

**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:

Rev. Katie Hotze-Wilton
Tech person from Eden Seminary

Tech stewards:

Christy Pursell, ISC staff member
Lynnette Schuepbach, ISC staff member
Rev. Nikki Shaw, ISC staff member

Main Panelists:

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

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.

AM10.24.2020:4 Our 2021 Slate of Nominees 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.

2020 Annual Meeting Proposed Agenda

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**9:15 am
Reports**

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

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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