

Regional Church Council Meeting
May 21, 2022
Via ZOOM

Attendance: Rev. Harris, Candis Wilson, Rev Pamela Barnes-Jackson, Rev. Alecia Evans-Hayes, Gladys Davis, Philip Hunt, Thomas Barnes, Cory King, Kevin Kaufman

Devotion provided by Candis

February 5, 2022 Minutes

Motion to approve by Gladys Davis, 2nd by Alecia Hayes. No corrections or additions made. Motion Carried.

Vote by email to confirm Regional Elder appointments was made in April for Rev. Dr. Judy Ann Alston, Elder for District 9, and Rev Cornelius Brown, Elder for District 8.

No further discussion or issues brought up. Vote via email is confirmed. Rev. Harris has completed their regional elder orientation.

Camp Christian Committee Officer Confirmation

The Camp Christian Committee elected Cory King as chair. Motion by Phil Hunt, 2nd by Alecia Hayes to confirm. Motion Carried

Confirmation of Commission on Ministry Appointments

Confirmation of Jonathan Rumburg as chair for Team 3 (Standing)

Motion by Rev. Pamela Barnes-Jackson, 2nd by Rev. Thomas Barnes. Motion Carried.

Discussion Regarding Commission on Ministry

Rev. Harris iterated that we need more diversity. Please let us know or recommend people who would be able and willing to serve. Team Leads of the COM currently are as follows:

Rev. Cynthia Klingemier- Team 1, Ordained Ministry

Rev. July Cory- Team 2, Commissioned Ministry

Rev. Jonathan Rumburg - Team 3, Standing

Rev. Chris McCreight - Team 4, Clergy Misconduct

Question From Gladys: Why don't we get reports from COM?

-Not sure why that is being missed, probably just due to leadership transition.

-Candis will reach out to Rev. McCreight

Personnel Committee Report

Rev. Pamela Barnes-Jackson

- Possible new members for RCC: Erica Brown, David Ellis

Vision Committee Report

Alecia Hayes

- Goal to complete vision statement and process by end of 2022

Regional Elder Report

Phil Hunt

- Meeting Monthly
- Met with Rev. McCreight and discussed the vision of the COM
- Continuing to work with Congregations.
- Cambridge Congregation recently had a death and another on hospice. They don't have a pastor. Phil has been in contact with them.

(This is an example of the kinds of work the Regional Elders do.)

Camp Christian Committee

Cory King

- Working on 2023 Calendar
- Tom completed cabin repairs and replaced gym water heater
- Still looking for Ministry Associates and nurses for the summer
- New subcommittees created: Vision and Policy
- Received report from Pool Exploratory Committee and will review at the next meeting
- Next Meeting May 26, 2022
- Note by Gladys: UCC is interested in teaming up with us. Possibly setup a position/liaison on the CCC with them.
- Note by Phil: Cara Swartz and Chad Penhorwood have done some camping programming... Might be a good contact.
- Wondering about special needs kids, is there enough interest to start this programming? Candis stated previous task force investigated this, and there are some changes that would be needed for this to work. ADA Compliance and such. Mary Jo Bray and Marsha Mueller were on the previous task force.

Question by Phil: Worked via the Elders to promote Camp with pastors. Do we have any idea on current registrations?

Rev. Harris: As of May 12, we have taken in \$60,905 in registration fees, for a approximately 188 campers.

Update from Jennie: We have 243 total registrations

43- grandparent's camp, 14-ribbit camp, 38, otter camp, 72-ChiRho Camp, 69 CYF Camp, 7 Advanced Camp. (Advanced is always closer to last minute registrations.

Regional Assembly Planning Committee

Alecia Hayes

- Things are fluid still, but a big part is the worship as well as daycare.
- Looking to get more engagement as well as info out to congregations. Especially hoping to reach out to our more diverse churches and get them involved.

- Rev. Harris will get a list of churches with notation regarding churches that are less involved.
- Would like RCC to assist with groups and have presence at the event
- Next meeting June 9th.

Question: Can we have t-shirts and canteen for this day? Alecia to follow up with Regional Staff

Treasurer's Report:

- Camp Budget is estimated for ~500 campers.
 - Probably will come in below that.
 - Expect to come in break even on cash flow, and \$100,000 negative for Surplus/Deficit
- Restricted funds are good. We are continuing to be in good standing.
- Rev. Nina Merkel Nessleroad, joined the finance committee.

Question from Rev Pam: Do we have camp scholarships this year?

- There is a form to apply for them, tied to the registration form.
- We do have some funds for this. It's a first-come, first-serve basis.
- It hasn't been used much in a while, so it's fairly well funded now.

Regional Pastor Report

- Report is attached
- Questions:
 - Declining church buildings, do these congregations not have trustees/property chairs? Majority have aging trustees and declining finances and member
 - How do we re-energize congregations and lay leaders who are burned out/exhausted?
 - Are we looking at yoking with UCC or other denominations? Yes, especially for vulnerable congregations and small/rural areas

Acknowledgments:

The RCC would like to offer gratitude and uplift and/or recognized the following Ohio disciples for their ministry to the Ohio Region

Rev. Tom Stevenson

Previous Regional Moderator, Retiring Minister from First Christian Church, Wilmington

Motion to accept by Cory King, 2nd by Alecia Hayes. Motion Carried

Rev. Dawn Remster

Retiring minister from First Christian Church, Zanesville and COM Team 3 Chair

Motion to accept by Gladys Davis, 2nd by Rev. Pam. Motion Carried

Gratitude and Blessings for past and continued service of Rev. Bruce Bowerman-Jett
Previous RCC Member, Chair of CCC, Ministry at FCC Bellefontaine, Now
Serving as Minister at FCC Kenton and Camp Food Service Coordinator
Motion by Cory King to accept, 2nd by Alecia. Motion Carried

Uplift the ministry, fellowship and brotherhood of Mision Cristiana de Nueva Vida of
Cleveland

Motion to accept by Kevin Kauffman, 2nd by Phil Hunt and Rev. Pam. Motion
Carried

Gratitude of service on RCC, Chair of Membership Development and service to
Northwest Christian Church for Rev. Faith Solon

Motioned by Gladys Davis, 2nd by Phil Hunt. Motion Carried

Gratitude for service, leadership, love and compassion for the 1st year of service of our
Regional Pastor and President, Rev. Allen Harris.

Important Calendar Dates:

May 27-29- Disciples Fellowship Retreat

May 29 & June 5- Pentecost Offering

June 9-11- Grandparents Camp

July 28- Executive Committee Meeting

August 4- DMF Day

Closing Worship

- Lead by Rev. Pam
- Closing prayer by Rev. Harris