



CT Executive Committee Minutes

January 31, 2022

Zoom

8:00-10:00am CST US

Attendance

Members: Bishop Christian Alsted, Beverly Jones, Grace Killian, Bishop Mande Muyombo, Ken Nelson, Dave Nuchols, Benedita Penicela Nhambui
Bishop James Swanson, Dawn Wiggins-Hare.

Staff: Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, Grace Killian, Frances Roberts.

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- I. Welcome and Opening Devotional
Bishop Alsted welcomed all and opened with a devotional based on Matthew 2:1-12 bringing attention to the roles of motives, integrity and joy in life and ministry. He then invited Ken and Dawn to lead us in prayer which they did.
- II. Opening Business
The Agenda for the meeting was reviewed and approved with no changes. The Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed with one change: delete the name of Bishop Moore-Koikoi as attending the meeting as a member. Making this change, the Minutes were then approved.
- III. Chief Connection Ministries Officer (CCMO) Report
 - a. CCMO Bigham-Tsai gave updates on the regional meetings on Identity, Vision, Connectionalism and Vision noting work that has been submitted and that which is still in progress.
 - b. Bigham-Tsai then reported on ongoing discussions and actions related to messaging including the Compelling Narrative About the UMC, Bishop's Roundtable discussions and #BeUMC campaign and toolkit.
 - c. Bigham-Tsai reviewed information relating the settlement of the suit. She has not received a new information at this point and invited questions and response to what has been published. A variety of questions were then asked about what will be needed, especially as relates to the healing concerns for victims of abuse, including but not limited to financial support.
 - d. Bigham-Tsai then spoke to the COVID Vaccine Equity Initiative including that a committee to lead this effort is being formed and her hopes that the church will

make a significant impact through this initiative including significant partnerships in create and engage the possibilities.

- e. Bigham-Tsai noted that The State of the Church Report is in process.

IV. Leadership Discernment and Community Life

- a. Chair Ken Nelson recognized the staff for the good work they are doing and noted their upcoming retreat on Feb. 8 that will make use of the Strength Finders tool.
- b. Nelson reviewed the Whistle Blower Policy and recommended changes clarifying the use of the words confidential and anonymous. (See the document noting this change in materials sent prior to the meeting.) Nelson moved these changes. Call for Vote: Chair Alsted called for a vote by raise of hand. Action: Changes were approved.
- c. Nelson noted the changes in the CT membership with the addition of Andy Hendren, Wespeth General Secretary; removal by request: Michelle Hettmann, Marianne Niesen, Lathem Postell, Miller Wilbourn; replacement of Cynthia Kent by Ragghi Calentine. These changes were made into a motion by Chair Nelson. Call for Vote: Chair Alsted called for the vote by raise of hand. Action: Approved.
- d. Nelson closed by sharing LDCL will focus concern for board engagement and will place attention on this need at our upcoming February CT meeting.

V. Budget Allocations Team Update and Discussion

Treasurer and Budget Allocations Team Chair Dave Nuchols noted they are dealing with both “tree issues” and “forest issues when it comes to allocations for the future (near and far). The current focus is on the immediate allocations for 2023-24 which was presented along with other on the document entitled *CT Allocations Preliminary Proposal, January 27, 2022*, sent to the Executive Committee prior to the meeting. Discussion included:

- Concern about the shift in the timeline of requests by GCFA. Chair Alsted said that a request to GCFA by the Budget Allocations Team should be made on this issue; adding that we will likely need another Executive Committee meeting prior to the Feb. CT Meeting on this preliminary proposal.
- Concern related to the projection collection rate used by GCFA in working with the General Agencies. It was noted that the General Secretaries Table could raise this concern at the upcoming CT meeting, first by bringing it to the EC and, if approved, brought to the CT.

VI. Board Make Up Task Force

Bigham-Tsai reported that the Task Force is continuing their work on this and it will take more time.

VII. Review and Approval of the Feb. 23, 2022 CT Meeting Agenda
Bigham-Tsai walked us through the timed agenda. Adjustments in the allotment of time for each item will be made as needed in the meeting. Ken Nelson requested that time be set aside in the agenda for LDCL to lead the discussion on board engagement.
Call for Vote: Chair Alsted called for a vote on the agenda by raise of hand.
Action: The agenda was approved.

VIII. Bishop Alsted closed us in prayer and with a blessing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:02am

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