

GOVERNANCE IN ACTION

Monthly Executive Summary | Mar. 2023

The following are highlights from the 03/13/2023 Governance Board (GB) meeting:

AGENDA

- **Call to order/devotional — Mr. Jordan**
 - Members attending included Mrs. Benjamin, Ike Jordan (Vice-President), Angie Burch (Treasurer), Cory Tylenda (Secretary), Wendy Featherstone, Jim Quinn, and Rev. Dr. Stephen Cady, II (Minister). David Strong, Church Administrator and Beth Wilkens were absent.
- **Review/Approve Consent Agenda — All**
 1. Jan. 2023 Gov. Board Meeting Highlights — Mr. Tylenda
 2. Senior Minister's Report — Rev. Dr. Cady
 3. PSC Minutes and .xls sheet provided — Ms. Featherstone
 4. IC Materials — Ms. Wilkins
 5. PPRC Minutes — Mr. Quinn

Discussion:

- Inclusive Marriage Survey Results: Rev. Dr. Cady provided an update on the response to the inclusive wedding ceremonies survey. A clear majority of the survey results are in favor and overwhelmingly supportive of allowing inclusive marriages at Asbury First UMC. The GB Board considered and approved the following resolution:
- RESOLVED: Consistent with AFUMC's values as a Reconciling Congregation, and with the congregation's overwhelming support of the Governing Board's Position Statement Regarding Inclusive Wedding Ceremonies, the Governing Board hereby approves use of AFUMC facilities for inclusive marriage ceremonies. As per the Book of Discipline of the United Methodist Church, the discretion to perform any particular wedding remains with the respective member of the pastoral staff.
- To communicate this decision, we will send a printed letter to the congregation from Reverend Cady.
- Ms. Wilkins proposed the following amendment to the Governing Board for adoption.
- RESOLVED: The Governing Board hereby reaffirms its general policy that members should serve only one three-year term, and the President should have a maximum two-year term in that office; provided, however, the Governing Board may from time to time adjust the term of one or more Board members to preserve rotational balance of the Board (generally 2, 2, and 3 members respectively rotating off in any year), and the Governing Board in its discretion may invite a President, then in office, who is rotating off the Board to attend Board meetings for an additional year in a non-voting ex officio capacity.
- Resolutions Log: It was determined that a summary document of all board resolutions be created, to allow for easier reference over time. Compliment to Rev. Dr. Cady: Mr. Quinn wanted to take a moment to Thank Stephen for his leadership of the church. We had a lot of new members in the new members' class, and it was noticed. The GB shared their appreciation to Rev. Dr. Cady. It was also noted that pastoral leadership team works

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tirelessly and has taken on extra duties as COVID has changed the definition of the church. We have an extended outreach now via our virtual platform.

- *Meeting adjourned at 6:20PM. Respectfully submitted, Cory Tylenda, Secretary*