

## **Agenda for SWA Executive Council meeting Thursday, 12/15/22 @ 6:30 PM**

- Opening prayer The Lord's Prayer
- Approve Minutes from October 20, 2022
- Rev. James Schleif UCCI Camp situation and how we can help
  - UCCI had done a new thing and prepared an Annual Report that has been sent to all members of this group.
  - UCCI Great debt
  - Reduced participation – about 2/3 of previous
  - Doubled central staff and payroll
  - Conference will buy Daychola as conf headquarters.
  - Staff and admin has been reduced since May.
  - Message: Please Come. Return to Sacred Ground
  - Questions: Does UCCI have a need for Endowment Fund? UCCI has no funds for deferred maintenance or even current maintenance.
  - Funding \$950 for Youth \$2100 for regular campers from 2022.
  - New software will reduce costs and make a difference in the whole registration process.
- Board of Directors Report
  - Morning Session 2 hours – Generative : What are you experiencing in church?
  - Business: UCCI, OCWM is going well, changes to the 2023 budget. Transfer of money of Trost Center sales to purchase of Daychola.
- Associate Conference Minister's Report
  - Remember : We need representation : Fitness Review Team need two representatives from SW Assoc. 1 Clergy and 1 Lay.
  - Delegates to Synod: 1 clergy under 40.
  - Tisha is done on Dec 20. There are interviews going on for the director.
  - New courses opening this winter.
  - Robb MacDougal retiring. Michael Jones is the new person.
  - Clergy retreat Feb at Daychola. Questions about scholarships were. Discussed. Money would come from Church and Ministry 2023 budget.

Approved in principle with a cap of approx. \$2000. This will be settled in January.

- Boundary Training Feb 15-16, all online and repeated Oct. same material.
- Lots of pastoral openings still in SW.
- Rachel will be serving on Wis Council of Churches as UCC representative.
  
- Treasurer's Report
  - Don reports that our finances look great. He reports through October and is waiting for clarity on a small issue before issuing November.
  - Since this report, Social Concerns has granted \$6500
  - Item from agenda: Camp funds now and the future? We discussed with Jim Schleif. More details in January.
  - Item from agenda: Dues for next year sent in November or January? This was not discussed.
  
- Division on Church and Ministry Report
  - Getting caught up with clergy support conversations/reviews from last two years.
  - Unified Member in Discernment Assessment Team group - UMAT. Working with Marks of Faithful and Effective Ministry. New MIDs will be added in 2023.
  - Funds for 2/3 scholarship to help a transfer minister with a class on UCC Polity and history. Course is \$400. Asking for 2/3 of cost to help a DOC paster to attend. Move to authorize this special expenditure from Church and Ministry Funds: Marlea. Second by Roberta. All approve.
  
- Social Concerns Committee Report – no committee member present.
  - Jessica Taft will take this seat on this board
  - Unused funds being spent see Treasurer above.
  - Note from Janet. Prison Ministry, which we have long supported through First Congregational Madison, was featured in Capital Times in Dec. 14 as lead article. Good recognition of this work.

- Updates on the annual meeting: Timing will be May 6, 2023 from 9 am – 1pm. Theme is Creativity and the Arts with art breakout sessions. Installation of Rachel, and other business.
- Meeting to plan for 2024 budget: David, Tanya, Marlea, and Don. January 9 at 1:00 pm tentatively set.
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- General Synod Delegates still needed: Young Male (2023 & 2025); Clergy Male (could be a lay person - 2023 & 2025); 2 alternates (2023 & 2025)
- Good bye and Thank you to Joylynn as she accepts a call in Tennessee
- Looking for nominations for the Executive Committee for recommendation at the annual meeting

Adjourn @8:00 PM

Meetings will be scheduled in January, March, May, August, September, October, and December.

The next meeting will be January 19, 2022 @ 6:30.