

Summary Notes of the August 28, 2019 Conference Board Meeting

Issues Discussed:

- Treasurer Christian Creyer presented the usual financial reports for review and also highlighted the proposed Conference operations budget for 2020, as drafted by the Budget and Finance Committee. With slight variations in line items, both higher and lower, the total budget is about \$5,000 higher than 2019.
- Moderator Joanne Marchetto gave a summary of recent conversations between the Conference Minister of PNEC and PSEC and the two respective Moderators, which was held during the General Synod meeting in June. The discussion concerned the unsuccessful efforts to unite into a new Eastern PA Conference, and how we might get past the sadness and hurt of that failure and re-initiate steps toward the goal of unity. As a first step, the two Conference Ministers will attend a meeting of the governing body of the corresponding Conference for candid conversations about the communication breakdown, and perhaps a joint letter to go out to all members of both Conferences.
- The National Church recommends that every Conference have policies on gifts for the legal protection of the organization. To follow this recommendation, sample policies have been gathered from other conferences and a small group of Board members volunteered to develop a draft and bring it back to the Board for approval.
- Moderator Joanne Marchetto highlighted efforts to improve the flow of information coming out of the Conference. As an example, a summary of Board discussions and actions is now being included in issues of *This Week in PNEC*, and the Board will be focusing on future messages explaining the vote on making Bonnie Bates the Settled Conference Minister which will be on the Fall Conference Meeting agenda.

Decisions Made / Actions Taken:

- The Board voted to accept the proposed budget for 2020 as it was submitted by the Budget and Finance Committee to be forwarded for a vote at the November Conference Meeting.
- It was decided that a healing worship around the previously unsuccessful unity effort of PNEC and PSEC would be offered as a part of the PNEC Conference meeting in November for all who would like to attend.
- The Nominating Committee has recommended Rev. Ken Fuller to fill a vacancy on the Committee on Ministry. The Board appointed him to fill that position until he can be voted in at the Fall Conference meeting.
- The Committee on Ministry submitted Compensation Recommendations for all Authorized Ministers for the upcoming year. The Board approved them as presented.
- Disaster Ministries requested approval to move forward in planning another mission rebuild trip to Puerto Rico next year to help continue the recovery from hurricane Maria. The Board approved this request.

Next Meeting Dates: Board of Directors October 2, 2019; Fall Conference Meeting November 1-2, 2019; Spring Conference Meeting April 24-25, 2020