

Charlie introduced Rick Spleth, Regional Minister of the Christian Church in Indiana (Disciples of Christ), who gave greetings and spoke for a few minutes about the collegial work between our two denominations.

Shawn Seals, Treasurer, presented a review of the 2015 Treasurer's Report from the Financial Report. Based on income of \$1,152,123 and expenses of \$1,192,163, there was a deficit of \$40,040, composed of deficits of \$15,078 from Merom Conference Center and \$24,962 from other IKC expenses. The report was officially accepted.

Next came a presentation on being a Just Peace Conference. Jim Harper, Vice Chair of the Board of Directors, told the gathering that the Board of Directors voted to reaffirm being a Just Peace Conference at its April meeting. Chip Jahn reviewed the Just Peace concept. John Sterrett provided a Just Peace Top 10 list and goals, while a handout was distributed to the gathering for local churches to use.

Report of the Nominating Committee – Jim Harper, Chair of the Nominating Committee, noted that the nominees for IKC officers, members of the Board of Directors, and other committee and board members were identified in the Annual Meeting newspaper. He added some names, and asked for help in filling the remaining vacancies.

The Acting Moderator adjourned this portion of the plenary session at 11:00 am.

The plenary session reconvened at 1:30 pm. The Acting Moderator directed Speakouts, and then did introductions of our guests and agencies. The IKC staff were also presented and recognized.

Merom Update – Director Susie Larson and Merom Governing Board Jerry Crozier provided an update of the Merom Conference Center. A new entity called the Merom Camp and Retreat Center has been formed and the appropriate paperwork and activities are on track for the IKC to transfer ownership of the Merom Conference Center by the end of 2016.

Dennis Frische-Mouri of the Board of Directors asked representatives to review the Proposed 2017 Compensation Guidelines for Authorized Ministers in the IKC. He noted that the Board of Directors had approved a late correction to be made on Page 2, #5, to say that the work schedule of local pastors be a maximum average of 45-50 hours per week and that pastors should be given at least two full days off each week.

MOTION: To accept the proposed compensation guidelines, with alterations

Moved and Seconded

Adopted

The Acting Moderator noted the listing of “5 for 5” churches in the Annual Meeting newspaper and thanked churches for their gifts to Our Church’s Wider Mission. Recognition certificates were available in the lobby.

Jim Harper returned for an update to the nominations. Additions are:

Randy Rossman – Board of Directors, Class of 2017, NE Assn Clergy (filling the unexpired term of David Butz).

Susan Sirnic – General Synod Delegate, Class of 2019, ETS Assn Lay

Lee Reberger – General Synod Delegate, Class of 2019, WV Assn Clergy

MOTION: To accept the nominations

Moved and Seconded

Adopted

Izzy Harbin provided a brief theological reflection.

Rick Unsicker, chair of the Finance and Budget Committee reviewed the Proposed 2017 Budget. He explained that the Board of Directors was recommending a fixed 4-year budget for 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020, where budgeted expense would remain the same for each of those 4 years. He then led a question and answer session about this.

The plenary session took a break at 2:15 pm and reconvened at 2:55 with additional Speakouts.

Rick Unsicker presented the following motions regarding the 2017 Budget:

Motion A: The Indiana-Kentucky Conference adopts a 2017 Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) Basic Support budget goal of \$453,000.

Moved and Seconded

Passed, with some opposed

Motion B: The Indiana-Kentucky Conference directs that 20% or \$90,600 of OCWM Basic Support plus 20% of gifts received from individual donors or \$2,000 be forwarded to the national setting of the United Church of Christ, and that 80% or \$362,400 of OCWM Basic Support plus 80% of OCWM gifts received from individual donors or \$8,000 be retained for budget support by the Conference.

Moved and Seconded

Passed

Motion C: The Indiana-Kentucky Conference adopts a 2017 budget with a total income of \$626,500 and total expenses of \$626,500.

Moved and Seconded

Passed

Retiring members of the Board of Directors were thanked and recognized. Charlie Overton was officially recognized as the Moderator for 2017.

The business meeting was officially closed at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Baldwin, Secretary