

**Minutes of the General Board
Of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)
April 17 – 20, 2010**

Indianapolis, Indiana

**Sheraton Downtown
City Centre Hotel**

Larry A. Brown, Moderator

Overview of Meeting

The 2010 General Board began on Saturday afternoon, April 17, 2010 with Pro-Reconciliation/Anti-Racism training led by Minister of Reconciliation, April Johnson. The Board then traveled to Geist Christian Church for their 5:30 PM worship service at Geist's North Campus location. After worship, we remained at Geist for our evening meal and opening session led by General Minister and President, Sharon Watkins.

Moderator Larry Brown presided over the plenary sessions, assisted by First Vice Moderator, Juan Rodriguez and Second Vice Moderator, Marilyn Williams. Juan opened and closed each plenary session with worship, music and prayer. Time was spent throughout the meeting looking at *The Design* and how it provides the basis for the work we were to do at General Board. Each of the moderators also spent a few minutes introducing themselves to the Board, telling of their background with the Church.

On Sunday, the Board began with worship led by Juan Rodriguez. Glen Stewart, Regional Minister from Tennessee brought the message, recounting his experiences during and immediately after the earthquake in Haiti. The General Board offering taken during worship was designated for Week of Compassion's relief fund for Haiti.

The Board met Sunday afternoon in their new committee configuration. These sessions were designed for the members to become better acquainted with each other and with the mission and work of their respective Committees. As these sessions were more organizational and informational in nature, the Committees did not report out to the plenary.

The remainder of the Board meeting was spent in plenary session, small group discussion and floor discussion. On Tuesday, the Board heard from a General Ministry panel, a Regional Ministry panel and participated in a discussion with the Moderator team. The meeting closed with communion.

Business of the General Board

VOTED to approve the 2010 General Board Agenda

VOTED to approve the 2009 General Board Minutes

Consent Agenda

VOTED to receive the following reports from the Consent Agenda

- 1001 *General Assembly of the Christian Church*
- 1002 *Christian Board of Publication*
- 1003 *Christian Church Foundation*
- 1004 *Council on Christian Unity*
- 1005 *Church Extension*
- 1006 *Central Pastoral Office of Hispanic Ministries*
- 1008 *Disciples of Christ Historical Society*
- 1009 *Disciples Home Missions*
- 1010 *Division of Overseas Ministries*
- 1011 *Higher Education and Leadership Ministries*
- 1012 *National Convocation of the Christian Church*
- 1013 *North American Asian/Pacific Disciples*
- 1014 *Pension Fund*
- GB-10-0654 *College of Regional Ministers*
- GB-10-0655 *Alabama-Northwest Florida*
- GB-10-0656 *Arizona*
- GB-10-0657 *Canada*
- GB-10-0658 *Capital Area*
- GB-10-0660 *Florida*
- GB-10-0661 *Georgia*
- GB-10-0662 *Great River Region*
- GB-10-0663 *Greater Kansas City*
- GB-10-0664 *Idaho, South*
- GB-10-0665 *Illinois-Wisconsin*
- GB-10-0666 *Indiana*
- GB-10-0667 *Kansas*
- GB-10-0668 *Kentucky*
- GB-10-0669 *Michigan*
- GB-10-0670 *Mid-America*
- GB-10-0671 *Montana*
- GB-10-0672 *Nebraska*
- GB-10-0673 *North Carolina*
- GB-10-0674 *Northeastern*
- GB-10-0675 *Northern California-Nevada*
- GB-10-0676 *Northwest*
- GB-10-0677 *Ohio*
- GB-10-0678 *Oklahoma*
- GB-10-0679 *Oregon*
- GB-10-0680 *Pacific Southwest*
- GB-10-0681 *Pennsylvania*
- GB-10-0682 *South Carolina*

- GB-10-0683** *Southwest*
- GB-10-0684** *Tennessee*
- GB-10-0685** *Upper Midwest*
- GB-10-0686** *Virginia*
- GB-10-0687** *West Virginia*
- GB-10-0693** *Update on Resolution on “Unity and War” referred to the Council on Christian Unity*
- GB-10-0694** *Disciples Young Adult Initiative to Address Becoming Multicultural and Inclusive*

It was asked that **Report #1007 Disciples Benevolent Services** be removed from the Consent Agenda and considered separately.

GB-10-0688 ***Amendments to Section 8 of the General Board Standing Rules***

VOTED to amend Section 8 of the General Board Standing Rules, substituting the word time for specific hours and minutes within the section, recognizing that the leadership of the Search Committee will have the spiritual maturity to discern how much time is needed to build consensus toward faithful decisions.

GB-10-0689 ***Amendments to the Standing Rules: Section 9 – A Process for Re-Election of the General Minister and President***

VOTED to add Section 9 – A Process for Re-Election of the General Minister and President to the Standing Rules of the General Board

GB-10-0690 ***Confirmation of the Review/Search and Call Committee***

VOTED to confirm the following members of the Review/Search and Call Committee for General Minister and President
 Larry Brown (50-59, L, W, M, OK) Moderator
 Juan Rodriguez (50-59, C, H, M, IN) 1st Vice-Moderator
 Marilyn Williams (50-59, L, B, F, NC) 2nd Vice-Moderator
 Regina Morton (50-59, L, B, F, TN) Admin. Committee - Chair
 Rick Ikeda (50-59, L, A, M, OR) Admin. Committee
 Mark Anderson (40-49, L, W, M, GKC) Admin. Committee
 Don Gillette (40-49, C, B, M, KY) General Board
 Laura Jennison Reed (23-29, L, W, F, NW) General Board
 Sarah Laroche (18-22, L, W, F, IN) General Board
 Janet Moore (40-49, C, W, F, PA) General Board
 Joel Saucedo (30-39, C, H, M, SW) General Board
 Alternate:
 Susan Diamond (50-59, C, W, F, AL/NW FL) General Board

Panel Discussion with the GMP Pastoral Table

Timothy James, Huberto Pimentel, Sharon Watkins, Geunhee Yu

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Disciples Benevolent Services

VOTED to receive the report

GB-10-0697

Report of the General Nominating Committee

VOTED To elect or confirm the nominees listed as appropriate to each of the following committees and General Ministry board classes with corrections in spelling and demographics as noted from the floor.

Administrative Committee – Class of 2012
Christian Board of Publication – Class of 2013
Christian Church Foundation – Class of 2012
Church Extension – Class of 2012
Council on Christian Unity – Class of 2013
National Benevolent Association dba
Disciples Benevolent Services – Class of 2012
Disciples of Christ Historical Society – Class of 2012
Higher Education and Leadership Ministries – Class of 2013
Pension Fund – Class of 2013
Week of Compassion – Class of 2014
Reconciliation Commission – Class of 2013
United Christian Missionary Society – Class of 2013

GB-10-0701

MACC Report

- Report presented by Newell Williams (Chair of MACC), Mary Jacobs, Sotello Long, Darryl Trimiew, David Vargas and Sharon Watkins
- Progress reports on the nine General Board actions presented by Todd Adams, Mary Jacobs, Sotello Long, Sharon Watkins, Robert Welsh and Geunhee Yu
- Discussion time moderated by Larry Brown
- Small group discussion led by Sharon Watkins

GB-10-0699

Permanent Allocation of CGM Escrow

VOTED to approve the process used by the General Ministries presidents to change the allocation formula for the permanent allocation of the CGM Escrow

GB-10-0702 ***Renewal of the Covenant with Colleges and Universities***

Report received

GB-10-0703 ***Distribution Formula for Undergraduate Institutions***

VOTED to approve the process used by the College and University presidents to change the allocation formula of undergraduate institutions

GB-10-0704 ***Release of Undergraduate Escrow Funds***

VOTED to approve the request that HELM release the currently escrowed funds from the Undergraduate Grant Fund to Lynchburg College

GB-10-0695 ***Inclusion of Geography as an Evaluative Criterion in Selecting Boards, Committees and Commissions***

VOTED to approve the Governance Committee's request to include geography as an evaluative criterion in the selection and review of boards, committees, commissions, etc

GB-10-0691 ***Updated Community of Common Interest Document***

VOTED to approve the update to the Community of Common Interest Document to strengthen its effectiveness as recommended by the Office of General Minister and President's new legal counsel, Baker & Daniels

GB-10-0692 ***Open Meeting Policy Task Force***

VOTED to approve the following people to serve as the Open Meeting Policy Task Force

Bill Edwards, OH, B,C,M
Charisse Gillett, KY, B,L,F
John Hotard, SW, W,L,M
Verity Jones, IN, W,C,F
Brad Lyons, MID-AM, W,L,M
Linda Valdez, AZ, H,L,F
Ted Waggoner, IN, W,L,M

GB-10-0700 ***General Commission on Ministry Report***

Report received

Disciples Mission Fund Report and Audit Project

Presented by Todd Adams and Tom West

GB-10-0698 ***Receipt of a Change in the Mission Funding Distribution Allocation for the Kansas Region***

VOTED

to receive the report of the Kansas Regional Board, noting the Region's decision to retain 45% of DMF offerings contributed by congregations in the region rather than the 42.4015% previously set by the Regional Board

GB-10-0696 ***Update on the Planning of the 2011 General Assembly***

Report received

General Ministry Panel Report

Presented by Ron Degges, Jim Hamlett and Timothy James

Regional Ministry Panel Report

Presented by Don Dewey, Barb Jones, Jon Lacey, Sotello Long and Danny Stewart

GB-10-0705 ***Administrative Committee Report***

Report received

Moderator Panel

Presented by Larry Brown, Juan Rodriguez, Marilyn Williams