

MIDLANDS MISSION CENTER CONFERENCE Minutes
Wichita Central Congregation, Wichita, KS April 28, 2007
Approved at Mission Center Conference November 17, 2007

The Midlands Mission Center 2007 Spring Conference opened with Praise music by Doug and Diane Albro and invocation from Wichita Central Pastor, Richard Landers. The conference then began a pre-legislative session to explain in a less formal setting the Grandview Resolution, Outreach Ministries at The Place Resolution, Congregational Support of Program Ministry for the Midlands Mission Center Annual budget and a presentation of the 2008 Budget proposed format.

At approximately 11:20am Sue Phipps opened the official business meeting and asked for any alterations or additions to the minutes from the November 11, 2006 conference. Corrections were made and motion to approve the minutes was made by Betty Campbell and seconded. The vote was taken and minutes were approved as corrected.

The conference then turned to the Sustaining of Counselors to the Mission Center President. Sue Phipps read the letter to the conference regarding her selection for counselors and requesting the conference to sustain Stan Troeh and Don Bice in said roles. Jim Diddle made a motion to sustain Stan Troeh and Don Bice as counselors to the Mission Center President, seconded by Doug Albro. Individual votes were taken and both Stan Troeh and Don Bice were sustained as counselors to the Midlands Mission Center President.

The next order of business on the schedule for the morning session was the consideration of Priesthood calls. A motion to consider the calls before the conference was made by Lloyd Barnett. The motion was received and seconded regarding the calls of Mikal Shedd to the office of High Priest/Bishop and for Greg Stollsteimer to the office of High Priest and were considered separately. Apostle, Dr. Dale Luffman spoke to both calls. Due to illness, Mikal Shedd was unable to attend the conference and speak to her call. Greg Stollsteimer spoke to his call to the office of High Priest. Calls were considered separately beginning with Mikal Shedd and both calls were approved by the gathered conference.

A letter concerning the sustaining of the SHARE, Inc. board members and officers from the current President of SHARE was read by Sue Phipps. A motion to approve the SHARE board officers as printed in the letter was made by Richard Rupe and seconded. The vote was taken and SHARE Board Officers were approved by the conference. A motion to approve Paul Lucero as a member of the SHARE Board was made by Grace Troeh, and several seconds. The vote to add Paul Lucero to the board was taken and approved.

The conference turned to the subject of the Central Avenue Center of Hope Board Officers and Members as printed in the conference bulletin. Motion to approve the officers for the Central Avenue Center of Hope Board was made by Stan Troeh and seconded. The vote was taken and officers were approved. A motion to approve Brenda McLaughlin to the board was made by Doug Albro and seconded. The vote was taken and Brenda McLaughlin was approved as a member of the Central Avenue Center of Hope Board.

The official business meeting was suspended at approximately 11:40am. With the remaining time before the lunch hour, announcements regarding the Youth Ministries Fund and the printed Young Adult Report were made to the conference. The blessing on the noon meal was given by Don McLaughlin and meeting dispersed for lunch.

The afternoon session began with a worship which included the ordination of Don Bice to the office of High Priest by High Priest Sue Phipps and Apostle Dale Luffman. Stan Troeh and Don Bice were set apart as counselors to the Midlands Mission Center President.

Following the worship there was a short intermission before the conference reconvened at approximately 2:05pm.

Sue Phipps requested a motion to address the 2007 Audit Report. A motion was made by Don Bice and seconded. The conference voted and accepted the 2007 Auditors Report as printed in the conference bulletin.

The Grandview Kansas Congregation Resolution was read, in its entirety, by Sue Phipps. A motion to approve the Grandview resolution was made by Heather Atkinson and seconded by Don Bice. The resolution was voted on by the conference and approved (Attachment A).

The Outreach Ministries at The Place resolution was read by Sue Phipps. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Sharon Robertson and seconded. Conference then voted and approved the resolution (Attachment B).

The resolution for Congregational Support Program Ministry for the Midlands Mission Center was read by Sue Phipps. A motion to approve the resolution was made by Diana Guthrie and seconded. Conference then voted to approve the resolution and resolution was passed (Attachment C).

A motion to adjourn was made by Lloyd Barnett and seconded. Conference voted to adjourn at approximately 2:20pm

Several announcements were made: Jim Diddle re: traveling speaking schedule, Don Ivans gave information re: Historic Sites for the Community of Christ, MITIOG Announcement from Stan Troeh on Camps for Kids and the matching funds. Sue also drew attention to the announcement pages of the bulletin (25-27) including materials available on the display table at conference.

Respectfully submitted,



Laura Weigand-Vaughan

Attachment A

Grandview Kansas Congregation Resolution

From Midlands Mission Center Leadership in response to a resolution from the Membership of the Grandview, Kansas Congregation:

Therefore, be it Resolved, That upon the sale of the Grandview, Kansas, Community of Christ building, the Midlands Mission Center will use the proceeds from the sale to pay all indebtedness of the sale as well as cover expenses incurred by the Mission Center during the course of the sale; and be it further

Resolved, That the Midlands Mission Center distribute the remaining proceeds as follows:

- 50% Will be placed into the Affiliate Investment Pool as a reserve fund for the Central Avenue Center of Hope under the supervision of the Midlands Mission Center, and
- 40% Will be donated to the Central Avenue Center of Hope to be used at the discretion of the Board of Directors, and
- 10 % Will be set aside for a new church plant to be established in the Midlands Mission Center; and be it further

Resolved, That this action rescinds the fourth resolve of the November 13, 2004 resolution "Regarding the Assets from Closed Congregations".

Attachment B

Outreach Ministries at The Place

From Midlands Mission Center Leadership

Therefore be it Resolved, The Midlands Mission Center revise the approved 2007 budget by adding a line item of “Outreach Ministries – The Place” and move \$1,600 from the Outreach Ministries budget making Outreach Ministries amount \$3,900 and Outreach Ministries – The Place amount \$1,600.

Attachment C

Congregational Support of Program Ministry for Midlands Mission Center Annual Budget

From Midlands Mission Center Leadership

Therefore be it Resolved, That the Midlands Mission Center move to a congregational pledge system of financing the Programs of Ministry portion of the Mission Center budget; and be it further

Resolved, That the congregations in the Midlands Mission Center, after reviewing the proposed Programs of Ministry, provide the Mission Center Financial Officer with their annual pledge by the assigned date; and be it further

Resolved, That the Mission Center’s recommended budget for Programs of Ministry will be adjusted according to the pledges from the congregations.