

Virtual Annual Celebration of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women, Saturday, October 31, 2020

Gathering Music by Rev. Justin Williams started at 9:50 a.m. Marcia Florkey, tech host, gave some instructions and etiquette for the Zoom meeting. President Jeanne Long welcomed all attendees as honored guests. Brenda Coleman led us in the Purpose. Paula Nourse led us with the opening prayer, devotions, and the use of examen prayer. Devotions concluded with a video of the Serenity Prayer.

President Jeanne Long called to order the 47th Annual Meeting of the West Ohio Conference United Methodist Women at 10:34 a.m. Minutes of the 2019 Annual Meeting are in the Program Book. Voting membership was explained. Janice Deal, chair of the Standing Rules Committee, brought forth the proposed changes to the Standing Rules for 2021 that were posted on the website, distributed by email, and found in the Program Book. The Leadership Team voted unanimously to accept the proposed changes; therefore, the changes were adopted. Connie Hook, treasurer and chair of the Budget Committee, presented the proposed 2021 budget of \$364,906 and pledge of \$275,000. The electronic and mailed vote was in favor of the proposal, and the 2021 budget and pledge were approved. No nominations were received from the floor. Charlene Triplett, chair of the Nominations Committee, presented the proposed slate of officers for 2021 as follows: Secretary, Alice Graveley; Treasurer, Connie Hook; Program Resources Coordinator, Millie Hutchison. The approval of these nominees was unanimous. The business meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

The Leadership Team for 2021 was recognized and affirmed; bios and contact information is in the Program Book. Jeanne acknowledged the addition of two special ex officio members to the team: Sylvia Kempton by virtue of her election as treasurer of North Central Jurisdiction Planning Team for the 2021–2024 quadrennium and Roxie Hutsell as National United Methodist Women Director for the new quadrennium. Roxie thanked everyone for their support and prayers.

Jeanne recognized and thanked the following officers who have completed their term of office. Denise Bentley served for three years as Program Resources Coordinator to fulfill an unexpired term; she received a Special Mission Recognition Certificate and pin. Janice Deal accepted an appointment to finish the year when the new secretary was unable to serve; she received a special gift to the Legacy Fund. Jane Benner is completing her term as National Director and ex officio member of the Leadership Team; she received a Special Mission Recognition Certificate and pin.

Deaconess Marcia Florkey explained about the process to become a Deaconess and introduced the newly commissioned deaconesses Katelin Hansen at the Church for All People and Kris Shoaf at North Broadway and Short North churches. Kris thanked the group for their support.

We watched a video by Harriet Jane Olson in which she encouraged us to reframe our thinking from “having” to do something to “getting” to do something. United Methodist Women have been reframing and getting to act on social issues for several decades. We need to keep it up.

Paul Nourse introduced Rev. Amy Aspey and the program of Yo + Wo, peace through gentle movement, meditation, and breath. Amy joined us by video and led us in a YoWo (Yoga+Worship) session of breathing, movement, and prayer.

We watched a video about the Legacy Fund.

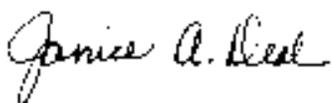
Treasurer Connie Hook gave instructions for the Annual Celebration offering. Instructions are also in the Program Book.

Bishop Gregory Palmer joined us by video. During difficult times mission-minded people put others first; they have compassion and common sense or wisdom and connect with those who are hurting. We have to pivot and be nimble. Remember, Jesus is keeping watch at the door of your heart.

President Jeanne Long thanked everyone for attending today and their prayers and support. She sent us forth with a prayer to bless face masks.

Rev. Justin Williams led us by video with marching music. The meeting ended at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janice Deal, WOC UMW Secretary



Jeanne Long, WOC UMW President