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26th Biennial Session of the National Convocation
Christian Church
(Disciples of Christ)
ZOOM Meeting
(video/ audio recording on file)
MINUTES

Saturday, August 15, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President Don Gillett with a welcome and occasion extended to all Regions, Convocations, Conventions, and Fellowships.

Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary, Rev. Dr. Timothy James and General Minister and President, Rev. Teresa “Terri” Hord Owens offered greetings.

The meditation was presented by Incoming President, Rev. Dr. Irie Session. The Affirmation of Faith was led by Rev. Owens.

Meeting protocols and announcements were given by President Gillett.

Minutes of the 25th Biennial Session were read by Board Secretary, Sis. Pamela DuBose. The body approved.

The 2020 Financial Audit Report was given by Board Treasurer, Rev. James Vertreese. The report has been placed on file. It was received.

The first reading of the Amendment to the Article of Operations was read by Ms. Britanni Bullock after the rationale was presented by Rev. Dr. Donald K. Gillett II, President.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Rev. Dr. Delesslyn Kennebrew. The slates of Officers and Members At-Large for 2022-2024 are as follows:

Officers:

President- Elect- Rev. Dr. William Crowder
Vice President- Mrs. Tera Daniels
Secretary- Rev. Dr. Joanne Flowers
Treasurer- Rev. Orlando Scott

Members At-Large:

Rev. Aaron Smith, Decatur, GA
Ms. Anne Sowell, Cleveland, OH
Rev. Dr. Darren Phelps, Melbourne, FL
Dr. Megan Lowe, Cordova, TN

Questions were received from John Faulks, Julia Karimu, and Bev Dickason. Answers/ explanations were offered by Jackie Bunch, Delesslyn Kennebrew, and Timothy James. Members voted by voice. The slate of officers was accepted.

The second reading of the Articles of Operations with the reading of the addendum added was done by Brittani Bullock.

The Strategic Plan, Vision, and Mission Statement were presented by Rev. R Wayne Calhoun and President Gillett.

The THIRD reading of the Articles of Operation

Pamela DuBose, Secretary read each Article, after which it was moved to adopt the revised wording on behalf of the Board of Trustees. Questions were presented by President Gillett.

Articles

- III. Membership
- IV. Officers
- V. Meetings
- VI. Trustees
- VII. Executive Committee
- VIII. Administrative Secretary
- IX. Business
- X. Electronic Meetings
- XI. Parliamentary Authority
- XII. Amendments to the Articles of Operation
- **Addendum:** Policy for Replacement and Removal of Officers
- **Addendum:** Administrative Secretary Search Process

ALL passed by voice vote or poll.

The report of the Advisory Committee was presented by President Gillett. Rev. Yvonne Gilmore was announced and welcomed as the Interim Associate General Minister and Administrative Secretary. Rev. Gilmore greeted the body.

Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James announced that THE EXPERIENCE- IT's REAL will take place in 2022 with National Convocation, Obra Hispana and NAPAD working side by side to make it a reality.

The Officers and Members At-Large were installed by Rev. Terri Hord- Owens and Rev. Dr. Timothy M. James.

Officers

Class of 2020-2022

Rev. Dr. Irie Sessions, Pres.
Rev. Dr. William Crowder, VP
Rev. Shannon Dycus, Sect.
Rev. James Vertreese, Treasurer

Members At-Large

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Communion Service was led by the newly installed officers. A hymn, *Let Us Break Bread Together*, was led by Rev. Eugene James.

President Gillett gave the final announcements and motioned to adjourn. The motion was moved and properly seconded. The meeting adjourned.

Rev. Dr. Timothy James prayed the prayer of benediction.

Sis. Pamela Y. DuBose

Secretary