

**Board of Directors**  
**June 11, 2018**  
**Zoom Meeting/Conference Call**  
**Voting on the Transitional Conference Minister**

**Present:** Cathy Green, Mindy Quellhorst, Sam Buehrer, Jeff Roeger, Cynthia Tyson, Bob Tussing, Donna Overholt, Pam Linderson, Terry Williams, Patricia Battle, Jack Sullivan, Adrian Sunday (David Plant could not be present but was a part of the Contract Discussions last week. Jay McMillen could not be present but was on the Search Committee.

The Board people received all the relevant material from the Search Committee's candidate. This included the candidate's written statements.

**Prayer by Mindy Quellhorst**

**Call to Order by Cathy Green**

The Search Committee received seven profiles and three were selected for personal interviews. After the Search Committee met and considered and discussed...the Search Committee recommends the Rev. David Long-Higgins for the Transitional Conference Minister.

Each of the final three were asked

- Why do you feel called to this position?
- What are your qualifications?

We have a proposed contract for the candidate between the BOD and Transitional Conference Minister (TCM). (The term "Call" is only used between the TCM and the entire Conference of the Ohio Conference UCC.)

Various members of the Board, who were on the Search process, emphasized that the decision was not easy because of the great candidates. The decision for Rev. Long-Higgins was unanimous though.

**Motion:** To affirm the recommendation of the Search Committee and elect Rev. David M. Long-Higgins as Transitional Conference Minister of the Ohio Conference effective September 1, 2018. (Moved by Cynthia Tyson, seconded by Donna Overholt.)

**Motion Passes... Unanimous**

The **Executive Committee** submits the contract for approval. The time frame for this position is two to three years for TCM. If a new structure is agreed upon, Rev. Long-Higgins will be eligible to apply for what ever position might be made at that time. The Committee has used as a template some contracts from other Conferences. There are moving/relocation expenses included within the contract. Minor changes and modifications could be discussed by Executive Committee. Moving Costs in the \$2,500-

\$4,000 range. The increase on the budget is about \$25,000 on the total budget, according to Treasurer, Sam Buehrer. Dave requires only individual insurance.

**Motion:** To authorize Conference Moderator Cathy Green to execute the proposed employment agreement with Rev. David M. Long-Higgins with any minor modifications to be approved by the Executive Committee. (Moved by Terry Williams, seconded by Mindy Quellhorst.)

**Motion Passes... Unanimous**

Cathy will contact the Rev. Dave Long-Higgins in the coming days.

Next meeting is **June 22 at Dublin Community Church UCC**. This will include by-law changes concerning Eastern and Western Reserve. There is also Faith Formation information and a discussion on the Audit.

Adjourned by Cathy Green.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Tussing,  
Secretary, Ohio Conference UCC Board of Directors