

**NATIONAL CONVOCATION OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
CAMBRIA SUITE INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT**

DECEMBER 6-9, 2017

PRESIDING: MRS. PATRICIA PENELTON, PRESIDENT
Thursday, December 7, 2017 9:00 a.m.

Present: Terri Hord Owens, Timothy James, Patricia Penelton, Donald K. Gillett, Gloria Gillard, Vilidra Berry, Irvin Green, Shannon Dycus, Milton Bowens, Ken Brooker Langston, Antonio Redd, Arnold Hayes, Pernella Shortie, Edward Williams, Sheila Spencer, R. Wayne Calhoun, Chesla Nickelson, Eric Brown, April Johnson, Brenda Rossy and Edward Cushingberry.

The meeting was called to order with words of welcome by President Pat Penelton.

Devotional Meditation on "HOPE" and Opening Prayer by Don Gillett.

The Board members introduced themselves.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes Overview and Approval of Agenda

Add nomination report line item
Move budget line item to Saturday
Action item to board members to write note for Selah
Irvin Green motioned to accept agenda
Ken Langston 2nd
All approved

Arnold Hayes motioned to accept minutes
Edward Williams 2nd
All approved

Greetings & Ministry Updates:

The Board received remarks and ministry updates from:

Terri Hord Owens, General Minister and President

Called the church to prayer and participation for the issues of justice, poor peoples campaign and a moral revival in America. Terri indicated that the church needs a greater sense of connectiveness as we work toward common goals. She reflected on her meeting with the College of Regional Ministers and the renewed enthusiasm of the college as a result of the diversity of its membership.

Patricia Penelton, President National Convocation

Encouraged the Board to commit to the work of re-imaging the National Convocation to ensure its relevance for the challenges facing us today.

Sheila Spencer for Sotello Long, President of Disciples Home Mission

The newly elected president is focused on connecting with each DHM ministry and leadership development to enhance the work of the ministry.

Timothy James, Administrative Secretary

Written report on file. Reflections and discussion held.

Merger Staff Reports:

Sheila Spencer, Christian Education and Faith Formation

Written report on file. Reflections and discussion held.

R. Wayne Calhoun, Evangelism and Congregational Transformation

Written report on file. Reflections and discussion held.

Chesla Nickelson, Program Director for Disciples Women

Written report on file. Reflections and discussion held.

Fellowship Groups Reports:

Pernella Shortie, Disciples Women

Report on file.

Arnold Hayes, Disciples Men

Report given via Power-point.

Edward Williams, Black Ministers

Oral report given

Delesslyn Kennebrew, Clergy Women

(not present, report on file)

Antonio Redd, Young Adults

Report on file.

AD HOC Committees Reports:

Verbal report from Communications Committee – Discussion held

Verbal report from Congregational Connections Committee – Discussion held

Report from Governance Committee – Discussion held

Report from Site Selection Committee

Agreed to continue discussion with other Ethnic ministries for a joint 2020 Convocation

Report from Nomination Committee

Power-point presentation

Discussion held

Agreed to accept committee report

Proposed Operational Changes

Discussion was held on Provisional Vision and Mission Statement of the NCCC

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Discussion was held on Convocation Board size, length of terms for representatives and Board Development training for new members.

Closed Thursday with Prayer at 5:05 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Meditation and Opening Prayer – Chesla Nickelson

25th Biennial Session Update Report

Detailed discussion held on upcoming session
Planning on target for a great event

SURGE Proposal

Report on file
Discussion held
Agreed to continue work with CTS on the project

Resolution – Monitoring Inclusion of Merger Agreement

Discussion was held on status of Merger
Moved and 2nd “that a committee be formed to develop a resolution calling for proper recognition of the Convocation within the body - Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

Change of Financial Institution

Discussion was held regarding bank fees.
Agreed to change banks from Chase to Regions effective 12/08/2017

Closed meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 9, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

Devotion by Edward Williams

Conclude National Convocation Session
Open NCMC Session

Reports presented
Brief discussions

Closed NCMC session at 9:47

Resume National Convocation

Budget report presented
Discussion held
Report accepted

Meeting concluded with Communion and prayer at 11:30 a.m.