

**25<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session of The National Convocation of the Christian Church**  
Hyatt Regency  
The Wynfrey Hotel  
Birmingham, Alabama  
July 19 – 23, 2018

**MINUTES**

**Saturday, July 21, 2018**

The Meeting was called to order by President Patricia Penelton.

The prayer of Invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. Irie Sessions.

Minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> Biennial Session were by read by Board Secretary Edward Cushingberry. Rev. Dr. Deloris Carpenter motioned to accept the minutes as read and Rev. Dr. Jack Sullivan 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The body approved.

The Financial Audit report was presented by Board Treasurer Dr. Gloria Smith Gilliard. Rev. Titus James motioned to accept the financial audit as read and Rev. Dr. Rosemary Simmons Brown 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The Body approved.

Ministry updates were received by the following General Units.

Disciples Home Missions  
Christian Education and Faith Formation  
Evangelism and Congregational Transformation  
Disciples Women  
DOM/Global Ministries  
Reconciliation Ministry Commission

The Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James presented a report from the Time and Place Committee. Details for the next 26<sup>th</sup> Convocation in 2020 will be announced as soon as possible.

Brother Arnold Hayes presented the report from the Nomination Committee. There was discussion concerning Youth and Young Adult representation on the Board. The Convocation is committed to having a Youth representative and a Young Adult on the board. The selection process was discussed. The slate of Officers for 2020 - 2022 and Members at Large for 2018 – 2022 were presented.

Rev. Dr. Irie Sessions, Dallas Tx for the office of President-Elect  
Rev. Dr. William Crowder, Chicago, IL for the office of Vice President  
Rev. Shannon Dycus, Indianapolis, IN for the office of Secretary  
Ms. Yolanda Smith, Memphis, TN for the office of Treasurer

The Members at Large are:

Rev. William Smith, Greenville, TX  
Ms. Cicely Staton-Holt, Reidsville, NC  
Ms. Juanita Greene, Lexington, KY  
Rev. Beverly Goines, Washington, D.C.

It was moved (many) and properly second (many) that the slate of officers be accepted as presented. The body approved.

The appointment of the special task force was presented and discussed.

Rev. Dr. Charisse Gillett motioned to adjourn the meeting. Moved and properly seconded. Meeting adjourned.

The Rev. Chesla T. Nickelson prayed the prayer of benediction.

Note: The last item on the agenda, “Resolution to change the status of the National Convocation” did not reach the floor for consideration.

Submitted By:  
Rev. Edward L. Cushingberry, Jr.  
Secretary