

**Penn West Conference United Church of Christ
Summary of Board Actions June 2023-May 2024**

Rev. David Mears, Moderator
Rev. Liddy Barlow, Assistant Moderator
Ms. Wendy Bigelow, Secretary
Mr. Tom Croner, Treasurer
Ms. Deborah Long, Assistant Treasurer
Rev. David Ackerman, Conference Minister (ex officio)
Mr. Mark Brautigam
Rev. Barry Fillman
Rev. Sharon Fox

Rev. Dr. Leanna Fuller
Ms. Alice Niebauer
Rev. Nicole Pickens
Mr. Joel Pretz
Rev. Frank Sapp, Jr.
Rev. Paul Sarver
Ms. Miriam Slicker
Rev. Diane Smith
Rev. Joe Ward

June 6, 2023

Motion carried: To hire Shannon Garrett-Doege as the Associate for Youth Ministry.

Motion carried: To reserve on the balance sheet \$1,000.00 annually for the next 10 years for server upgrade.

Motion carried: To accept the updated Fiscal Policy Guidelines to Include changes defining net assets with donor restrictions and net assets without restrictions as of 5-30-23.

Motion carried: To place anticipated money from the Henry Berg trust (\$180,154.21) in a separate interest-bearing fund with Somerset Trust until the Investment Committee can make a recommendation to the Board on investing it.

July 11, 2023

Motion carried: To authorize Dr. Carrie Call to sign a contract on behalf of the Penn West Conference with the Penn Stater for the dates of June 6-9, 2024 for a shared four PA conference meeting.

Motion carried: To approve the 2024 Clergy Compensation Guidelines.

August 26, 2023

Motion carried: To use \$10,452.00 of the Berg Scholarship monies that we received from PNC for 2023 scholarships, and to invest the remaining amount in Somerset Trust according to our established investment criteria with them.

September 30, 2023

Motion carried: To accept the resignation of Ms. Carrie Goral from the Board.

Motion carried: To put \$2,500.00 a year into the annual reserve for a Conference Minister sabbatical.

Motion carried: To accept the Henry Berg Scholarship Committee Position Description.

February 26, 2024

Motion carried: That the Financial Assessment for the 2021 Books be received and accepted.

Motion carried: That the Board approves the goals of the Long Range Planning Team and tasks the LRPT to take the next step of developing a strategic plan to implement the goals.

Motion carried: That the Board empowers the Financial Stewards to find funding up to \$30,000.00 to provide a scholarship for ½ of the registration for the Annual Meeting and additional expenses as available.

Motion carried: To not renew our membership in Standing Firm.

April 13, 2024

Motion carried: To approve that the 2025 budget be presented at the annual meeting.

Motion carried: That the 3 funds held at UCF (Killius Bequest, Retired & Aging Ministers, and Capital Improvements) be combined into one and continues to be held at UCF. The funds at Somerset Trust (Weber-Oil lease, Youth Program, Association Events, Women's Retreat, and the CM Discretionary Fund) be combined into the PWC Investment Fund and the draw used for the General Fund expenses.

Motion carried: That we accept the amended strategic plan as presented by the Long Range Planning Committee for 2024-2025.