

**ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE NEW YORK CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF
CHRIST, SINCE THE LAST ANNUAL MEETING
(April, 2025 through March 7, 2026)**

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-1: Motion to approve the meeting Agenda and the Consent Agenda, which consisted of the minutes of the March 8 meeting. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-2: Motion to present the proposed budget to the Conference annual meeting for approval. The motion was made and seconded, and after discussion, the motion carried without dissent.

The Board thanks Charlaine for her hard work and dedication.

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-3: Motion to designate the offerings received at the Conference annual meeting to be applied to the deficit in the Conference budget. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-4: Motion to appoint Roberta (Bobbie) O'Toole as the parliamentarian for the Conference Annual Meeting. (m/s/c). Judy will ask her.

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-5: The Board voted to go into executive session at 7:20 p.m. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-6: The Board voted to leave executive session at 7:28 p.m. and return to meeting. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB-04292025-7: The Board approves the dates for the 2026 Conference annual meeting as May 15-16, 2026, at the Silver Bay Conference Center. After some discussion, the motion carried with one abstention.

CB-06052025-1: Motion to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025, meeting of the Board. The motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-2: The Board acknowledges that it has considered the request of the Commission on Ministry for an extension of one year to establish new policies and term limits, and respectfully declines that request. We affirm that the policy brought forth by the Board becomes effective immediately, with term limits of no greater than six consecutive years. (made by Kelly, seconded by Prabhu, and carried without dissent).

CB-06062025-3: The Board rescinds Motion CB-01112020-3: which was *to sell the Amistad Center. All funds from the sale of the Amistad Center and the Building Maintenance Fund will be held in a restricted endowment, to be known as the Amistad Fund. Income from that fund would be spent, with a drawn-down rate not to exceed 4% of the fund. The principal would be retained for at least five years in the event that there is a future need for a Conference Office.* (m/s). Following discussion and prayer, the motion carried without dissent.

Motion to rescind CB-01112020-3 carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-4: Motion to fund the Together in Love Initiative to hire a consultant for philanthropy for a period of 12 to 18 months in the amount of \$45,000. Motion made by Charlaine, seconded by Kelly. Motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-5: Motion to rescind motion CB-04292025-3 regarding the offering at the annual meeting. The motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-6: Motion to earmark the offerings from the Annual Meeting to a Members in Discernment student aid fund. Motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-7: The Board appoints Judy VanKennen, Barbara Wright and Lynnette Colden to serve as Business Committee for the Annual Meeting. Motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-8: The Board adopts as Standing Rules the same standing rules that applied in 2024 and have been distributed. Motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-9: The Board appoints the following people for to work at the annual meeting. Tellers: Susan, Deborah, Kelly, Michael. Ushers: Charlaine, Jane, Prabhu, Susan. The motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-10: Board appoints Deborah Dee Brayton and Michael Sloan to serve as at-large members of the Executive Committee. Motion carried without dissent.

CB-06062025-11: Motion to authorize the staff to negotiate with the Crowne Plaza Desmond Hotel to host the 2027 annual meeting. The motion carried without dissent.

AM2025-1: Motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was made, seconded and carried without dissent (m/s/c).

AM2025-2: Motion to adopt the standing rules for the meeting, which had been previously approved by the Conference Board. (m/s/c)

AM2025-3: Motion from the Conference Board to adopt the budget as presented for 2026. (m/s/c)

AM2025-4: Motion to close the nominations, made by Yvette Wynn, seconded by Dona Roll. The motion carried without dissent.

AM2025-5: Motion from the Nominating Committee to cast one ballot for the slate of nominees. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB09062025-1: Approval of the Consent agenda, consisting of

- the minutes of the June 6, 2026 Board meeting,
- the Minutes of Record of the 2025 Annual Meeting of the Conference, and
- the Report of the Personnel Committee. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB09062025-2: Receive for filing the report of the Commission on Justice. (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CV09062025-3: Motion from the Finance Committee to create a separate fund from the proceeds of the sale of the Amistad Center. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB09062026-4: The Board approves the recommendation of the Personnel Committee: "...The committee voted unanimously to have Marjorie Purnine be moved to a full-time position when Marsha takes her 2026 sabbatical and that she be compensated at 25% of Marsha's salary for that additional time and work." (m/s/c)

ACTION ITEM CB09062025-5: The Board approves scheduling the 2027 annual meeting of the Conference at the Desmond Hotel in Albany, September 29-October 2.

ACTION ITEM CB-11152025-01: Motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a report on “Compassion, Not Cruelty,” and a conversation about loan support and guarantees for congregations. (Motion carried without dissent)

ACTION ITEM CB-11152025-2: Approval of the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes of the September 2025 meeting of the Board and the report of the Personnel Committee granting staff housing allowances for 2026 as follows:

Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams — \$55,000.00

Rev. Barbara VanOlpen — \$22,000.00

Rev. Ryan Henderson — \$26,000.00

Rev. Marjorie Purnine — \$24,000.00

Rev. Noel Vanek — \$8.75/per hour

Rev. Gary Ferner — \$0.00

Rev. David Gregory — \$0.00

The Motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB-11152025-3:

Be it resolved that the New York Conference of the United Church of Christ hereby authorizes its officer Rev. Dr. Marsha Williams, Conference Minister and Lisa Delgado, Finance Manager to establish one or more investment accounts with United Church Funds, in any of its Common Investment Funds presently in existence or established at a future date. Any future transactions related to the organization’s investments with United Church Funds may be authorized by the current officer in whatever form required by United Church Funds. (Motion made, seconded and carried without dissent.)

ACTION ITEM 11152025-4: The Board will authorize the use of the UCCNY logo only to events that are sponsored or led by the Conference, unless otherwise approved by the Board. (The motion carried without dissent.)

CB-01102026-1: Motion to accept the Consent Agenda, consisting of the minutes of the November 16, 2025 Board meeting and the December 2025 report of the Personnel Committee. (m/s/c)

CB-01102026-2 Motion From the Finance Committee:

That the Board of the New York Conference United Church of Christ, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee, unrestrict the following Board-restricted funds in order to address the Conference’s critical unrestricted cash position:

- New York Women Fund (004A)
- Sue Scott Memorial Fund (004B)
- Amistad Fund (0009)

Further, that the Board authorize and direct Conference staff to initiate the process of unrestricting the following funds, recognizing that such action may require approval from the New York State Attorney General’s Office and/or coordination with the national setting of the United Church of Christ:

- H. Finch Fund (0004E)
- Make a Difference Fund (0005C)
- St. Paul’s Troy Fund (0005D)
- Bruce Fund (0007A)
- Pilgrim Fund (0007B)
- Syossett Fund (0007C)
- Utica South Fund (0007E)
- W. Groton-Greene Fund (0008E)

Further, that the Board acknowledge that, as of September 30, 2025, the total amount recommended for unrestricted funds includes \$298,171 in Board-restricted funds, \$597,134 in funds requiring New York State Attorney General approval, and \$350,000 in funds requiring coordination with the national setting of the United Church of Christ.

Rationale:

As of December 2, 2025, the Conference's unrestricted fund balance had declined to approximately \$64,000, down from \$146,749 as of September 30, 2024. The Conference is currently utilizing unrestricted funds to backfill operating revenue shortfalls, and projected OCWM receipts are not expected to be sufficient to address the anticipated \$316,966 operating shortfall approved in the 2026 budget. This action is necessary to ensure the Conference's ability to meet its ongoing financial obligations while longer-term funding strategies are developed.

The motion carried without dissent.

CB-01102026-3: Motion to adopt the UCCNY Financial Controls Policy, with language changes (Moderator/President) and making the division 70/30). The motion carried without dissent.

CB-01102026-4: Motion to adopt the UCCNY Financial Controls Policy and Safe Church Policy documents as Conference policy. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB-03072026-1: Motion to approve the agenda and to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting of the Board. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB-03072026-2: Motion made and seconded to increase our OCWM contribution to the national setting in 2027 from the current 7 percent to 8 percent. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB-03072026-3: The Conference Board agrees to work with the state Attorney General and attorney Jason Labate in the closure of Pilgrim Church in the Bronx. After the all expenses (liens, legal fees, and Conference staff time, etc.) are reimbursed, the remaining proceeds from the sale of the assets will be divided with the New York Conference receiving 70%, and the Metropolitan Association receiving 30%. The motion carried without dissent.

ACTION ITEM CB-03072026-4: The Board designates the offering from the 2026 Conference Annual Meeting to help defray the cost of shipping Period Packs for Church World Service.