

MidAmerica Region, UUA  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 5, 2020

Trustees Present: David Lauth, Tammy Lemmer, Sarah Oglesby-Dunegan, Kyrie Bock, Dorit Bergen

Staff Present: David Pyle, Sharon Dittmar

#### Call to Order:

David L called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM CST.

Kyrie facilitated the meeting and shared opening words. This was followed by check ins.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

Tammy moved and Sarah seconded approval of the January minutes. Motion passed.

#### Book Discussion

“An Indigenous People’s History of the United States” Chapters 4 & 5 were discussed. Chapters 6 & 7 will be discussed next month.

#### Revised Board Covenant

David L presented the updated Board Covenant, pointing out the two changes: emphasizing our commitment to dismantling white supremacy and our commitment to observing a process whereby a member may choose to leave a difficult conversation and is expected and welcomed back at a future point. David L moved adoption, Sarah seconded and the motion passed. The covenant will be shared with new board members after the Regional Assembly.

#### Regional & National Advisory Councils

David P shared that the calls to congregations are going well. It was agreed that Sharon will create a second list of small congregations for Board members to call in March.

David also shared that Jessica has asked for and received permission from the UUA Board to rethink the National Advisory Council proposal because it is not sustainable in its current form. David L will be talking to Jessica about his ideas on this subject.

#### Financial Report and Budgets

David P reported that the ask for MidAmerica is the same as last year. Also, that the UUA is moving from calculating shared monies on a monthly basis to calculating the money given to each region yearly and basing it on last year’s budget. This means that we will know in August what our income from the UUA will be for the next year. MidAmerica has quite a few large congregations, many of whom are not honor congregations, which is in large part why we are a resources scarce region.

David P reported that MidAmerica will experience a \$32,000 increase in costs, mostly because we will start paying for support we have been receiving from the UUA and the Southern Region. He will be sending us two draft budgets for our consideration. One is a deficit budget and one is a non-deficit budget. Members are asked to review both budgets and to pay particular attention to the notes provided for various line items. The Board will vote on a final budget at the March meeting. David P is happy to answer any questions we may have between now and then. David L asked that we be given information about our reserves.

#### Regional Assembly

Sharon reported that planning for Assembly is proceeding well. 50 people have registered so far and any Board member who has not already done so should register now. She shared the schedule and David L reviewed the Board's schedule: meet for dinner on Thursday evening, meet for breakfast at 8:00 AM on Friday morning and work through until 5:00 PM. Reminder that Kyrie suggested allowing 2 hours to get from O'Hare to Rockford on Thursday.

The Board will deliver a personal thank you to the Rockford Congregation at the Assembly.

#### Fall Retreat

We have a tentative reservation for October 16-18 at Custer State Park.

#### Closing

Check outs and process observations. Kyrie had a closing reading.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM CST

Respectfully submitted by Dorit Bergen, Board Secretary