

Living Water Association of Ohio NorthEast
(Living Water ONE)
Saturday, June 20, 2020
Association Council Meeting

Attendees: Joanna D'Agostino, Mark Frey, Kelly Fuhrmann, Ben Guess, Matthew Hogue-Smith, Michael Howard, Sandra Hutchinson, Nayiri Karjian, Cheryl Lindsay, Rachel McDonald, Phyllis Richards, Steven Savides, Charlene Smith, Jason Thompson, Heather Tuck-Macalla

Welcoming

Centering and Devotions

Offered by Ben Guess, a reflection on the Black Lives Matter movement and the time we find ourselves in

Action Items

1. Association General Minister and Minister of Faith in Action are calling for a council working group to help address racism and be a voice for action
 - a. The council affirmed their desire to form such a group. Contact Nayiri if you have an interest in participating in this group.
2. Restructuring Heartland Conference
 - a. Update
 - b. Discussion
 - c. Vote: "To increase the annual fund distribution from Key Bank funds by 1%, to 6% annually in order to support the ministry of SONKA until the end of 2021."
 - i. Note: the advisory team added a timeframe for the 1% to expire with the opportunity to revisit in December 2021. This coincides with the financial restructuring of SONKA.
 - ii. Moved by Cheryl Lindsay, second by Mark Frey, motion passed
3. Personnel/Human Resources Committee
 - a. Appointing: Charlene Smith - 3-year term
 - b. Motion by Sandy Hutchinson, second by Mark Frey, motion passed

Reports

1. General Minister
 - a. Additional comment in addition to the submitted report: anticipating that events scheduled for the fall will continue to be held online due to COVID-19.

- b. Request by Jason Thompson for the association to develop some sort of virtual worship service similar to the one shared by the Council of Conference Ministers
2. Minister of Faith in Action
 - a. Highlighted the sacred conversation on racial justice and how COVID-19 has affected the planning of the Akron-area projects
3. Generosity and Stewardship Festival - Saturday, August 22, online with Michael Piazza
 - a. Details are still being worked out, a reminder to help promote the event
4. Association Annual Meeting - Saturday, November 7
 - a. Theme: What would the church look like if it were a spiritual community?
 - b. Speaker: Bishop Yvette Flunder
 - c. A decision has not yet made as to location, whether virtual, in-person, or hybrid
5. Update - First Christian Church, Cuyahoga Falls standing in LWA

Accepting Written Reports

- Minutes of March 2020 reports, staff reports, and committee reports were accepted by consent

Additional items for discussion

- NEOSOM: future discussions needed surrounding communication between NEOSOM, the council, and seminaries

2020 Meetings - Saturdays: September 19, November 21 10 am – 12 pm via Zoom due to COVID-19