

**Penn Central Conference  
United Church of Christ  
59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes  
June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

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 (Ms. Shirley Keith Knox, Moderator)
  - A. Introductions of Conference Staff, Board, and Special Guests (Ms. Shirley Keith Knox, Moderator)
  - B. Report on Quorum (Ms. Elspeth Williams, Secretary)
    - 1. Delegates and Voting Members: 248
    - 2. Guests: present but uncounted
    - 3. A quorum was achieved for this meeting.
  - C. Review of Standing Rules (Ms. Shirley Keith Knox). These were approved by common consent.
  - D. The Consent Agenda was approved by common consent with the addition of a vote on nominations.
  - E. The 2020 Annual Meeting Minutes were approved by common consent with no corrections.
  - F. Opening Worship
- II. Plenary Session 1
  - A. State of the Conference Address (Dr. Carrie Call, Conference Minister)
  - B. Discussion and Vote on Bylaws Revisions (Ms. Shirley Keith Knox, Rev. Dr. Carrie Call & Taskforce Members)
    - 1. Motion by Rev. Ray Good (St. John's Red Lion) to Accept the Bylaw Revisions. Seconded by Reverend Joseph Motz, Church of the Apostles Lancaster), and discussion was held. As requested in discussion, the language will be changed to non gender-specific, and a vote will continue as this change does not affect the substantive content of the document.
    - 2. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following results:
      - a. Yes – 214
      - b. No - 1
  - C. Report from Nominating Committee for Conference Positions (Rev. Dr. Galen Russell)
    - 1. Motion was made to accept the nominations for Board of Directors as presented. No second is necessary, as the motion was made by Committee.
      - a. Board of Directors Class of 2024:

Association	Name
Central	Phil Landers (2nd term) Lay Person
Harrisburg	Linda Vignati (2nd term) Lay Person
Northern	Rev. David Downer (2nd term) Clergy
Northern	empty seat, Lay Person
York	Rev. Dr. Chris Rodkey (1st term) Clergy
      - b. General Synod Delegates:
        - i. Mercersburg Association Jerry Thomason, Lay Male Delegate
        - ii. Gettysburg Association Charlotte Pinnette, Lay Female Delegate
        - iii. Lebanon Association Kristin Vines, Lay Female Delegate
        - iv. Youth Delegate Keegan Gill, Central Association
      - c. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following results:
        - i. Yes – 214

ii. No – 2

- D. Outdoor Ministries in Penn Central
- E. Blessing of Summer Camp Staffers (Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)
- F. General Synod Resolution Support (Mr. Bill Lochstet, Creation Justice)
  - 1. Summary of the resolution was presented.
  - 2. Motion to support the resolution was made by Bill Lochstet on behalf of the Creation Justice team, seconded by Rev. John Ward-Diorio (Mechanicsburg) and discussion held. Vote was held, and the motion passed with the following results:
    - a. Yes –194
    - b. No – 12
- G. Report on Sale of St. John’s Lebanon (Rev. Dr. Carrie Call).
- H. Report on Sale of Hartman Center (Mr. Scott Owens & Rev. Dr. Carrie Call)

III. Plenary Session 2

- A. After a break for lunch, the meeting resumed with Rev. Dr. Carrie Call addressing additional questions about the bylaws revisions that were submitted during lunch.
- B. Video message about OCWM to Penn Central Conference from Rev. John Dorhauer, General Minister of the UCC.
- C. Finance Committee & Stewardship Report (Phil Landers, Chair & Mr. Ron Royer, Treasurer)
  - 1. Motion made by the Finance Committee of the Board of Directors to approve the Penn Central Conference budget for 2022 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 – 193
    - b. No – 13

IV. Time of Recognition & Celebration

- A. Recognition of Clergy Anniversaries
- B. Recognition of Church Anniversaries
- C. Time of Thanksgiving and Remembrance
- D. Time of Thanksgiving & Release

V. Closing Worship & Service of Installation

VI. Closing of the 2021 Annual Meeting

- A. Thanks were given to Board members finishing their terms, all musicians (Julie Holm and the virtual choir), the Conference staff, OCWM contributors, host churches for today’s meeting, and the technology crew at Mt. Zion for today’s meeting.
- B. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rev. Martha Boyer, seconded by Rev. Dave Jones, and approved by common consent.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Elspeth Williams  
Secretary, Board of Directors