

# **MISSION COUNCIL VOTES**

## **October 2015 to September 2016**

### **Mission Council**

#### **October 9, 2015, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Approve the recommendation of the Pilgrim Lodge Building Committee to select the bid of Blane Casey Building Contractor, Inc. as the primary contractor, at a cost not to exceed \$950,000.00 and authorized Mark to sign a contract for the Council.

VOTED: Approve \$50,000 for the Contingency provision.

VOTED: Approve the release of \$500,000 from the Rockcraft Center sale proceeds. This \$500,000 is the remaining balance of the \$750,000 previously approved at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

VOTED: Approve \$176,000 for the completion of the kitchen, the amphitheater, and the maintenance shed.

VOTED: Elect Bill Walsh as Vice Moderator.

#### **November 14, 2015, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Accept the agenda as amended.

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the September 18, 2015 and October 9, 2015 Mission Council meetings and the October 17-18, 2015 Annual Meeting.

VOTED: Approve the 2016 Housing Allowance Designation Resolutions for Rev. Deborah Blood, Rev. Ineke Mitchell, Rev. Daren Morgan, and Rev. Bryan Breault.

VOTED: Accept the Treasurer's report.

#### **December 17, 2015, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Approve the bid of C. Caprara of Winthrop, Maine, as the kitchen equipment contractor, at a cost not to exceed \$110,000, along with a contingency of 5% (outside of the contract) on the approved bid, and further authorize the Business Manager, Mark Schussler, to sign a contract for the purpose of purchasing services and equipment for completion of the kitchen on behalf of the Mission Council.

#### **March 11, 2016, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the November 14, 2015 meeting.

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the December 16, 2015 Mission Council meeting.

VOTED: Elect Cynthia Huggins and Rev. Geoff Parker as new At Large members of the Mission Council.

#### **May 13, 2016, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the March 11, 2016 meeting.

#### **July 8, 2016, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the May 13, 2016 meeting.

VOTED: Direct the Finance Committee to present a 2017 deficit budget to the September 9<sup>th</sup> Mission Council meeting.

VOTED: Approve the Maine UCC Musician's Resource Team.

VOTED: Authorize the Outdoor Ministries Committee as the Outdoor Ministries Resource Team.

VOTED: Reauthorize all current Resource Teams for the next year and that the Mission Council will work to establish permanent authorization guidelines for the future.

**September 9, 2016, Conference Center, Augusta, Maine**

VOTED: Approve agenda as presented.

VOTED: Accept the minutes of the July 8, 2016 meeting as presented.

VOTED: Include four recommendations in the Finance Committee's report:

- (1) Utilize \$50,000 of the \$250,000 of the Rockcraft funds, approved at a previous annual meeting for communications needs, in order to offset a portion of the projected deficit for Pilgrim Lodge in 2017 (This is to be a one-time only authorization.);
- (2) Use up to the remaining \$200,000 in order to fund the following:
  - (a) a consultant to help in the process that Pilgrim Lodge is undertaking in order to identify strategies for ensuring sustainability in the future;
  - (b) promote our churches' vitality and leadership development; and
  - (c) fund innovative and experimental ministry opportunities as we seek to discern God's vision for the next generation of Church.
- (3) Place the remaining \$400K of Rockcraft money into Mission Council designated investments; and,
- (4) Identify the \$3,000 contribution to the Maine Council of Churches on a separate line in the budget.

VOTED: Accept the Finance Committee report and the proposed 2017 budget for recommendation to the Annual Meeting.