

## Summary Notes of the October 2, 2019 Conference Board Meeting

### Issues Discussed:

- The Rev. Bill Worley, Conference Minister of PSEC, and Ms. Jennie Strauch, Moderator of PSEC, joined the PNEC Board for a conversation about the failed vote to proceed with unification talks that took place at the PSEC November 2018 Conference Meeting. They supplied some information about issues that may have impacted the vote results. The ensuing discussion addressed possible next steps to reactivate conversations on the subject between the two Conferences, and how they could be guided to a more positive outcome. Rev. Dr. Bonnie Bates, Conference Minister, and Rev. Dr. Joanne Marchetto, Moderator from PNEC, will visit the Consistory Meeting of PSEC in November 2019 for a similar conversation with their governing body.
- Treasurer Christian Creyer reviewed the financial reports as of August 31, 2019. The usual summer slump in OCWM giving is obvious, but that should improve soon, based on past history. Also, the decrease in investment income seen at the end of 2018 has now recovered due to market improvement. Overall, the finances are in roughly the same position as a year ago.
- Several members of the Board volunteered to serve as ushers and tellers at the Fall Conference Meeting business session on November 2nd.
- Several sub-groups appointed by the Board are currently developing: 1) a Gift Acceptance Policy for the Conference, 2) OCWM Strategies to increase support funding, 3) an Evaluation Report on PNEC programs, and 4) a Ways of Work Manual to guide committees and teams in fulfilling their duties.
- A Timeline of Board Tasks has been developed by the Executive Committee which carries through to spring of 2020 when a new Board will be installed.

### Decisions Made / Actions Taken:

- The Board voted to designate the offering collected at the Fall Conference Meeting for the Amigos de Guatemala to help supply the clinic with medical supplies.
- Rev. Martin Nuscher was appointed to fill the position of Conference Treasurer when Rev. Christian Creyer's resignation becomes effective in early November. A second person may also be appointed as Co-Treasurer to share the workload.
- Board Member Pastor Randy Lentz was nominated to fill the seat on the Executive Committee vacated by Rev. Martin Nuscher when he accepted the Treasurer position.
- Board member Rev. Candi Cain-Borgman was appointed to fill the seat on the Executive Committee created when Rev. John Heeckt accepted a call at a church in Connecticut.
- The Board accepted a report from the Governance and Ministry Implementation group which found, after a year, the new system was had significant benefits. Some recommendations for further improvement were also offered
- Next Meeting Dates:

Fall Conference Meeting November 1-2, 2019

Executive Committee Meeting November 4, 2019

Board of Directors December 2, 2019

Spring Conference Meeting April 24-25, 2020