

Regional Board Merriam Christian Church

Upstairs Classroom

June 24, 2019 7:00 pm – Meeting 6:15

Present: See Attached List

Opening Devotion - Regional Minister and President: Shared video of GKC Life Together/Prayer

Introductions

Suspend the Rules

Allow the Regional Board to elect the seven lay members to serve in the interim between now and the Regional Assembly in 2020.

Reference: Bylaws of the CC(DOC) of Greater KC, Article VI Section 2.

COMPOSITION

- The members of the Regional Board shall include:
 - A. The Officers of the Region as elected by the voting Members of the Region at the Regional Assembly. The elected officers shall include the Moderator, ModeratorElect, Secretary, Treasurer, and include the Immediate Past-Moderator. The Officers shall have the responsibilities as set forth in the Region's Rules of Procedure.
 - B. The Regional Minister and Associate Regional Ministers are ex-officio members without vote.
 - C. A representative of each standing committee of the Region. These representatives shall be selected by the Committee Members of the Committees they represent.
 - D. A member of the Tall Oaks Board of Directors.
 - E. Representatives of institutions and ministries that are Members of the Region and are invited by the Regional Board to serve as members of the Regional Board including, but not limited to, one each of the following constituency groups organized in the Region.
 - 1) Regional LBGTQ+ Alliance
 - 2) MOKAN Fellowship of the National Convocation
 - 3) Kansas City Convencion of the Obra Hispana Nacional
 - 4) National Association of Pacific Asian Disciples (NAPAD).
 - 5) Regional Youth Cabinet
 - 6) Disciples Woman's Ministry
 - F. Members at-large as elected by the Members of the Region at the Regional Assembly. These representatives shall be nominated as set forth in the Region's Rules of Procedure.***

Rules of Procedure Article 2. REGIONAL ASSEMBLY

C. The Regional Assembly shall: 1. Elect the Officers of the Region, **and seven lay members-at-large for the Regional Board.**

Motion: Gerry Jones moved/Rob Carr Seconded – to suspend the rules until the seven at-large members can be nominated and elected - PASSED

Discussion: Gerry noted he wasn't entirely sure we needed to suspend the rules. Was decided to submit suggestions for possible nominations for at-large positions to BRH in next two weeks. The persons elected will serve until the Regional Assembly 2020.

Minutes: Please check the Regional Board page for Minutes and other Reports
Minutes accepted as presented. Gerry Jones motion/Deb Morche seconded

Reports

Please read and prepare any questions or comments in advance. To reserve paper copies of any reports, or for special room setups please contact Jessica by the Friday before the meeting 913.432.1414

Budget and Finance Committee James Vertreese

Youth events - deposit from Mid-winter not accounted for yet? Money was deposited into CYF/Chi Rho line items

Kristin Dow asked: Is camp revenue from registrations going to cover our costs. James said, "We aren't sure yet."

MOTION: Committee moved to raise travel budget from \$6000 to \$12000 APPROVED

MOTION: Committee moved to designate Bowen Fund to Temporary Restricted Fund to provide support for congregations in transformation. There will be a grant process drafted by New/Transforming Church Commission and Budget & Finance. This grant process will be submitted to board for approval. APPROVED

MOTION: Approve Tall Oaks Budget as presented. Matthew Silvers moved/Gerry Jones seconded - APPROVED

DISCUSSION: This is first time Budget & Finance have received a deficit budget from Tall Oaks. Felt this is a more realistic budget taking into account realities of Tall Oaks at this time. Tall Oaks Board shared their discussions on ways to cut costs and bring budget in line. Considering several options. Fund raising discussed, however we also need fundraising for Region. A fund raising letter was drafted but has not been sent as it leaned more to Tall Oaks than to Region and we want to be honest and transparent. Question raised if TO could borrow money from Church Extension – don't know that answer. MLK suggested we approve budget, but continue to develop long range plans for finances for both TO and Region.

Regional Minister for New and Transforming Churches Delesslyn Kennebrew

Regional Minister and President William Rose-Heim

Encouraged everyone to look at New and Transforming Churches report

Camp and Conference Coordinator Shandra Yost Soltani

New and Transforming Church Commission Casey Sigmon

Delesslyn is doing great. The Plant Co-hort met last week, moving forward. Commission is very busy/very active. They recommend churches invite Delesslyn to come speak at your church.

Community Engagement Commission Matthew Silvers

Regional Disciples had a booth at Pride Week and a worship service celebrating Pride Week. KC Inter-faith Council is planning a trip to Israel February 16-27, 2020. The Trauma Informed Anti-Racism event is August 22-23.

Tall Oaks Board Kristin Dow

Campers are at camp and having a great time. If you check Camp Encourage's Facebook page, they are at camp now. Camp is good/God is good! BRH acknowledged Kristin Dow and her work as Tall Oaks Board Chair – she is working hard at a difficult job.

Commission on the Order of the Ministry Rob Carr

God is calling people to ministry and we have work to do!

Personnel Committee Dave Arnold

Policies and Practices has been updates with two minor changes - APPROVED

Disciples Women Deb Morche

September 13-15 will be the Fall Retreat at Tall Oaks. The Regional Evening Meeting will be this Thursday. Veronica Fallah submitted her report. She has been contacting churches that have not been connected and trying to reestablish connection. She also accepted a position with Brookdale as a Hospice Chaplain.

MoKan Fellowship Sheryl Tucker

Meeting July 15 to plant the rest of the year

KC Convencion Rodolfo Acosta

MORE2 Board Trish Winters/Sheryl Tucker

Young Disciples Travis Smith McKee

Report on website. It is the middle of camping season if you would like to counsel at camp, let us know.

General Board Report Laura Phillips

Nominating Committee Report

Anti-Racism Pro-Reconciliation Team (Becoming Beloved Community Team)

Action Items:

These come as motions from our Regional Executive Committee and do not require a second.

- The Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City welcomes the formation of an Anti-Racism Strategic Planning Team, co-chaired by Rev. Mindy Fugarino and Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams and expresses gratitude for the intentional diversity of its membership and their offer to help our Region's Board, commissions, committees, and staff to reflect the rich variety of ethnicities, cultures and gifts among the Disciples of Christ in this Region

APPROVED

- **Resolution to affirm Merriam Christian Church**

The Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City wishes to lift up the Merriam Christian Church for its generous use of their church campus by local nonprofit organizations, for the exemplary and supportive partnership with Merriam Park Elementary School, Merriam Parks and Recreation, Johnson County Christmas Bureau, the Dialogue Institute, Micah Ministry and Johnson County Food Ministry, Backpack feeding program and so much more. Merriam Christian Church hosts many Regional events and provides space for Regional and General unit staff as well as many of our Region's commission, committee, and constituency group meetings. On behalf of the our Region we give thanks to God for the Merriam Christian Church and ask for continued blessings on your tireless work to serve the God, one another, and the wider community.

APPROVED

- **Resolution to Begin a Fundraising Campaign**

The Regional Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) of Greater Kansas City authorizes commencement of a campaign to raise \$300,000 in donor-directed funds over the next year for the purpose of assisting the Region in our work *to plant new churches*, help existing churches to make needed transformations and to equip Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center for financial viability as it expands its market to serve new populations in a highly competitive hospitality trades industry.

All members of the Regional Board and the Board of the Tall Oaks Camp and Conference Center commit to be among the first to contribute toward meeting the goal of this fundraising campaign

DISCUSSION: It was felt the phrase highlighted above needed to be adjusted before completing this endeavor.

- **Regional Assembly Planning Committee**

Appoint a chair _____ and call for members of a planning team for the 2020 Regional Assembly

MLK may have someone who could fill this role APPROVED

- **Removing non-reporting/no-participating Greater Kansas City Disciples of Christ congregations listed in the Disciples Yearbook**

Motion: The Regional Board authorize our Regional Minister and President to **complete** procedures enumerated in the section "Recognized Congregations, 9.b.i-iv" in the Design of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) posted 3.9.2019 on the Regional Board page for removing congregations from the Disciples of Christ Yearbook for the following congregations who meet the criteria in that policy:

Non-Reporting

Action to Withdraw (in fact but without notification from the congregation)

- Nueva Creacion (withdrawn with no further contact)
- Light of Life Community Christian (last reported 2014/no participation)
- International Believers in Jesus (last reported 2014/no participation/pastor is the only remaining "member")
- Salem (Weston) (now listed on the Disciples Heritage website as a member congregation/no formal withdrawal)
- El Rey de Gloria (non participating/effectively withdrawn)
- Faithworks Community (Mission, KS) (Last reported 1997 - house church that meets monthly but does not participate in any way with the DOC)

APPROVED

Dates:

2019

- June 30, Belton Christian Church, Retirement Celebration for Jim and Ginny Bottrell
- June 30, Launch Party Broadway Christian Church
- July 1, Regional Executive Committee
- July 14, Citizen/Consumer/Christian – Tex Sample, Merriam Christian Church
<https://www.kcdisciples.org/workshops-and-retreats.html>
- July 20-24, General Assembly, Des Moines, IA
<https://ga.disciples.org/>
- August 5, Regional Executive Committee
- August 11, Last Swim Celebration at Tall Oaks
- August 21, NBA Explorers Cohort will be in Kansas City!
- August 22-23, Bridging Trauma Awareness to Healing and Reconciliation

August 22-23 PRAYER VIGIL DURING THIS EVENT

- September 2, Labor Day • September 5-7 CC(DOC) Governance Committee Retreat
- September 12 Disciples Ministers Association resumes 2nd Thursdays
- September 16-October 3 RM Vacation
- September 23 Regional Board - _____ Church
- October 7-11 HOPE Partnership Leadership Academy
- October 11-12 Tall Oaks, Youth Mission Works
- October 21-24 College of Regional Ministers
- October 25, CC(DOC) Administrative Committee
- November 4, Regional Executive Committee
- November 17, (Tentative) Bonner Springs Christian Church – ordination
- November 27, MOKAN Thanksgiving Prayer Service
- November 28, Thanksgiving
- December 2 Regional Executive Committee
- December 16 Regional Board
- December 24, Christmas Eve
- December 25, Christmas Day (Wednesday)

2020

- January 1, New Years Day
- January 6, Regional Executive Committee
- January 22-25 CC(DOC) General Board
- March 23 Regional Board
- June 22 Regional Board
- September 21 Regional Board
- December 14, Regional Board

Next Meeting: MERRIAM Christian Church