NOTES AND MINUTES OF THE 56th ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE ILLINOIS SOUTH CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
VIRTUAL MEETING ON ZOOM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2020
9:00 am to Noon

Tech moderator:  Tech stewards:
Rev. Katie Hotze-Wilton  Christy Pursell, ISC staff member
Tech person from Eden Seminary  Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC staff member

Main Panelists:  Rev. Nikki Shaw, ISC staff member
Rev. Shana Johnson, Conference Minister
Dr. Jill Baker, Conference Moderator
Rev. Christy Eckert, Vice Moderator

Guest Speaker:
Rev. David Sigmund, 3 Great Loves Ambassador of the UCC

Finance Q & A Panelists:
Dwight Asselmeier, Conference Treasurer
John Pawloski, Conference Finance Ministry Team Co Chair
Brent Wood, Conference Finance Ministry Team Co Chair

A SUMMARY OF ALL MOTIONS: PASSED
AM10.24.2020:1 Quorum was met.
AM10.24.2020:2 Items for General Consent were adopted.
   2020 Annual Meeting Proposed Agenda
   Standing Rules by General Consent
   Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting minutes by General Consent
   Voice Without Vote by General Consent
AM10.24.2020:3 The 2021 Proposed Budget Vote passed.
AM10.24.2020:5 The proposed Bylaw Additions passed.
AM10.24.2020:6 Adjournment after Closing Worship by General Consent

9:00 am  Welcome—Dr. Jill Baker
Announcements—Rev. Shana Johnson
Opening Prayer—Rev. Shana Johnson
Guidelines for doing our business of the day—Rev. Nikki Shaw
Quorum Vote—Dr. Jill Baker

Poll for the Quorum Vote:
I am a voting delegate or pastor with standing in the Conference.
I am a visitor, part of the production team, or staff.

Call for vote by polling

Results of the poll
(We combined the results of the live Zoom polling and text votes were sent to the staff (tech stewards) and then to the moderator.)

Our totals for this vote were:
133 voting delegates.
9 visitors, production folks, and staff in attendance.

AM10.24.2020:1 We determined we had a quorum and could conduct business.

Items for General Consent—Rev. Christy Eckert

AM10.24.2020:2 Four items to be considered for General Consent were adopted.
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9:15 am DuBois Center Video Report by Shirley Asmussen
Gift Presentation to Shirley Asmussen Video
State of the Conference Video Report by Rev. Shana Johnson

9:45 am Introduction of stretch break—Dr. Jill Baker

9:45 am Stretch Break

10:00 am Introduction of our Guest Speaker by Rev. Shana Johnson

3 Great Loves Presentation by Rev. David Sigmund,
the 3 Great Loves Ambassador for the UCC

10:30 am Reflections and Q & A time—Shana and Dave

10:45 am Financial Presentations

Treasurer’s Video Report
Finance Ministry Team Video Presentation of the 2021 Proposed Budget
Introduction of the Motion to Accept the 2021 Proposed Budget

**Introduction—Rev. Christy Eckert**

Time for Discussion and Questions led by John Pawloski, Brent Wood and Dwight Asselmeier.

We did use the allotted ten minutes to answer questions from the delegates.

**2021 Proposed Budget Vote— Rev. Christy Eckert**

**Poll for the Budget**

The 2021 proposed budget comes to you from the Finance Ministry Team and does not require a second.

I vote to adopt the 2021 budget as presented.
I vote to reject the 2021 budget as presented.
I abstain from this vote.

**Call for vote by polling**

**Results of the poll**

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**Announcement of the Vote**

AM10.24.2020:3  The 2021 Proposed Budget passed.

**11:05 am  The Nominating Committee Report**

Introducing the Slate of Nominees with a change—Dr. Jill Baker

We do have a change since our delegation materials were posted. Rev. Michael Southcombe who would have been an authorized male for this year’s General Synod has taken a new call outside the Conference.

Therefore, we flipped a coin to choose which alternate delegate would fill his position. Rev. Andrew Wilson won the coin toss and will be the General Synod delegate. With this change, I ask you to vote on this slate of nominees.

**Poll for the Slate of Nominees**

I vote to accept the slate of nominees as amended.
I vote to reject the slate of nominees as amended.
I abstain from this vote.

**Call for vote by polling**
Results of the poll
(We combined the results of the live Zoom polling and text votes were sent to the staff (tech stewards) and then to the moderator.)

Announcement of the Vote

AM10.24.2020:4 The 2021 Slate of Nominees passed.

11:15 am Presentation of Bylaw Additions by Rev. Shana Johnson

Poll for the Bylaw Additions
I vote to approve these additions to our Constitution and Bylaws.
I vote to reject these additions to our Constitution and Bylaws.
I abstain from this vote.

Call for vote by polling by Dr. Jill Baker

Results of the poll
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Announcement of the Vote

AM10.24.2020:5 The proposed bylaw additions passed.

11:20 am Announcements before the stretch break—Rev. Shana Johnson

Request for Consensus on Adjournment—Dr. Jill Baker

AM10.24.2020:6 Adjournment after Closing Worship by General Consent

11:30 am Closing Worship Experience—Rev. Shana Johnson

Offering
Monies collected for food pantries within the Illinois South Conference to be distributed by the Hunger Action Team

Memorial Moments of Silence
Rev. Gil Bumb, Rev. John Schaller, Rev. John Trnka

Installation of Officers

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Adjournment