

**Actions of the Board of Directors  
September 2017 – May 2018  
Connecticut Conference United Church of Christ  
Missionary Society of Connecticut  
Trustees of the Fund for Ministers**

**August 31, 2017**

**Task force to look into Sale of 125 Sherman St**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-08D-03** that the Board of Directors approve forming a task force to begin conversations with the Board of Directors at Hartford Seminary on the sale of 125 Sherman Street, Hartford and an exploration of what a new space would consist of.

**Election of Unified Fitness Review Committee Members**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-08D-05** The Board of Directors elected the At-Large members of the Unified Fitness Review Committee for a term of 3 years each:

- Mr. Alan Kendrix—Lay person, Church of the Redeemer, New Haven
- Ms. Ann Jennings—Lay person, Faith Congregational Church, Hartford
- Frank Mitchell – Shalom church, NH

**Financial Matters**

2016 Auditors Report-Audit Committee

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-08D-06** The Board of Directors of the Missionary Society of CT adopts the Audited statements for December 31, 2016 for the Missionary Society of CT and the Consolidated Trust Fund submitted by Whittlesey & Hadley, PC, Auditors.

**VOTED 2017-08D-07:** The Board of Directors of the Trustees of the Fund for Ministers adopts the Audited statements for December 31, 2016 for the Trustees of the Fund for Ministers submitted by Whittlesey & Hadley, PC, Auditors.

**November 16, 2017**

**Financial Reports**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-03:** The Board acknowledged that the preliminary financial report of the Silver Lake Conference Center for the period ended September 30, 2017 is received and placed on file.

**Receipt of Staff Loans Report**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-04:** The Board of Directors approved the Annual Report on Staff Loans from Jane Fawcett, Director of Finance and Budget.

**Staff Housing Allowance**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-05:** The Board of Directors authorized the Director of Finance and Budget to designate as housing that part of the cash compensation budgeted for each qualifying staff member that said staff member declares in a written statement to be his/her expected housing expense in 2018, provided that such statement is submitted to the Director of Finance and Budget no later than December 31, 2017 and that the Director of Finance and Budget determines that said housing allowance is not an amount which would cause the annuity dues or tax shelter to be taxable.

### **2018 Annual Meeting Rules**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-06:** The Board of Directors approves the Rules of Procedure for the 151<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting.

### **2017 Audit**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-07:** The Board of Directors of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and the Trustees of the Fund for Ministers authorizes a full audit for 2017. In addition, a Compilation is authorized for the Consolidated Trust Fund.

### **Tax Sheltered Payments**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-08:** The Board of Directors adopts the following policy of the Missionary Society of Connecticut regarding Tax Sheltered payments on behalf of staff members is renewed for 2018 as follows: The Director of Finance and Budget is empowered and instructed to make payments deducted from cash salary to annuity or parsonage equity or other tax sheltered funds on behalf of employees who request it, provided that the Director of Finance and Budget and Conference Minister are convinced that the programs thus supported are legal and proper.

### **2018 MSC Budget Proposal**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-10** The Board approves amending the 2018 Proposed Budget for the Missionary Society of Connecticut to show the corrected restricted column totals.

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-11** The Board of Directors adopted the amended 2018 Proposed Budget for the Missionary Society of CT.

### **Ethical Investing**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2017-11D-12** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the Board of Directors adopted the Resolution expanding authorized investment strategies to more fully reflect the Conference's commitment to a Just World for All.

**February 3, 2018**

### **Tri Conference Joint Board of Directors Meeting – Special Meeting**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-02J-01** The Board of Directors unanimously voted to proceed with the new Conference Constitution and By-laws with recommended amendments.

**February 3, 2018**

### **New Conference constitution and by-laws**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-02D-05** The Board of Directors unanimously approved recommending the amendments made to the UCC Constitution & By-laws, as adopted at the 31<sup>st</sup> General Synod, be presented to the 2018 Annual Meeting delegates for ratification

### **Revised Investment Policy**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-02D-06** Upon the recommendation of the Investment Committee, the Board of Directors approves the revised Investment Policy, which shall be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

**March 15, 2018**

**New Conference Constitution and Bylaws**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-04** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the Board of Directors approved the New Conference Constitution and Bylaws.

**Certificate of Vote**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-05:** The Board of Directors approved the Covenant. To affirm the intent of the Missionary Society of Connecticut to covenant with the Rhode Island Conference, United Church of Christ (the “RI Conference”) and the Massachusetts Conference, United Church of Christ (the “MA Conference”) for the purpose of creating a regional Conference of the United Church of Christ in New England and vicinity:

*To join together United Church of Christ Conferences in New England and vicinity in order to acquire a stronger voice with which to carry out the mission of making God’s love and justice real. By collaborating more closely and intentionally, the Conferences will have a greater impact upon local congregations and other religious organizations, their communities, and the world. The Conferences seek to love our neighbors, children, and all of creation through our collective work. Following God’s call to bring new life as agents of transformation, we embrace and encourage adaptive and transformative leadership wherever the Body of Christ is gathered. Inspired and guided by the Holy Spirit, the Conferences encourage local congregations and varied ministry settings to form covenant partnerships with all who work for the common good in their local communities and throughout the world. Our combined organization will provide a contemporary, nimble platform that is better positioned to support new forms of ministry with and to the next generation;*

**Approval of Covenant Documents**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-06:** The Board of Directors approved the Approval of Covenant Documents: to affirm and approve in all material respects the proposed Covenant and Affiliation Agreement and TA1 Corporation Articles of Organization and Bylaws (the “Covenant Documents”) attached hereto as Exhibit A, by which a regional Conference corporation will be formed and the Covenant affiliation will be realized.

**Appointment of Initial TA1 Directors**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-07:** The Board of Directors approved the Appointment of Initial TA1 Directors: no later than April 25, 2018, the Board of Directors will share with the TA1 Planning Team a pool of names of prospective Directors of the TA1 Corporation that the Conference plans to appoint at its 2018 Annual Meeting in accordance with the TA1 approved bylaws for terms commencing as of the date on which the TA1 Corporation is approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**Nomination of Initial TA1 Officers**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-08:** The Board of Directors approved the Nomination of Initial TA1 Officers: to delegate to the TA1 Planning Team nomination of the six (6) initial Officers of the TA1 Corporation, who shall be elected by the designated delegates and authorized ministers of each Conference acting in a plenary session at the 2018 joint Annual Meeting of the Conferences, for terms commencing as of the date on which the Corporation is approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth.

**Recommendation to the Membership**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-09:** The Board of Directors approved the Recommendation to the Membership: to recommend to the Membership at the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Missionary

Society of Connecticut:

- (i) Affirmation in all material respects of the proposed Covenant and Affiliation Agreement and TA1 Corporation Articles of Organization and Bylaws (the "Covenant Documents") attached hereto as Exhibit A, by which a regional Conference corporation will be formed and the Covenant affiliation will be realized.
- (ii) Appointment of five (5) initial Directors of the TA1 Corporation for terms commencing as of the date on which the TA1 Corporation is approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth;
- (iii) Election of six (6) initial Officers of the TA1 Corporation, nominated by the TA1 Planning Team and to be elected by the designated delegates and authorized Ministers of each Conference, acting in a plenary session, at the 2018 joint Annual Meeting of the Conferences for terms commencing as of the date on which the Corporation is approved by the Massachusetts Secretary of the Commonwealth.
- (iv) Delegation to the Missionary Society of Connecticut Board of Directors, working with the TA1 Planning Team and legal counsel, authority to finalize the terms of the Covenant Documents, with the proviso that any material change to the terms contained in Exhibit A, be returned to the Membership for further consideration and vote at the 2019 Annual Meeting.
- (v) Authorization of \_\_\_\_\_, President and \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer, upon instruction of the Board of Directors, to execute the Covenant Documents in final form, take all other actions and do any and all other things necessary to effect the foregoing votes.

**Allocation of 2017 MSC General Fund operating surplus**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-10:** Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the Board allocates half of the 2017 MSC General Fund surplus to the Do the New grant program and the remaining half to Unrestricted Funds Functioning as Endowment.

**Allocations of Board-Designated Funds**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-11:** Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the Board authorizes the creation of the Together as One fund and the transfer of \$40,000 from the Staff Fund to the new fund.

**Allocation of the 2017 SLCC General Fund operating surplus**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-12:** Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the Board authorizes the allocation of the 2017 SLCC General Fund operating surplus to the Silver Lake Capital Surplus Fund.

**Allocation of 2017 TFM General Fund operating surplus**

Upon motion and second it was, with 11 unanimous votes

**VOTED 2018-03D-13:** Upon the recommendation of the Finance and Budget Committee, the Board authorizes the allocation of the 2017 TFM General Fund operating surplus to the Contingency Fund.

**April 13, 2018**

**2018 - 2019 Board Meeting Schedule**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-04D-03:** Upon recommendation from the Executive committee the Board approved the CTUCC Board of Directors meeting schedule for 2018 – 2019.

**Ministry Team**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-04D-04:** Upon recommendation from the Executive committee the Board of Directors approved the Open and Affirming Ministry Team, the Environmental Ministry Team, Disabilities Ministry Team, and Public Education Advocacy Team applications to become Ministry Teams of the Connecticut Conference. It is the understanding that the Board reviews all ministry teams annually.

**CT Conference Constitution & Bylaws amendment**

Upon motion and second it was, with 13 unanimous votes,

**VOTED 2018-04D-06:** The Board of Directors proposes that the Annual Meeting amend Article V of the Constitution of the Connecticut Conference of the United Church of Christ (Congregational Christian Churches) by replacing the word “Corporators” with the word “Members” so that the final sentence of the Article will become “The Board of Directors of the Conference shall also constitute the Members of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and the Trustees of the Fund for Ministers.”

**Living Waters Award**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-04D-07:** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the Board of Directors approves Hugh and Kate McClean & Marjorie Roach as the recipient of the 2018 Living Waters Award to be presented at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

**2018 MSC Payment Schedule**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-04D-08:** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the Board of Directors approves the 2018 Missionary of Society of Connecticut Payment Schedule of \$3,517,590 as presented.

**2018 TFM Payment Schedule**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-04D-09:** Upon recommendation of the Executive Committee the Board of Directors of TFM approves the 2018 Trustees of the Fund for Ministers Payment Schedule of \$544,870 as presented.

**May 3, 2018**

**CT Constitution & Bylaws amendment**

Upon motion and second it was

**VOTED 2018-05D-02:** On the advice of legal counsel, the proposed amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws is amended to insert “(and, where the term is applicable, the Corporators)” after “Members” so that the proposed amendment shall state “The Board of Directors of the Conference shall also constitute the Members (and, where the term is applicable, the Corporators) of the Missionary Society of Connecticut and the Trustees of the Fund for Ministers.”