay)

### **Association Services**

Sandi Stoneseifer (Carroll, Lay, 2022)

With no comments or discussion from the floor, nominations for the following commission chairs and council officers passed:

John Shillingburg, Chair Church & Ministry

Eric Marsteller- Secretary

Chair- for Association Services is open at this time.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Steve Matthias continuing in the role of treasurer while a search continues to fill that position. Motion carried.

A service of installation was led by Rev. Rebecca Shillingburg, Rev. Audrey Price and Rev. Freeman Palmer.

### **Old Business**

- A motion was made and seconded to support the Garden of Hope Ministry in Guatemala. Motion carried.
- Proposed By-Laws changes were electronically sent for review 60 days prior to the meeting and included:
  - V. Association Council Meetings expanded to include alternatives to meeting in person; i.e. Zoom meetings.
  - VIII. Meetings- association meeting flexibility.

Motion made and seconded to accepted the proposed changes. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

The council will begin to consider the need to revise or rewrite the By-Laws to update language and make changes to quorum requirements.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

Following a break, Rev. Palmer reported on Conference activities and conducted a question and answer period.

Lunch was served in the church social hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Sanders