

**Penn Central Conference
United Church of Christ
58th Annual Meeting Minutes
August 29, 2020**

This meeting was held remotely via Zoom. A practice vote was held prior to the call to order to test the technology. (Rev. Nora Foust)

- I. Call to Order (Rev. Ann Graves, Moderator)
 - A. Introductions of Conference Staff, Board, and Special Guests
 - B. Report on Quorum:
 - 1. Delegates and Voting Members: 329
 - 2. Guests: 14
 - 3. A quorum was achieved for this meeting.
 - C. Standing Rules were approved by common consent.
 - D. The Consent Agenda was approved by common consent.
 - E. A request was made by the Moderator for the General Minister and President and the visiting Conference Ministers to be granted voice without vote. This was approved by common consent.
 - F. The 2019 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by common consent with no corrections.
 - G. Opening Worship (Rev. Dr. Carrie Call preaching)
- II. Plenary Session 1
 - A. Nomination of Rev. Dr. Carolyn Call as settled Conference Minister
 - 1. Motion was made by Dave Downer on behalf of the Personnel Committee of the Board of Directors to elect Rev. Dr. Carolyn Call as our Settled Conference Minister. It does not need a second, as it comes from Committee.
 - 2. Question and Answer session was held with the Candidate. The candidate was excused and an opportunity was presented for additional questions (none were submitted).
 - 3. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following ballots cast:
 - a. Yes – 281
 - b. No – 3
 - c. Abstention – 2
 - 4. Announcement of results
 - B. Report from Nominating Committee for Conference Positions (Rev. Dr. Galen Russell)
 - 1. Motion was made to accept the nominations for Board of Directors and General Synod Delegates as presented. No second is necessary, as the motion was made by Committee.
 - a. Board of Directors Class of 2023:

Association	Name	Committee
Central	Rev. DiAnn Baxley	Personnel
Central	Gail Landers	Class of 2022—2nd term
Central	Phil Landers	Class of 2021—1st term
Gettysburg	Rev. Sterling Fritz	Strategic Planning
Harrisburg	Need Candidate	Finance
Lancaster	George Evans	Finance
Lancaster	Tom Downing	Finance
Lebanon	Marilyn Meech	Personnel
Mercersburg	Barb Albert	Personnel
Northern	Rev. Ann Graves	Strategic Planning

Lebanon	Bruce Weaver	Finance - Class of 2021
York	Janis Taylor	Strategic Planning
Gettysburg	Vacant -Lay man	Class of 2021 (Personnel)
Gettysburg	Vacant -Lay woman	Class of 2022 (Strategic Planning)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – OFFICERS:	CLASS OF 2022	
Moderator:	Shirley Keith Knox	
Assistant Moderator:	Rev. Dwight Hein, Lebanon	
Secretary:	Elspeth Williams	
Treasurer:	Ron Royer (final year)	

b. General Synod Delegates: See list submitted by Nominating Committee prior to the annual meeting.

2. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following results:

- a. Yes – 289
- b. No - 2
- c. Abstention - 5

C. Prayer for Lunch

III. Plenary Session 2

A. Pennsylvania Academy of Ministry (Rev. Dr. Darryl Stephens)

B. Report from the Mission Team (Mrs. Shirley Keith-Knox) – Goal was to create 500 Personal Care Kits for Mission Central, and to date 418 have been assembled. These will go directly to individuals who are homeless, victims of Hurricane Laura, and school age children in poverty.

C. Finance and Stewardship Report (Mr. Dale Mease)

1. Motion made by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors to approve the Penn Central Conference budget for 2021 as presented. No second is necessary because it was presented by committee.
2. Opportunity was provided for questions for Treasurer and Finance Team
3. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following results:
 - a. Yes – 271
 - b. No – 6
 - c. Abstention – 5

D. Outdoor Ministry Recognition (Ms. Zoe D’heedeene)

E. Remembering our Clergy and Churches (Rev. Dr. Marisa Laviola)

IV. Closing Devotions and Communion

A. Gratitude Moment

B. Passing of the Gavel (Rev. Ann Graves to Mrs. Shirley Keith-Knox)

C. Adjournment (Mrs. Shirley Keith-Knox). Motion to adjourn was made by Dale Mease, seconded by Danielle Neff, and approved by common consent.

Respectfully Submitted,
Elspeth Williams
Secretary, Board of Directors