

Summary Notes of the February 11, 2019 Conference Board Meeting

Issues Discussed:

- The financial report from Treasurer Christian Creyer indicated that PNEC finished the year in the black, although OCWM funding did not meet the budget income prediction. Also, the CPA review of statements for 2016 and 2017 indicated they “are in accordance with the cash basis of accounting”.
- The Board agreed to support resumption of the conversations around unifying the Penn Southeast and the Penn Northeast conferences sometime in the future as recommended by the JCVDT. However, it was felt that allowing time for healing and rebuilding trust would assure a more positive outcome. Therefore, the Conference Board does not believe we should adhere to the timeframe indicated in the JCVDT recommendation. Our Moderator and the Moderator of PSEC will meet soon to discuss a possible joint service of healing to abate feelings of disappointment, and when to resume conversations about unification.
- Some items on the agenda of the Spring Conference meeting include: nominations, adding the Resurrected Life Community Church to PNEC and a ministry teams’ expo.

Decisions Made / Actions Taken

- Because both Conferences did not vote to continue moving toward unification, the job description and contract Bonnie Bates was hired to fulfill have now been changed. To retain her as the PNEC Conference Minister, we would need to rewrite those two documents, create a letter of call and present her to a Conference meeting to be voted on by the body as the settled Conference Minister of PNEC. It was agreed that the necessary documents would be written over the summer and the changes would be publicized and explained in time for a vote at the November 2, 2019 Conference meeting.
- The Board decided to enter a partnership with the Pension Board of the UCC in their \$20 million capital campaign to provide financial assistance for retired clergy, support for leadership initiatives and to launch a financial vitality program to prepare ministers for future financial stability.
- The Volunteer Personnel Policies reviewed at an earlier meeting were clarified and the Board approved them to be implemented.
- Likewise, the final vote was taken on the complete revised Board Policies developed over the past year and they were also adopted.
- Recommendations from the Nomination Committee to appoint individuals to fill vacant positions were approved. Rev. James Gottwald will serve on the Nomination Committee, class of 2020; Lisa Weida will serve on the Oversight Working Group of the Committee on Ministry, class of 2020; and Nancy Kramer-Moyer will serve the same group, class of 2021.
- The Board established the following Sub Groups:
 - Governance Implementation – to assess the effectiveness of the Governance and Ministry model implemented a little over a year ago.

- Ways of Work – to create a manual guiding how the various ministries of the Conference will accomplish the goals established, while acting within the policies of the Board.
- Conference Program Evaluation - to review progress made toward the goals they established and also to determine if there are any gaps in the programs.
- OCWM Strategies – to develop new funding streams to support the budget of the Conference and augment OCWM giving

Next meeting dates:

Board of Directors, April 24, 2019, PNEC Office, 9:30 AM

Spring Conference Meeting, May 4, 2019

Fall Conference Meeting, November 2, 2019