

Ohio Conference Annual Gathering
June 14, 2014
Plenary Session

Remembrance Time
Benediction

Phil Hart, Ohio Conference Minister

Call to Order

Tim Smith, Ohio Conference Moderator

A quorum exists for a meeting as declared by Tim Smith.

Conference Minister's Presentation

Phil Hart

Phil expressed thanks for the technology, which allows us to participate in three locations, Cleveland, Dayton, Columbus (Delaware, MTSO). He called on the Ohio Conference to listen to the reports and see the progress which is being made. We must be in covenant and in meetings and in discussions with one another as we move the Ohio Conference UCC into the future. In all these things we are seeing God in our work.

2013 Minutes

Tim Smith

The minutes of 2013 were Moved, Seconded...with no additions or corrections. The minutes were adopted.

Treasurer's Report 2014/2015 Budgets

Sam Buehrer, Ohio Conference Treasurer

Cash on hand is around \$14,000

Outdoor Ministries put Temples Hills on sabbatical, with the resulting loss of those workers at those camps. We had spent our reserves for this.

- We are presenting a unified budget, which includes all offerings and operating budget and restricted fund. This more accurately reflects the entire budgets.
- 2014 Budget & 2015 budgets combined would include about a \$90,000 surplus, which is reflected in the sabbatical of Temples Hills.
- ODM contracted with UCCR, from California. UCCR has a proven track record of running camps efficiently. We expect to save on management costs and yet still run the camps.
- Summer camps and Fall Youth Event will still be run by the Ohio Conference.
- We hope to charge the true cost of camps to campers.
- Projected deficits will be reflected in the budgets.

Motion: Accept the Treasurer's Report of 2013 as given by Treasurer Sam Buehrer,
Passed.

Motion: The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ adopts for 2014, an amended Conference Budget of \$1,907,742

Passed

Motion: The Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ adopts for 2015, a Conference Budget of \$1,603,955

(There is a question concerning our direct insurance budgeting...which are now related to UCCR budgets) (Question about the figures for registration costs and Personnel between 2014 & 2015. These costs will be handled by UCCR in 2015.)

Passed

Outdoor Ministries Discussion

Phil Hart

- Camp staff was asked to stand and be recognized. And it was acknowledged that staff jobs have been affected by these changes, which has saved money.
- All church camps and use of the facilities can indeed be utilized to their fullest.
- These changes have been difficult yet necessary as the future of the camps does now look brighter. It is not yet known when Temple Hills will come off sabbatical.

Constitution and Bylaw Revisions

Tim Smith

Motion: THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Annual Gathering of the Ohio Conference of the United Church of Christ amends the language in its Constitution and Bylaws, Article V, paragraphs 18 and 25 to reflect the elimination of the five positions, a board size of twenty two members and a quorum of eight.

(Because the National Church new Governance numbers have eliminated five positions)
(This requires a 2/3 vote and will be done by hand).

Motion **Passes**.

General Synod 2015

**Sue & Derry Wimer, Co-Chairs,
Synod Local Arrangements Committee**

2015 General Synod in Cleveland, Ohio. About 450 volunteers are needed. See the Overview of Volunteer Opportunities for General Synod. This can be done on-line. Pam Brown can assist with any questions. Our thanks to the Wimers.

2015 Clergy Compensation Guidelines

Tim Smith

Motion: Accept the 2015 Clergy Compensation Guidelines.

Passes

Disaster Response

Jim Ditzler, Co-Director, Disaster Response Ministry

We have assisted with housing and bridges in the Ohio and W. Virginia areas. More are needed to help with this relief work.

Nomination Committee Report/Election/Recognition

Tim Smith/Phil Hart

There were no additional nominations from the floor.

Vote on the Nominees on the Blue Sheet....**vote passes by acclamation.**

Thanks to Kathy Jones and Russ Kimmerly who are going off the Board of Directors.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Tussing,

Secretary, Ohio Conference UCC Board of Directors