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**NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

Drury Plaza Indianapolis Carmel
Thursday, December 5, 2019
Minutes

Present: Timothy James, Don Gillett, Irie Session, Pamela DuBose, Beverly Goines, ,
Terri Owens, Pernella Shortie, Milton Bowens, R. Wayne Calhoun, Chelsa Nicholson,
Delesslyn Kennebrew, Brenda Rossy, Edward Williams, Sotello Long, Juanita Greene,
William Smith, , James Vertreese, Sue Grey

9:03

President Gillett-

Opening and Morning Meditation

Revelations 7: 9-17

“Imagine what it would be like to be like to be in the mix of such a glorious worship service.”

Prayer

One Share Introductions by everyone

Call to Order 9:30

Agenda Adopted

Moved: William Smith

2nd: Juanita Greene

December 2018 Minutes Approved

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2nd: Pernella Shortie

Greetings and Ministry Update

Terri Holt Owens, General Minister

She offered reflections from the 50th anniversary of the Merger Agreement and her desire to encourage Convocation Churches to deposit their history into the Historical Society.

Concerns and goals:

- Prototypes to get the yearbook online with ease of use to improve communication
- Strategize with Disciples Home Missions to develop a way to encourage more churches to participate and to foster theological education
- Desires an endowment fund for the office of the General Minister to have access to needed funding
- Design an Alignment Team to look at the length of terms, a Social Witness Taskforce to look at how we do resolutions, and a Prayer Team for covering.

Sotello Long, President of Disciples Home Mission

“We have to show up for the show down”. It’s about relationships. DHM gives a voice to many. We are empowered to do what we are called to do. We must release our courageous power.

10:30 Morning Break

10:45 **Ministry Reports**

Timothy James, Administrative Secretary

There is a complete report on file.

- Still excited about the 25th Biennial Session in Birmingham, AL.
- Standing on the Promises written by Monique Crane Spells was “Off the Chain” at the National Convocation Heritage Dinner during General Assembly
- Excited about The 2020 Experience
- We need to be more active concerning SOCIAL JUSTICE- Poor Peoples Campaign, climate change, mass incarceration
- Will retire this year
- Keep the office staff in your prayers

2020 Experience- It’s Real

Brenda Rossy and Chung Seong Kim

- Brenda Rossy said she was very frustrated last year but this year she realizes that “The things that the Lord has planned will happen...”
- A thorough power point was presented that outlined housing, food, and logistics. We were advised to not find offense when witnessing the traditions of different cultures.
- “The whole church will be transformed because of this process.”

12:43 Lunch

2:40 Reconvened

President Gillett read committee assignments and asked that we all look at the Board Manuel tonight

Vice President , Irie Session- 2020 Experience, It’s Real Program Draft

A program draft is included in the reports on file.

A discussion concerning the planning took place by the body.

Concerns:

- Irie Session will send letters to the lecturers
- Special offerings
- Reconciliation/ antiracism conversations

- Will there be an action at the end of The Experience
- Security
- What do we do with “White” support?

GROUP BREAK OUT (with assigned committees)

Merger Staff Reports

Full reports are on file

Chesla Nickelson, Program Director for Disciples Women

R. Wayne Calhoun, Evangelism and Congregational Transformation and STAR
Supporter

Recording Secretary,

Pamela DuBose