

Attending: Lynda Shannon, Chair. Mary-Jane Cross, Carrie McEvoy, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Chris Seiple, K.C. Senie, Bob Trefry, John Turmelle, Ken Vogel, Rev. John Morehouse (ex-officio)

Guests: Dorothy Adams – Executive Director, Linda Hudson – Nominating & Leadership Development, Anne Khanna - Finance, Marti Bishop– Committee on Ministries, Suzanne Polmar

Agenda Topic	Discussion	Motions & Votes (M/S/V); Actions
Board Ingathering- 7:00	Board members checked in	
Call to Order-7:24	K Vogel Reading “What I Have Learned So Far” by Mary Oliver	Guests, observers welcomed to the meeting
Consent Agenda	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Minutes: December 2016 Board Meeting 2. Ratification of interim appointment of Linda Hudson to NLDC 	M/S/V to accept Consent Agenda – passed.
Information Forum	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Women’s March on Washington – 2 buses from TUCW will meet up with other UUs in D.C. 2. YTD Financials & Exec Director Report – members requested YTD Budget as well as last year actuals to be included in these reports. 3. Beloved Conversations sessions have been scheduled. TUCW leaders involved will become trainers in future sessions. 4. Report on the BOT/COM Connect Conversation - a subset of the Board met with the COM who are now compiling the information they gathered in these sessions into a report. 5. Request for TUCW to endorse Patient’s Right to Know Act – was discussed. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Catherine will discuss adding more comparative data to reports with Dorothy. 2. Rev John to meet with Bridgeport Council of Churches to discuss partnership plans. 3. The COM report back to the Board and to the Congregation is being compiled. 4. M/S/V for TUCW to endorse Patient’s Right to Know Act- passed
Finance Committee Request: Line of Credit Proposal	A Khanna presented the Finance Committee request for Board approval of a Line of Credit (LOC). The Finance Committee is also recommending a clause be added to the Constitution limiting the use of such a LOC.	<p>M/S/V to approve proposed Line of Credit as presented. Passed.</p> <p>M/S/V to add the proposal for a Debt Limit Clause to the Constitution Revision Task Group’s charge. Passed.</p>

<p>PG 202</p>	<p>Review of where we are with Policy Writing: 4 sets of policies to be written and adopted by the BOT: a) Governance Process (already adopted in 2015) proposed revisions by Ken & Lynda need approval; b) CEO Limitations to be reviewed at next Workshop c) Ends have gone through two re-writing processes, now need full BOT review and engagement – the main project for February 5 Workshop; d) BOT-CEO Linkage (monitoring) which can be written after Ends are adopted.</p>	<p>February 5, 2017 is next Board Workshop on Policies 1. Adopt Governance Process (first half hour) 2. Adopt Limitations (about 1 hour to review and amend) 3. Ends Writing (3 hours) The Workshop will be the East Wing. K Vogel will manage the food, drinks. MJ Cross will send food information from prior meetings to Ken. L Shannon will make sure all members have materials for review prior to the Workshop.</p>
<p>Board Huddle</p>	<p>Time for the Board to talk about future plans and working together.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>	<p>1. Review and approve Charge to the Constitution Revision Task Force to review and prepare a recommendation to the Board on four issues: a) request to remove “leadership development” from the Nominating Committee’s description; b) request to review the changes to membership requirements made in 2011 and 2015 Constitution amendments; c) consider making the COM a standing committee of the BOT to align with PBG; d) request to add a Debt Limit Clause. 2. Appoint Constitution Revision Task Force members 3. Approve Nursery School Lease</p>	<p>M/S/V to charge the CRTF to take up 4 issues. – the full motion is attached. Lynda to make edits to the DRAFT as discussed at meeting. Passed. M/S/V to appoint Const. Rev. Task Force members: C Onyemelukwe – convener, Mj Cross, D Davidoff, B Hardin, S Mollica, S Polmar, M Reed. Motion passed. M/S/V to approve Nursery School lease – passed.</p>
<p>Check out /Assignments</p>		<p>Individual Assignments as noted in these minutes. MJC to send 9/20/2016 Covenant to Board, and contact info for CRTF members to C Onyemelukwe</p>
<p>Process Observer</p>	<p>KC Senie – respectful discussions on issues. Check in was more about Board work.</p>	
<p>Closing Reflection</p>	<p>J Turmelle gave closing words from Dr. ML King</p>	

Adjournment	Meeting adjourned 9:40	Next Meeting is Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 7:00 PM Room Set Up –Catherine and Chris Room Break Down – K.C. and Bob Opening Reflection Chalice Lighting – John T Process Observer – Ken Closing Reflection – Lynda Refreshments – M.J. and Carrie
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Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross, Board Secretary
Jan 18, 2017