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February 22, 2017

To: Executive Committee

From: Arnold Hayes, Disciples Men President

Subject: Minutes – 02/19/2017 Conference Call Meeting

President Arnold Hayes opened the meeting of the Executive Committee at approximately 5:04 pm.

Attendees:

Executive Committee Members Present or Absent as noted (). Titles are omitted for simplicity.*

Derek Brooks	Franklin Gee	Donald Gillett
Arnold Hayes	James Vertreese	Bob Williams
Joshua Womble		

Agenda:

- Opening Prayer
- Any 2016 reflections
- Next Steps
- Closing Prayer

Opening: The meeting was opened by the president with prayer by Franklin Gee

2016 Reflections:

Joshua Womble expressed an appreciation for the hospitality extended by the Kansas City area during the 24th Biennial Session of the National Convocation - the rest of the committee concurred. This appreciation was well received by James Vertreese, saying that it was a pleasure for their city to host the Biennial Session. Joshua Womble also expressed his continued appreciation for the work of the Rev. Dr. William Barber. Joshua Womble stated that the men in his area are getting more involved.

Arnold Hayes again expressed an appreciation for the leadership of the executive committee during the recent Biennial Session, including the special award that was presented at the Luncheon.

Next Steps:

- (1) **More communication and improved relationships.** Arnold Hayes stated that he had recently returned from a 3 day Gamaliel (a nationwide community organizing organization) training. The importance of building relationships for the long-term sustainability of an organization was stressed during this training. Even though we will continue to work on growing our network members, the plan is to also devote some attention to developing relationships within our organization. For example, the executive committee members are asked to have more “one on one” discussions. The plan is to assign each network participant preferably



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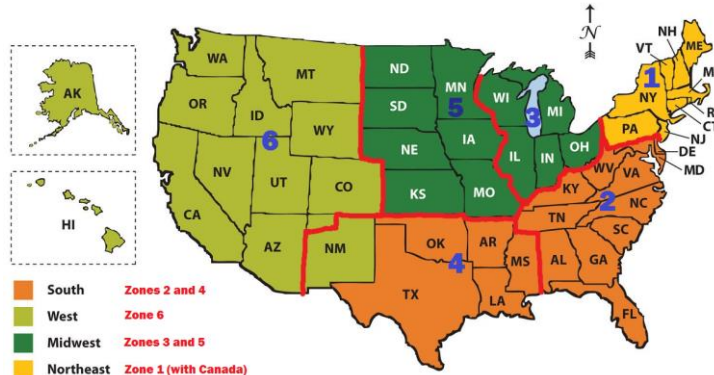
from different states or congregations, a communication partner, in order for us to get to know one another better and/or share ideas and support each other.

- (2) Weekend of Service and Social Justice Related Issues. We are planning for another Weekend of Service this year, with the primary focus on meeting the immediate physical needs of those on the margins of society. In addition, this year we will also actively look for targeted opportunities where we can collectively focus on Social Justice Related needs that keep people down in the first place. Some possible initiatives that we could collectively do throughout the network are: (a) Sponsor voter registration drives. (b) Attend city council meetings, community meetings, or other related community involvement events. (c) Make written statements to elected officials on important issues.

Why is a church organization trying to do this? To be obedient to our Lord, by going into the “highways and byways,” doing justice as well as praying for justice, speaking truth to power when called upon to do so, and looking out for the least of these.

- (3) NCDM’s Brochure needed. Donald Gillett made this suggestion, in order to improve communication and to allow for materials to be distributed at related state and national church events. We will start working on this document soon.
- (4) Appointment of Nominating Committee members. The president will appoint 3-5 committee members to work with the nominating chairperson. The first order of business is to start the process of designating a president elect. The desire of the executive committee is for this to be a younger person. In order to be the most effective with this task, the plan is to fill some of the vacant executive committee positions first, to allow for a wider pool of candidates to choose from for this new office. Eventually this person needs to be ready to step in as president at any time. ***The need is shown below - please let us know if anyone from the vacant areas is interested in being on the executive committee.***

<u>Zone</u>	<u>No. of vacant executive members</u>	<u>Area</u>
1	1	NY, PA, etc.
3	2	IN, IL, OH, MI, WI
5	1	KS, MO, etc.
6	1	CA, WA, etc.





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- (5) 2017 General Assembly of the Christian Church (DOC). Most of the executive committee are planning on attending the General Assembly. The target is to have a brief executive committee meeting during our time in Indianapolis.

- (6) President and Executive Committee Outreach to Disciples Men Groups. Now that we have a small Disciples Men's line item included in the National Convocation's Budget some "face to face" interaction with a few men's groups within a reasonable driving distance should be doable now. *Please let us know if you would like for the president or another executive committee member to give a presentation on our work and future plans at a men's event or retreat, and we will try our best to accommodate.*

Other:

All members were in attendance! Thank you Lord!

Next meeting: Tentatively in April or May, sometime after the special National Convocation Summit in March.

Adjournment:

Meeting closed in prayer by Derek Brooks

Meeting concluded by Arnold Hayes at 5:55 pm (central time)