

Minutes of the 2022 Annual Congregational Business Meeting June 19, 2022

Chair: Rev. Jeff Rock, Moderator of the Board of Directors

Minutes: Cassidy Hicks, Office Manager

	Item/Description	Motion
1.	Call to Order/Establishment of Quorum The Annual Congregational Business Meeting was called to order at 12:43pm, at the conclusion of the 11AM online worship service. Voting members were identified in-person and online via Zoom, and a quorum (51) was established.	
2.	Opening Prayer (Rev. Jeff Rock)	
3.	Motion to approve ACBM 2022 agenda	Moved by: Marilyn Byers Seconded by: James Beattie Motion: Carried
4.	Motion to approve the 2021 ACBM minutes	Moved by: Marilyn Byers Seconded by: Patty Gray Motion: Carried
5.	Senior Pastor's Report 2021 (Rev. Jeff Rock) Received for information as part of the 2021 Annual Report .	
6.	Financial Recap <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sustained giving number have declined slightly - With in-person worship cancelled, offerings declined compared to 2021. However, \$67,452 more was raised from special offerings, more major gifts were made. - Savings were found in understaffing/vacant positions, including staff and worship positions. - Some building renovation costs were higher than expected, but Facilities Manager Mrk Asselin cut nearly 50% on major costs. - Gov. Grants totaled \$72,000 - Candlelight Concerts continue to rent the sanctuary 4 nights per week, providing steady rental income. - 2020-2021 showed an increase in net assets invested in capital (renovations increase value). - Dramatic growth to internal board restricted funds. - Question was raised from the congregation about where money is invested. Anne Brayley answered that it is invested with the Toronto Foundation and GIC. Toronto Fund recently held a fundholder even with their Investment Manager for full transparency to organizations on how their funds are used. - Janet Fitzsimmons asked how can congregants can support MCC Toronto beyond making a donation. 	

	<p>Rev. Jeff responded that if anyone hears of grants or applications that may be useful to MCC Toronto and Human Rights work to contact us.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question was raised from the congregation on how much is in MCC Toronto's endowment. Rev. Jeff answered that just over one million is in board restricted funds, not including money from the ELEVATION Campaign). 	
7.	Motion to receive audited financial statements for 2021	<p>Moved by: James Beattie Seconded by: Dennis Aita Motion: Carried</p>
8.	Motion to appoint Hilborn LLC as the auditor for 2022	<p>Moved by: John Plumadore Seconded by: Kevin Willcock Motion: Carried</p>
9.	<p>Motion to elect directors Candidates for election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stephenie Naugler, 3 year term <p><i>Having assessed the result of a show of hands the chair instructed the secretary to cast a ballot for the election of the persons presented for election.</i></p>	<p>Moved by: Jan Higgins Seconded by: Lee Sef B. Moran Motion: Carried</p>
10.	Thanks were given to retiring board member, Andrew Fleming who will continue to sit on the MCC Toronto Governance Committee. Rev. Jeff took a special moment to thank the Governance Committee and the rest of the Board of Directors.	
11.	<p>Electing Lay Delegates to the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches General Conference Candidates for election:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - James D'Astolfo - Andrew Fleming - Janet Fitzsimmons - JJ Viviers - Catherine Meade 	<p>Moved by: Ducan Broom Seconded by: Henry Wright Motion: Carried</p>
	<p>Statement of Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - While this is the fifth deficit budget in a row, the last 4 years ended up with small surplus. - Rev. Jeff presented a brief overview of the Statement of Operations, citing that expenses tend to be higher at beginning of the year, but more donation and income is found at the end of the year. - The Finance Committee is planning for a small deficit, but expects to work towards goals to mitigate that. 	
	Introduction of Staff	
	Q&A	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Q: Is focus being brought to rebuilding, new people in the pews on Sunday mornings. What are we doing to bring people in? A: Hiring staff, bolstering human rights work, attracting new people. Raising money to hire more staff to free pastors up to do clergy work. Kitchen/social hall rentals after renovation will allow for more events & community meals. - Q: Where are the children and young and why do they leave? A: While there have been no staff for children and family programming until Rev. June's arrival, we plan to resume children/family programming in September when school starts. 	
12.	Motion for call to adjourn	Upon motion duly made and seconded, motion carried.
13.	Closing Prayer (Rev. Jeff Rock)	