

**49th ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
JUNE 11-12, 2010
IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY, AMES, IOWA**

June 10, 2011

The meeting opened with a time of song and prayer, at the conclusion of which ACM Havelka led the delegates in a process of team building.

Moderator Joyce Fisher called the meeting to order at 1:25 p.m.

Moderator Fisher introduced the other persons at the dais: David Nelson, parliamentarian; and Mary Stonebraker, Secretary.

After verifying the delegate count, Moderator Fisher announced that there was a quorum present for the conduct of business.

Adoption of Rules of Procedure

Moderator Fisher announced a change to the standing rules to establish debate limits of two minutes for initial presentation and one minute for follow-up.

2011 AM-1. M/S to adopt the standing rules of procedure as modified. Approved unanimously.

Adoption of Agenda

Moderator Fisher announced proposed changes to the agenda as presented.

2011 AM-2. M/S to adopt the agenda with the proposed changes. Approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of 2010 Annual Meeting

Moderator Fisher presented the minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting to the delegates and asked if there were any changes or corrections to the minutes as presented. Hearing none, she declared the minutes approved as presented.

Granting of Voice without Vote

2011 AM-3. M/S to grant voice without vote to Douglas and Elizabeth Searles for the 2011 Annual Meeting. Approved unanimously.

Iowa Religious Media Services

Sharon Strohmaier presented a report on Iowa Religious Media Services. This is IRMS's 25th anniversary.

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator Fisher presented the report of the Nominating Committee. She announced that

the Conference Board of Directors, at its meeting in the morning of June 10, 2011 had appointed Joyce Hertz to the Board of Trustees of Mayflower Home and had nominated the following persons to serve in the positions indicated:

1. Mayflower Home Board of Trustees: Class of 2014 (3-year term)
 - a. George Drake, Grinnell, UCC Congregational (lay) (2nd term)
 - b. Steve Langerud, Grinnell, UCC Congregational (lay) (2nd term)
2. Our Sacred Space, Inc:
 - a. Jeff Nobel, Muscatine, Faith UCC (lay)

The Moderator then invited nominations from the floor. There were none.

The report of the Nominating Committee (including the roster of those who continue to serve in elective or appointive office on behalf of the Conference) is as follows:

Slate of Nominees for Election by the Iowa Conference Annual Meeting 2011—Presented by the Iowa Conference Nominating Committee

Board of Director Officers:

Moderator: Robert Deranleau, Creston, Congregational UCC (lay)

Assistant Moderator: Jane Willan, Burlington, Zion UCC (clergy)

Secretary: (2 year term) Gregg Buchanan, Algona, First Congregational UCC (lay) (1st term)

Board of Directors At-Large Members: Class of 2014 (3-year term)

Ryan Brooks, Ankeny, Ankeny UCC (lay) (2nd term)

David Nelson, Des Moines, Plymouth Congregational UCC (lay) (2nd term)

Board of Directors Association Representatives: Class of 2014 (3-year term)

Central: Adam Dirks, Urbandale, Urbandale UCC (lay) (1st term)

Eastern Iowa: Tammy Ebersberger, Clinton, Community Congregational UCC (lay) (2nd term)

Northeast: Lynne Busch, Clarksville, Immanuel UCC (clergy) (1st term)

Northwestern: Joyce Fisher, Sioux City, First Congregational UCC (lay) (1st term)

Mayflower Home Board of Trustees: Class of 2014 (3-year term)

George Drake, Grinnell, UCC Congregational (lay) (2nd term)

Steve Langerud, Grinnell, UCC Congregational (lay) (2nd term)

Our Sacred Space, Inc. Board of Directors:

Jeff Nobel, Muscatine, Faith UCC (lay)

Continuing to Serve:

Board of Directors (Associations):

2012 Central	Joel Love, Reinbeck, Union Congregational UCC (clergy)
2012 Northeast	Marilyn Sargent, Tripoli, Faith UCC (clergy)
2012 Northwestern	Karl Whiteman, Milford, Union Memorial UCC (clergy)
2012 Southeastern	Carl Vass, Danville, Olds UCC (licensed)
2013 Eastern Iowa	Byron Henn, Marion, First Congregational UCC Cedar Rapids (clergy)
2013 Northeast	Deborah Gage, Osage, United Church of Christ (licensed)
2013 Northwestern	Bill Howie, Manson, UCC Congregational (licensed)
2013 Southwestern	Brian Wohlhuter, Minden, The United Church of Christ (clergy)

Board of Directors At Large:

2012 Southwestern	Sharon Guffey-Lewis, Anita, UCC Congregational (clergy)
2013 Central	Lynette Spicer, Ames, UCC Congregational (lay)
2013 Southeastern	Paulette Upton, Burlington, Zion UCC (lay)

Appointed Treasurer Larry Hanon, Tipton, First UCC (lay)

Mayflower Home Board of Trustees:

2012 Elected	Marlene Hunt, Hiawatha, Hope UCC (lay)
2012 Elected	Don Schild, Grinnell, UCC Congregational (lay)
2012 Appointed	Joseph Deal, Burlington, Zion UCC (lay)
2013 Elected	Marjorie Grove, Webster City, First Congregational UCC (lay)
2013 Elected	Bill Hedlund, Des Moines, Plymouth Congregational UCC (lay)
2013 Appointed	Christopher Burtnett, Schleswig, United Church of Christ (clergy)
2014 Appointed	Joyce Hertz, Ames, UCC Congregational (lay)

General Synod Delegates:

Class of 2011

Pamela Cook, Decorah, Congregational UCC
Elizabeth Dilley, Red Oak, First Congregational UCC
Ben Ewert, Harlan, Congregational UCC
Hannah Filkins, Hartley, Trinity UCC
Robert Koepcke, Donnellson, St. Paul's UCC
Christopher Portero Paff, Council Bluffs, St. John's UCC
Jim Ritters, Burlington, Zion UCC
Marilyn Sargent, Tripoli, Faith UCC
Jess Thomason, Lake View, First Congregational UCC
Ken Wells, Sioux City, Mayflower Congregational UCC

Class of 2013

David Boogerd, Ackley, St. John's UCC
Liz Colton, Oskaloosa, St. Paul Congregational UCC
Bob David, Cedar Rapids, First Congregational UCC
Joyce Fisher, Sioux City, First Congregational UCC
Samantha Fistler, Eldora, First Congregational UCC
Linda Hanson, Ames

Paul Johnson, West Des Moines, Urbandale UCC
Jake Joseph, Des Moines, Plymouth Congregational UCC
Elizabeth Manning, Maquoketa, Maquoketa UCC
Beatrice Rendon, Urbandale, Urbandale UCC

2011 AM-4. M/S to approve the report of the Nominating Committee and close the nominations. Approved unanimously.

2012 Compensation Guidelines

Jeffery Wartgow, on behalf of the Authorized Ministry Commission, presented the 2012 Compensation Guidelines.

CUE Seminaries

The CUE Seminary Regional Support Program presented a video outlining the missions of the Program and its constituent seminaries.

Bylaw and Articles Amendments

The Chair of the Board of Directors, Laura Lof, presented a memorandum concerning proposed amendments to the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Iowa Conference. After the presentation, the delegates were given the opportunity to engage in a time for discussion of the proposed amendments.

Carstensen Bequest policies

Board member David Nelson presented a memorandum concerning the policies adopted by the Board of Directors for management of the Jens A. Carstensen Family Endowment Fund. After the presentation, the delegates were given the opportunity to engage in a time for discussion of the policies.

2012 Budget

Treasurer Larry Hanon presented the proposed 2012 budget for the Conference.

Report of United Church of Christ Insurance Board

Mary Harris presented a report from the United Church of Christ Insurance Board.

Recognition of Clergy Changes

CM Pleva reported on changes in clergy status within the Iowa Conference. New pastors and pastors who changed calls within the Conference were individually recognized.

UCC Honored Laywomen

ACM Jensen announced that Joyce Hertz (UCC Congregational, Ames), Jean Libby (UCC Congregational, Grinnell) and Kathleen Murrin (Plymouth Congregational UCC, Des Moines) will be named as UCC Honored Lay Women at General Synod 28.

Moderator Fisher recessed the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

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Moderator Fisher declared the Annual Meeting back in session at 8:55 a.m.

New Conference Website

Office Manager and Assistant to the Conference Minister Jo Ordway made a presentation introducing the new Iowa Conference website.

Moderator Fisher introduced J. Bennett Guess, Minister and Team Leader of the office of Publishing, Identity and Communication of the United Church of Christ.

Election

2011 AM-5. M/S to declare the following persons elected to the positions indicated by acclamation:

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Approved unanimously.

2012 Compensation Guidelines.

2011 AM-6. M/S to approve the 2012 Compensation Guidelines. Approved unanimously.

Pilgrim Heights

Representatives of Our Sacred Space, Inc. made a presentation on behalf of Pilgrim Heights.

2012 Budget

2011 AM-7. Moved (no second required) to approve the 2012 proposed budget. Approved unanimously.

Other Business

Moderator Fisher issued a call for other business. No one responded.

Mayflower Community

Bob Mann, the Executive Director of Mayflower Homes, Inc. presented a report on operations of the Mayflower Community.

Installation of Elected Persons and Persons Continuing to Serve

Moderator Fisher declared the meeting in recess at 9:15 a.m. for the installation of newly elected persons and persons continuing to serve.

Moderator Fisher reconvened the meeting at the close of the installation service.

Carstensen Fund

At the request of delegates interested in the policy adopted by the Board of Directors for the management of the Jens A. Carstensen Family Endowment Fund, Moderator Fisher agreed to suspend the rules so that the following matter might be brought the Annual Meeting.

It was moved and seconded to remove the following resolution from the table:

Resolved that all income from the Carstensen Family Endowment Fund be used to enhance OCWM in both Iowa and the national setting according to the percentages set at each Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference.

The resolution was presented to the delegates for a voice vote. Because results of the voice vote were inconclusive, the Moderator called for a division of the house. This was done by a show of hands. The motion to remove the resolution from the table was defeated with 41 delegates voting “Aye” and 79 voting “Nay”.

Resolution of Thanks

Moderator Fisher then recognized Moderator-elect Robert Deranleau, who offered the following resolution of thanks for the 2011 Annual Meeting:

2011 AM-8. Resolution of Thanks for the 2011 Annual Meeting.

WHEREAS we, the representatives of the Iowa Conference of the United Church of Christ, have assembled here at the 49th Annual Meeting, answering God’s call to greet each other as brothers and sisters in Christ; break fast, lunch and dine together; listen, discuss and discern with one another; sing, pray and worship together; learn about and with each other; and figure out how together we can work in God’s vineyard; and

WHEREAS this gathering has been the result of hours of careful thought and planning, born of the dreams of earnest hearts, and the work of many hands;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we pause to give thanks.

To the members of the Annual Meeting Planning Team, under the direction of Jonna

Jensen and Nicole Havelka; with support staff Jo Ordway and Mallory Hamilton; thank you.

To Paul Johnson of the Ames UCC who led us in worship last evening; thank you.

To the organizers of the Youth Event: Nicole Havelka; the chaperones and the youth participants; thank you.

To those who provided child care; thank you.

To the Workshop leaders: Dave Mears, Lynn Butterbrodt, Tony Stoik, J. Bennett Guess, Gayle V. Strickler, Jr., Nicole Havelka, Dr. Kenneth R. Bickel, Rich Pleva, Linda Hanson, Liz and Doug Searles, Lynn Zeigler, Charles Kniker, Jane Buck, and Dianne Prichard; thank you

To the Plymouth Saturday Night Praise Band; thank you.

To those who brought to us the wider church: Joyce Fisher, Iowa Religious Media Services; Ben Guess, UCC Director of Communications, National Office UCC; Mary Harris, Insurance Board; Ann Graham, Our Sacred Space; Bob Mann, Mayflower Community; Liz and Doug Searles, International Ministry; CUE Seminaries; thank you.

To our very capable Conference Staff: Rev. Dr. Rich Pleva, Rev. Tony Stoik, Rev. Jonna Jensen, Rev. Nicole Havelka, Dianne Prichard, Jo Ordway, Mallory Hamilton, and Randy Adams; thank you.

To our very dedicated Board of Directors; thank you.

To the Central Association and its Advisory Council who hosted our meeting; thank you.

To the staff of Iowa State University Scheman Building for their service to us; thank you.

To Joyce Fisher our Moderator who kept us on track; thank you.

To God from whom all blessings flow, Christ Jesus the fire caster and our redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who keeps the flame burning in our hearts; to these wonders who are our reason for being; may all glory and honor, love and praise be spent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we who participated in this meeting will share what we have taken here with all that the Spirit moves us to do.

The Resolution of Thanks was approved by acclamation:

Passing of the Gavel

After the approval of the Resolution of Thanks, Moderator Fisher made brief closing remarks and passed the gavel to Moderator-elect Deranleau, who declared the 49th Annual Meeting of the Iowa Conference adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Mary Stonebraker, Secretary