

**MINUTES OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST)
OCTOBER 31 – NOVEMBER 1, 2008**

Hilton Garden Inn

Indianapolis, IN

D. Newell Williams, Moderator

Newell Williams called the meeting to order. First Vice Moderator, Ayanna Johnson led worship.

Approval of the Agenda

VOTED to approve the agenda of the Administrative Committee.

Consent Agenda

VOTED to approve the Consent Agenda

Minutes from the April 2008 Administrative Committee Meeting

Receipt of the General Ministry Reports

AC-08-1993	New Church Ministry
AC-08-1994	Church Extension
AC-08-1995	Council on Christian Unity
AC-08-1996	Christian Board of Publication
AC-08-1997	NAPAD
AC-08-1998	Higher Education and Leadership Ministries
AC-08-1999	Pension Fund
AC-08-2001	Disciples Home Mission
AC-08-2002	CPOHM
AC-08-2003	National Convocation
AC-08-2031	Reconciliation Ministry
AC-08-2032	Week of Compassion
AC-08-2038	Christian Church Foundation
AC-08-2039	National Benevolent Association
AC-08-2040	Division of Overseas Ministries
AC-08-2041	Disciples of Christ Historical Society
AC-08-2023	Authorization of "Other Organizations" for the <i>2009 Year Book & Directory</i>
AC-08-2036	Report on Maintaining 501(c) 3 Tax Status with the IRS
AC-08-2018	Election to fill a vacancy in the 2009 class of the Administrative Committee

The Administrative Committee adjourned into Executive Session.

Sharon Watkins' compensation package with changes is approved.

The Administrative Committee reconvened into open Plenary Session.

The Administrative Committee Plenary adjourned into working committees.

The Administrative Committee Plenary reconvened.

Reports on the Four Priorities are presented

New Church Ministries – Rick Morse
Transformation – Doug Pfeiffer, R. Wayne Calhoun, Rick Morse
Leadership Development – Dennis Landon
Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism – April Johnson

Report from the Financial Ministries presented

James Hamlett – Pension Fund
Gary Kidwell – Christian Church Foundation
Ellen Mitchell – Church Extension

AC-08-2037 Mission Alignment Summary

VOTED to receive the report

Discussion of Relationship between the General Board and the General Ministry Boards
Led by Glenn Carson

AC-08-2029 General Assembly Report

VOTED to receive the report presented by Patti Case, Wanda Bryant Wills
and Sharon Coleman

AC-08-2028 General Assembly Timing

VOTED to receive the report and have Todd Adams forward the
Administrative Committee's comments to the Standing Committee
on Renewal and Structural Reform.

AC-08-2030 Circulation of Business Items

VOTED to receive the report. Also **VOTED** to authorize the General
Assembly Committee to get a copy of the docket to each
congregation and to report back to the Administrative Committee
how that was accomplished

AC-08-2034 Engagement of Legal Counsel

Business item is not ready for action.

Motion made to authorize Sharon Watkins and Todd Adams to
make the final selection of legal counsel and bring that selection to
the moderator team. **Motion Passed.**

- AC-08-2004** 2009 Administrative and Boards budget for the Office of the General Minister and President
- VOTED** to approve the budget with the changes specified during the Executive Session discussion of Sharon Watkins' compensation package
- AC-08-2005** 2009 Promotion Budget for the Office of the General Minister and President
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2006** 2009 Office of the General Minister and President Treasury Services Budget
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2007** 2009 Communications Ministries Budget
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2008** 2009 Reconciliation Ministry Budget
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2009** 2009 Stewardship Budget
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2010** 2009 Year Book & Directory Budget
- VOTED** to approve budget
- AC-08-2013** Engagement of Auditor
- VOTED** to engage Capin Crouse for the 2008 OGMP audit

The Administrative Committee was adjourned for the day.

Newell Williams called the Administrative Committee back into plenary session on November 1, 2008. First Vice Moderator, Ayanna Johnson led worship.

Presentation of business item AC-08-2014 was made by James P. Johnson, President of Lexington Theological Seminary (LTS) and Gary Kidwell, Chair of the Board of Trustees at LTS.

The Administrative Committee adjourned into Executive Session

- AC-08-2014** **PROPOSAL TO THE OFFICE OF THE GENERAL MINISTER AND PRESIDENT OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH (DISCIPLES OF CHRIST) FOR A CENTER FOR CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP**

VOTED to refer the proposal to the Policy, Planning and Personnel committee for further consideration, discussion with Lexington Theological Seminary and comment from the College of Theological Educators. A revised proposal will be brought back to the spring Administrative Committee meeting. Overall feeling from the committee is that the proposal is a good idea, but needs refinement and clarification in areas such as long term funding of the position, who would the person answer to (LTS or OGMP), and physical location of the person.

AC-08-2033 Minister of Faith and Giving Search Committee

VOTED to receive the report and absolve the search committee of further duties.

AC-08-2024 Flex-time Implementation

VOTED to receive the report

AC-08-2025 Sabbatical Request from Sharon E. Watkins

VOTED to approve the sabbatical request

AC-08-2026 Sabbatical Request from Wanda Bryant Wills

VOTED to approve the sabbatical request

AC-08-2027 Sabbatical Request from Timothy M. James

VOTED to approve the sabbatical request

AC-08-2035 Northeast Region Report

VOTED to receive the verbal report

The Administrative Committee reconvened into an open Plenary Session.

AC-08-2000 **Report to the Administrative Committee Office of General Minister and President**

VOTED to receive the report of the Office of General Minister and President, which included updates on CURAJ, Week of Compassion search, 21st Century Vision Team and the Task Force on Undergraduate Education, reporting on OGMPs pro-reconciliation/anti-racism training and highlighted the new staff in OGMP.

AC-08-2020 Report from the Standing Committee on Renewal and Structural Reform

VOTED to receive the report and have Todd Adams forward the Administrative Committee's comments to the Standing Committee

on Renewal and Structural Reform on the structural changes proposed to the General Board as well as to the moderator team.

AC-08-2021 Sense of the Assembly Resolutions

VOTED to receive the report and have Todd Adams forward the Administrative Committee's comments to the Standing Committee on Renewal and Structural Reform on the proposed changes to Sense of the Assembly resolutions.

Ben Bohren, chair of the General Commission on Ministry distributed the current draft (9.7) of the *Theological Foundations and Policies and Criteria for the Ordering of Ministry of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)* for future comment or question

AC-08-2011 Disciples Mission Fund Report

VOTED to receive the report

AC-08-2012 Regional Capital Campaign Language Update

VOTED to update the language as spelled out in the business item

AC-08-2022 Establishing the Price for the *2009 Year Book & Directory of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)*

VOTED to approve the price of the *2009 Year Book & Directory* as follows:

Paper Cover \$37.50

Loose Leaf \$37.50

CD \$32.50

Cloth Cover \$45.00

All purchases come with accessibility to the on line site

Paper Cover w/CD \$45.00

Loose Leaf w/CD \$45.00

Cloth Cover w/CD \$52.50

Internet only \$25.00

Shipping and Handling for books: \$5.00 for the first book and \$1.00 more for each additional book

The Finance Committee also reported that everything with the merger of Church Finance Council into General Assembly has been completed, including a combined audit which was sent to the appropriate people.

AC-08-2015 Nomination of the 2013 Class of the Credentials Committee

VOTED that the following persons be approved for nomination to the 2013 class of the General Assembly Credentials Committee and presented for election by the General Board at its April 2009 meeting: Deirdre Jackson Jones and Frank Helm

AC-08-2016 Nomination of the 2013 Class of the General Nominating Committee

VOTED that the following persons be approved for nomination to the 2013 class of the General Nominating Committee and presented to the General Assembly for election: Lorenzo York, Hilda Robles, Lian Jiang, Janie Wills, Hannah Arendt

AC-08-2017 Nomination of the 2013 Class of the General Assembly Time and Place Committee

VOTED that the following persons be approved for nomination to the 2013 class of the Time and Place Committee and presented to the General Board for election at the April 2009 meeting: Larry Love, Rick Ikeda, Doug Garner, Janet Moore, Regina Morton, Judy Allen

AC-08-2019 Election to fill a vacancy in the class of 2009 on the Week of Compassion Committee

VOTED That Eyamba Bokama be elected to fill the vacancy in the class of 2009

Discussion of the 2009 General Board agenda included the GCOM document and MACC. It was decided that feedback for both can be accomplished by telephone and e-mail.

There being no further business to come before the Administrative Committee, First Vice Moderator, Ayanna Johnson, led a communion service and the meeting was adjourned.