

Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
October 21, 2022, 12pm EDT

Present: Garland Pierce (chair), Lindsay Black, Jane Ann Kenney, David Maxwell (clerk),
Tanae Murdic, Steve Osborn, John Hill, Tammy Wiens (director)

Not Present: Carmichael Crutchfield, Wellington Johnson

Key actions, summary:

- Corrected annual meeting minutes (Memphis 2022) along with Key Actions of 2021-2022 were approved and will be presented to the CUS at-large during the 2023 annual meeting in Louisville.
- Discussed 2023 annual meeting plans and decision to meet in Louisville because the Presbyterian Center has offered to host us at no cost and has technology to support a hybrid meeting.
- Shared take-aways of the September 20, 2022 Town Hall Meeting with Bishop McKenzie.
- Shared success of the CUS 150th anniversary recognition during NCC's Christian Unity Gathering
- Acknowledged UMI's withdrawal from CUS partnership. As La Verne is a UMI employee she had to resign from serving as Chair of Scope and Sequence Committee. A letter was sent to thank her for her leadership in directing the work of Cycle 25 through near completion.

Next meeting: January 27, 2023

- 1) Meeting Agenda was approved.
- 2) Approved the edited 2021-2022 Key Executive Committee Actions and the 2022 Annual Meeting Minutes which will now be presented for vote of approval at the 2023 annual meeting.
- 3) Shared take-aways of the September 20 Town Hall Meeting with Bishop McKenzie. The regular meeting of the CUS Executive Committee was postponed until today in order to invite key leaders from all CUS publishing partners to meet via Zoom with the NCC's newly elected Interim President and General Secretary.
- 4) Discussed UMI's decision to alter its business model and withdraw from the CUS partnership. Conversations between UMI and NCC leadership are on-going and CUS will be informed if any actions are taken that would impact the work of CUS. As La Verne Tolbert is an employee of UMI she will not be able to continue in her role as chair of Scope and Sequence. The Exec Com recommends leaving the Scope and Sequence chair vacant for the time being.
- 5) Discussion of March 15-17, 2023, annual meeting in Louisville at the Presbyterian Center.
 - a. Springhill Suites Hotel is 0.5 miles away, \$149/night rate and complimentary breakfast. \$10 parking. Cheapest and closest to the Presbyterian Center.
 - b. We'll have a hybrid meeting again; the Executive Committee is strongly encouraged to attend in person.
 - c. CUS Executive will have a meeting at the Presbyterian Center following breakfast (on your own) at the hotel on Wednesday, March 15.
 - d. Dennis Edwards may be available. We will eagerly and gratefully try and secure his participation. [Email updated Exec Com to say Dr. Edwards was not available, but that we will seek to invite biblical scholars from seminaries in the Louisville area]
 - e. On Friday morning Age level groups will meet 9-10:30 am, then executive committee 10:30-12:30 with optional lunch for those available.

- f. Tammy and David and Keith will investigate the possibility of offering an optional pre-conference tour of Roots 101 African American Museum and dinner at Doc Crows.
- 6) Tammy will follow up in a separate meeting with age-level leaders regarding work that needs to be completed prior to the start of the annual meeting.
- 7) Next Executive Committee Meeting – January 27, 2023
- 8) Tammy closed the meeting in prayer.