**Southwest Conference April 30th, 2022, Annual Meeting Minutes**

**Bill and Bard lead opening devotion and Prayer including a land acknowledgment and reflection**

**Call to order 8:47 AZ Time 9:47 NM Time**

Sarah introduces Brendan, the conference Parliamentarian. Bill introduces Your Parttime Controller and recognize Dean as main finance office contact. Sarah thanks and recognizes the staff. Bill discusses the staff transition, thanks Phil as disaster Coordinators and announces new Disaster Coordinators Tom and Gloria. Bill thanks Lay Minister Michael, in his work in raising awareness for mental health

**Quorum reached 27 churches present**

**Consent Agenda is Adopted**

**Moderators Report**

Sarah shares her report which is also present in written form. Thanks everyone who participated in committee and boards for the year.

**Associate Conference Minister’s Report**

Barb shares her report which is also present in written form and shares how she hopes to move with the conference in the future.

**Conference Minister Report**

Bill shares his report that is also present in written form. Talks to the conference about the future especially in regard to how the church has changed since Covid-19.

Bill asks Rev Myra Taylor to introduce herself and her vison to start a new church in Phoenix. Rev Taylor shares that experience.

Discusses welcoming folks in the conference as they are.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Scott gives report on the finances. He thanks the members for their support. He presents the budget.

**Motion to receive the report. Motion Carries.**

**Motion to Adopt FY 2023. Discussion. Motion Carries.**

**Racial Justice Team’s Report**

Moves to adopt 9 steps document. Christopher elaborates on the document. Conversation about the document.

**Motion to Adopt 9 Steps Document. Motion Carries.**

**Partners and Guest Recognitions**

Bill recognizes legacy congregations. Bill recognizes the partners of the Southwest Conference.

**Our Life Together**

Wende shares the 5 for 5 Churches and 7 for 7 Churches videos.

**Nominating Committee Report**

Ken shares the report for committee, thanks Bill and Genevieve and thanks all members of the committee as well as those who serves. Ken present slate of nominations.

No nominations from the floor.

**Motion to adopt slate as presented. Motion Carries with 1 abstention**

**COCAM B Report and Recommendation**

Brendan presents report. Discusses Revolution UCC in El Paso disappearing.

**Motion for SWC to recognize that Revolution UCC has closed. Motion Carries with 4 abstentions.**

**Motion is for First Samoan Congregational Christian Church Toafa o le Talalelei EFKAS of Wittman to be received a covenanted local church of the Southwest Conference of the UCC.**

Desert Garden UCC speaks on behalf of First Samoan Congregational Christian Church Toafa o le Talalelei EFKAS of Wittman through Bill Utke. Brendan discusses COCAM B’s involvement in the process as well and mentions that COCAM B recommends the motion to be adopted.

**Motion Carries**

Bill mentions that the covenanting service would be heard June 12th, 2022, at Desert Garden.

**Liturgy of The Order of Affirming the Ministries of the SWC Standing Committee Members**

Conducted by Bill and Sarah.

Sarah passes the gavel to Susan as moderator.

**Expressions of Gratitude**

Rebecca gives the gratitude and gift on behalf of the board. Sarah also thanks the board.

**Meeting Adjourned 11:08 AM AZ Time 12:08 PM NM Time.**

Respectfully Submitted

Hubert Hirwa