

Connectional Table Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023.
Time: 8-10 am CDT/ 9-11 am EDT/ 2-4pm WAT/ 3-5pm CAT
and CEST/ 4-6pm EAT/ 9 -11pm PHT

Connectional Table Roll Call

Present:

Arnold Greg
Arroyo Giovanni
Ball Sandra Steiner V
Belles Sarah V
Bergquist Greg
Boggan Ashley
Burgos Núñez Hector V
Calentine Raggatha V
Campbell Jeffrey
Cleaver III Emanuel V
Coles Amy V
Deere Josephine V
DeVine Jerome V
Dharmaraj Jacob V
Dyck Sally V
Francisco Ciriaco V
Gatdula Venus Mae V
Hare Dawn Wiggins
Hendren Andrew
Hill John
Johnson Theon III V
Jones Beverly V
Jung Hee-Soo V
Jung Markus V
Kenaston Judi V
Kitete Prosper V
Krause Dan
Malone Tracy V
McKee Michael V
Meekins William V
Moore-Koikoi Cynthia V

Mueller Gary V
Murphy Tonya V
Muyombo Mande V
Nelson Ken V
Norwood Regina V
Nuckols Dave V
Penicela Benedita Nhambiu V
Perez Lyssette V
Prudente Karen V
Simpson Kim V
Slaughter Mike V
Tuitahi Monalisa V
Vonner Sally V

Guests:

Benjamin Jean (Interpreter)
Chadwell Jodi (GCFA)
Hahn Heather (UM News)
Hotchkiss Sara (General Conference)
Killian Grace (CT Staff)
Klees Jason (CT Meeting Planner)
Lee Sung-ok (UWF)
Seixas Gisele (CT Staff)
Smotherman Brenda (UMCOM)

Absent:

Brown Shareka V
Evans Cashar V
Fernandes Roland
Graves Gary
Kumar Moses
Rooks Jessica V
Sermonia Jovito (Jun) V



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Opening Devotional - Bishop Mande offered prayer

Technology and voting instructions offered by Jason Klees

I. Opening Business

A. Recording of meeting for the minutes announced

B. Establishment of quorum

i. 24 voting members

C. Review of agenda

i. Motion: I move to approve the agenda

ii. Motion passed.

D. Approval of July 13, 2023 CT board minutes draft

i. Motion: I move to accept the July 13 board meeting minutes draft

ii. Motion passed

II. LDCL Report – Rev. Ken Nelson

A. Staff changes

- Gisele Seixas introduced as new Operations Manager/ Executive Assistant
- Rev. Grace Killian's title has changed to Connectional Ministries Associate

B. Clergy Housing Allowance – Rev. Grace Killian

- Motion: LDCL moves to approve Rev. Grace Killian's Housing Allowance.
- Motion passed

III. IFE Report – Dave Nuckols

A. Spending Plan Presentation offered by Gisele Seixas

B. Vote on Spending Plan

i. Motion: Internal Finance and Evaluation moves to approve the 2024 Spending Plan.

ii. Motion carried



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IV. Upcoming General Conference.

A. Grace Killian alerted board members that they will be receiving a survey regarding General Conference

V. Strategic planning for Regionalization Legislation - Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

- A. Grounding in Wesleyan language of natural image and moral image and political image
- B. Two videos are planned: one informational video featuring clergy and lay leaders and a second video featuring bishops

VI. CCMO Report – Judi Kenaston.

- A. Update on conversations on Identity, Mission, Vision, and Connectionalism
- B. Updated on regionalization legislation, evaluation and
- C. CT worked with UMCOM to produce the State of the Church Address
- D. CT is collaborating with UMCOM for our communications services
- E. Explained staffing changes and expressed appreciation for current staff.

VII. Future CT Meetings – Judi Kenaston.

- A. In Person - February 19-21, 2024 Dallas, TX. Joint meeting with GCFA.

VIII. Closing Reflection offered by Monalisa Tuitahi

IX. Closing Prayer – Bishop Mande.