

1                   **St. Louis Association, MMSUCC, Annual Business Meeting**

2                                   Saturday, September 30, 2017

3                                   Glory To Glory Christian Church UCC, St. Louis, MO

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5 Displays from agencies related to the St. Louis Association were available for  
6 browsing as folks arrived and during breaks in the meeting, including before and after  
7 lunch.

8 Welcomes were shared by Rev. Heather Arcovitch Kirkwood UCC, Kirkwood),  
9 President of the St. Louis Association Council, and Rev. Wyatt Greenlee (Glory to  
10 Glory Christian Church UCC), pastor of our host church.

11 Worship was led by Heather Arcovitch and Sonya Vann (Christ the King, Ferguson).  
12 Music was provided by Rev. Carol Barner (Grace UCC and Mt. Tabor UCC, St.  
13 Louis.)

14 Rev. Dorothy Gannon(Epiphany UCC, St. Louis) called the roll of the chuches.  
15 Thirty-three churches of the association were represented at this meeting.

16 The preacher of the day was the Rev. Karen Denise Anderson, an Itinerant Elder in  
17 the African Methodist Episcopal (AME)Church and proud pastor of Ward Chapel  
18 AME Church in Florissant, MO.

19 Rev. Keith Karau (Samuel UCC, Clayton) and Rev. Ann Wilson (Peace UCC,  
20 Webster Groves) introduced clergy recently called to serve in the St. Louis  
21 Association -

22 Rev. Rebecca Turner, Christ UCC, Maplewood

23 Rev. David Beebe, Epiphany UCC, st. Louis,

24 Jackie Tyler, Zion UCC, Florissant

25 Rev. Terry Minchow-Proffitt,

26 Rev. Kevin Cameron (Parkway UCC) introduced the Members in Discernment (MID)  
27 who were present at the meeting -

28 Doni Driemeier-Showers, Samuel UCC, Clayton

29 Jackie Tyler, Grace UCC, St. Louis

30 Sonya Vann, Christ the King UCC, Florissant

31 Valerie Jackson, First Congregational, St. Louis, is currently a MID candidate

32 who was also with us.

33 An offering was taken for UCC Disaster Relief Services.

34 Rev. Dorothy Gannon (Epiphany UCC, St. Louis), Secretary of the St. Louis

35 Association Council, led the roll call of the congregations in the St. Louis Association.

36 33 churches were present at the roll call.

37 The business meeting was called to order by Heather Arcovitch.

38 Speak outs were done by

39 Rev. Margaret Phillips (St. Thomas, Chesterfield)

40 Rev. Douglas Anders (Kirkwood UCC, Kirkwood)

41 Rev. Mike Krewson (Church of the Master, Florissant)

42 Rev. David Greenhaw(First Congregational, St. Louis)

43 Report of the Nominating Committee was shared by Lorin Cope (St. Paul, St. Louis).

44 The slate was approved.

45 The minutes of the 2016 annual business meeting were approved as submitted.

46 Report of the Committee On Ministry: Preparation was presented by Rev. Kevin

47 Cameron (Parkway UCC, St. Louis). He also shared information about the Marks of

48 Faithful and Effective Ministry as it is used to support and work with Members in

49 Discernment.

50 Report of the Committee on Ministry: Oversight (COM:O) was presented by Keith

51 Karrou and Ann Wilson. Discussed new requirement for Cultural Sensitivity training

52 for clergy who wish to retain standing in the St. Louis Association. Douglas Anders

53 asked about the required frequency of the training. Ann Wilson responded that it is

54 still under discussion, that the leaning at this time is to make it every three years like

55 Boundary training but there is not yet a clear decision.

56 Report from the Association Council was given by Heather Arcovitch. For the past  
57 couple of years, the council has been working on how the Association finds and acts  
58 on its role in the racial justice issues of our community. We have been working with  
59 COM:O regarding the Cultural Diversity training. We have begun to work on  
60 relationships within the association, with pastors and congregations, looking at our  
61 intra-church relationships in ways that more faithful to the gospel call for justice. It's  
62 new and the council acknowledges not being very good at this yet, but seeks the  
63 Association's prayers and feedback.

64 Report from the Mission Outreach Committee was given by Rev. Josh Privett (St.  
65 Peter's, Ferguson.) Several questions were asked about requirements for qualifying to  
66 receive funds and Josh addressed those. Josh reported that the committee is reviewing  
67 criteria for qualifying for mission dollars.

68 Rev. Tom Ressler (St. Paul UCC, St. Louis), Association Bookkeeper, presented the  
69 proposed 2018 budget. Rev. Starsky Wilson (St. John, St. Louis) asked why Interfaith  
70 Partnership and Doorways are not in the mission category but the program category.  
71 When the question was answered, Starsky followed up to suggest that when Mission  
72 Outreach reviews their standards and requirements for grantees that Interfaith  
73 Partnership and Pathways be considered in that same conversation. Budget passed.

74 New Business: None

75 Heather Arcovitch led the installation of newly elected leaders.

76 Heather Arcovitch and Pastor Daketta Marshburn (Glory to Glory Christian Church  
77 UCC, St. Louis) invited the gathering to the communion table.

78 The Meeting was adjourned at 11:53 with the benediction.

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81 Respectfully submitted,

82 Dorothy M. Gannon

83 Association Council Secretary

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