

SWC Annual Meeting Business Session
Saturday, April 29, 2023, 8:31 am AZ/NM/El Paso

*Extravagantly welcoming and affirming followers of Christ
called to embody God's unconditional justice and love.*

Present: Wende called the roll; 26 churches were represented. A quorum was established.

Words of welcome and introduction were offered by Moderator Susan Valiquette. Susan then offered an **opening prayer**.

The meeting was **called to order** at 8:30 am AZ/9:30 am NM & EP.

Consent Agenda

- The Moderator read the 14 items included in the Consent Agenda.
- Hearing no objections, *the Consent Agenda was adopted*.

Acknowledgement of Guests

- Rev. Dr. James Foucher, UCC Western Regional Generosity Officer
- Amy Gerardis, UCCIB
- Valerie Honea, UCC PB
- Tracy Howe

Presentation of FY2024 Budget

- Rev. Dr. Gloria Smith, representing the Finance & Endowment Committee, presented the budget.
- Scott Greenwood, SWC Treasurer and Finance & Endowment Committee Chair, was also available for questions.
- Susan Sommerfeld, Casas Adobes UCC, suggested that a line item be included in the budget (annually) for at least \$30,000 to Cruzando Fronteras, in support of the work Sister Lika does at La Casa Misericordia.
- The Treasurer responded, with additional details about the budget, as well as adding a word of caution about amending the budget at the last minute [especially given that this is a deficit budget].
- Rev. Michael Bush, Casas Adobes UCC, commented, requesting that the Conference act with transparency and more timeliness (eg., presenting comparison budgets).
- The motion to approve the budget as presented is from a standing committee and is recommended by the Executive Board; no second is needed.
 - o Yea's: 23 in the room, 23 online
 - o Nay's: 4 in the room, 9 online
 - o Abstention: 0 in the room, 1 online
- *The motion to approve the FY2024 budget as presented carried.*

Amended and Restated Bylaws

- Brendan Mahoney presented the Amended and Restated Bylaws

- “Restated” means a whole new document was created.
- The goals were the following:
 - To clean up inconsistent or ambiguous language
 - To reorder for clarity
 - To revise outdated language
 - To address structural changes:
 - Mission and Church Vitality Committee
 - Endowment Committee
 - Representation of local churches (delegates)
- Opened for discussion; Brendan responded to questions and comments.
- Someone called for the vote; there was an overwhelming yes to close the question.
- The motion was made to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws as presented.
 - Yea’s: 28 in the room, 30 online
 - Nay’s: 0 in the room, 5 online
 - Abstentions: 1 in the room, 1 online
- *The motion to approve the Amended and Restated Bylaws as presented carried.*

Nominating Committee and Slate

- Chair Ken Heintzelman presented the slate of officers.
- Opened for discussion.
- The Moderator called for any nominations from the floor; there were none.
- The motion was made to approve the slate of officers as presented.
 - Yea’s: 27 in the room, 30 online
 - Nay’s: 0 in the room, 0 online
 - Abstentions: 2 in the room, 0 online
- *The motion to approve the slate of officers as presented carried.*

New Business

- There was none.

Expressions of Gratitude

- The Moderator expressed sincere gratitude to the SWC Staff and Leadership, particularly Wende, Genevieve, Barb, and Dr. Toni. And extra thanks to Karen R. for all her work putting this Annual Meeting together and making sure it ran smoothly.
- Gordon Street expressed gratitude to outgoing Moderator, Susan Valiquette.
- Barb and Dr. Toni presented a gift to Susan, a Japanese bowl in the tradition of Kintsugi (the Japanese art of putting broken pottery pieces back together with gold).

Passing of the Gavel

- Susan called the next Moderator, Hubert Hirwa, forward, and introduced him, giving him the Moderator’s gavel.
- Hubert adjourned the meeting at 9:42 am AZ/10:42 am NM & EP.

Respectfully submitted,

Deborah B. Church, Secretary

<u>Roll Call</u>	HERE	Count
Phx Marshallese Ministry		
Peace UCC	X	1
La Trinidad/El Paso	X	1
Taos	X	1
Silver City		
UC Santa Fe		
St Paul's	X	1
UC Los Alamos		
1st Christian Las Cruces	X	1
UC Angel Fire		
1st Cong ABQ	X	1
COGS ABQ	X	1
Yuma		
First Samoan Wittmann		
Rincon	X	1
Church of the Painted Hills		
Casas Adobes	X	1
Desert Palm	X	1
Sun Lakes		
Desert Garden	X	1
UC Sun City	X	1
Church of the Palms	X	1
Sierra Vista	X	1
Church of the Red Rocks	X	1
Scottsdale	X	1
CCOV	X	1
Black Mountain		
Good Shepherd	X	1
First Cong Prescott	X	1
Shepherd of the Hills	X	1
Shadow Rock	X	1
Ktizo		
First Temp Marshallese		
First Phx	X	1
Encanto	X	1
Beatitudes	X	1
Oro Valley	X	1
Desert Heritage	X	1
<u>Total</u>		26