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**2022 NWOA ANNUAL MEETING
April 30, 2022 –Virtual Meeting
Proposed Agenda**

CALL TO ORDER – 9:30 a.m. Moderator
DECLARATION OF QUORUM
OPENING WORSHIP/DEVOTIONS – Association Minister
ADOPTION OF AGENDA
APPROVAL OF 2021 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES



INTRODUCTIONS

- Guests
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- Members in Discernment

KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Rev. Dr. Cheryl Lindsay, National Ministries
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DIRECTORY OF OFFICERS AND STAFF

OFFICERS

Mr. Doug Ricci Moderator
Rev. James Brehler Vice Moderator
Pastor Jay Scott Secretary
Mrs. Dian Ewald Treasurer
Pastor Tom Kagy Past Moderator

STAFF

Rev. Daniel L. Busch..... Association Minister
Mrs. Joan Davidson.....Office Manager/Placement Coordinator
Mrs. Deb LongBookkeeper

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES

Mr. Doug Ricci - MODERATOR

Mr. Doug Ricci - Married to Becky for 48 years on June 1st, with two grown children, Lia and Cara, and one grandson, Milo. Member of St. Paul UCC in Oak Harbor serving on the church council for six years. Doug was a member of NWOA's Stewardship and Caring Team and also the Church and Ministry Team. He was a linking person to the Cabinet for eight years. Doug is a six-year US Navy veteran and is retired from Davis-Besse Nuclear Generating Station.

Rev. James Brehler - VICE MODERATOR

Rev. James Brehler is the Pastor of St. John United Church of Christ in Defiance. Jim was active in multiple roles in the former WRA/EOA, including Vice-moderator, while serving First Congregational United Church of Christ in Jefferson, Ohio for five years before being called to St. John UCC in Defiance in 2015. Jim also has more than 26 years of experience working in the defense and automotive industries and served as a lay person on various committees in the Michigan Conference during that time. Jim has been an active member of the NWOA Church and Ministry Committee for the past five years and was Chair of the Discernment Working Group for two of those years. In addition to his church-related duties, Jim is entering his seventh year on the Board of the United Way of Defiance County having also served as President for three years, is serving as Membership Chair of the Defiance Lions Club, and is an On-Call Chaplain for Mercy Hospital-Defiance. He has been married to his wife Laurel for 36 years and they have a daughter Mariel who lives in Harper Woods, Michigan with her husband while working on her PhD in English Composition and Rhetoric at Wayne State University in Detroit.

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MODERATORS OF THE NORTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION

On Sunday, October 25, 1963 ministers and delegates representing congregations seeking membership in the Northwest Ohio Association met at Trinity United Church of Christ, Tiffin, and gave birth to this covenant fellowship. First United Church of Christ, Lima was the site of the First Annual Meeting, May 6 and 7, 1964. Since then the following persons, clergy and laity, have been elected to assume the duties of moderator:

1963-64	* Rev. Paul Rohrbaugh, St. John's UCC, Genoa, MB
1964-65	* Rev. Paul Rohrbaugh, St. John's UCC, Genoa, MB
1965-66	* Mr. Charles McKenny, Pilgrim Church of the UCC, Toledo, MB
1966-67	* Rev. Robert Boardman, First Congregational UCC, Sandusky, F
1967-68	* Mr. Oscar J. Weiker, Trinity UCC, Upper Sandusky, H
1968-69	* Rev. Richard P. Vitz, First UCC, Lima, ME
1969-70	Mr. R. Clark Hunter, Ripley Congregational UCC, Greenwich, F
1970-71	Rev. Larry K. May, St. Paul's UCC, Bellevue, F
1971-72	Mr. Randall Buchman, The St. John UCC, Defiance, D
1972-73	* Rev. William Tuck, Trinity UCC, Tiffin, H
1973-74	Mr. Jay Elshoff, First UCC, New Knoxville, ME
1974-75	* Rev. Robert Haskins, Mayflower UCC, Mansfield, TH
1975-76	Rev. Anne Kear, Trinity UCC, Upper Sandusky, H
1976-77	* Rev. Reuben Bebler, St. John's UCC, Holgate, D
1977-78	* Mr. Philip Maurer, St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys, ME
1978-79	Rev. Robert Snyder, Park Congregational UCC, Toledo, MB
1979-80	* Mrs. Jean Winegardner, West Elm UCC, Lima, ME
1980-81	* Rev. Robert Peeples, First UCC, Shelby, TH
1981-82	* Mr. John Schaeffer, St. John's UCC, Milan, F
1982-83	* Rev. John Miller, First UCC, Galion, TH
1983-84	* Mr. William C. Bradish, Pilgrim Church of the UCC, Toledo, MB
1984-85	* Rev. Harold W. Thiedt, St. Paul UCC, Wapakoneta, ME
1985-86	Mrs. Elnor Telljohann, Faith Community UCC, Toledo, MB
1986-87	Rev. Barbara Laucks, Emanuel UCC, Upper Sandusky, H
1987-88	* Mr. David Deever, St. John's UCC, Kenton, H
1988-89	Rev. Alfred W. Schroeder, The St. John UCC, Defiance, D
1989-90	Mr. James L. Henry, St. John's UCC, Mansfield, TH
1990-91	Rev. Patricia H. Lawrence, Republic UCC, Republic, H
1991-92	* Mr. William O. Fahrenbruck, Trinity UCC, Tiffin, H
1992-93	* Rev. Gary R. Hodges, St. John's UCC, Archbold, D
1993-94	* Ms. Coral Schmidt, Salem UCC, Toledo, MB
1994-95	Rev. Frank Isaacs, St. Paul's UCC, Bellevue, F
1995-96	Mr. Garland John Gates, First UCC, Shelby, TH
1996-97	* Rev. Howard H. Hershberger, UCC, Spencerville, ME
1997-98	* Ms. Judy Shumaker, Calvin UCC, Toledo, MB
1998-99	Rev. Barry Bordenkircher, Community UCC, Fort Seneca, H
1999-2000	* Mr. Ted Lovejoy, St. John's UCC, Archbold, D
2000-01	Rev. Sam Buehrer, First UCC, Galion, TH
2001-02	Mrs. Donna L. Overholt, Trinity UCC, Tiffin, H
2002-03	Rev. Rob Patton, St. Stephen's UCC, Sandusky, F
2003-05	Mr. Dale Schmidt, St. Paul's UCC, St. Marys, Auglaize Valley Region
2005-07	* Rev. Dr. William Chidester, Sylvania UCC, Sylvania, Lakeshore Region
2007-09	Mrs. Mary Powell, St. John's UCC, Tiffin, Sandusky Valley Region
2009-11	Rev. David Plant, The St. John UCC, Defiance, Auglaize Valley Region
2011-13	Mrs. Susan Bishop, Zion (Fireside) UCC, Bellevue, Lakeshore Region
2013-15	Rev. Robin LaBolt – Sycamore UCC, Sycamore, Sandusky Valley Region
2015-17	Rev. David Voll – St. Paul UCC, Oak Harbor, Lakeshore Region
2017-19	Mrs. Betty Rettig – St. John's UCC, Holgate, Auglaize Valley Region
2019-21	Pastor Tom Kagy – Bloomville UCC, Bloomville, Sandusky Valley Region
2021-23	Mr. Doug Ricci – St. Paul UCC, Oak Harbor, Lakeshore Region

Key - The initials designate the Program Districts: MB - Maumee Bay; D - Defiance; H - Heidelberg; ME - Miami Erie; F - Firelands; TH - Templed Hills

* Deceased

RULES AND OPERATING PROCEDURES

Fifty-ninth Annual Meeting of the Northwest Ohio Association

The rules and operating procedures for this Annual Meeting are intended to increase the meeting's effectiveness and simplicity, and to decrease confusion and uncertainty.

The meeting itself is the total responsibility of all the delegates. Delegates (and visitors with voice) should speak only on the subject at hand, remaining aware that there are others who may wish to speak and limiting the number of times he/she speaks and the length of each speech.

The Annual Meeting Planners and the Association Cabinet suggest the following operating procedures:

1. All proceedings, unless otherwise provided for, are governed by Roberts Rules of Order, as Amended.
2. Every member in good standing of a United Church of Christ has the privilege of the floor, but only official delegates and those granted voice and vote by this Association may make motions or vote. During debate the Moderator shall attempt to alternate between "pro" and "con" speakers.
3. Every motion, except a very simple one, must be submitted through the chat feature of Zoom, at the time it is made.
4. Speakers addressing the meeting shall be limited to three minutes on a first speech and two minutes if they wish to speak a second time to the same matter of business.
5. The bar of the house shall be defined as this particular Zoom Meeting Room. Only official delegates within the bar of the house shall be eligible to vote.

DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

NORTHWEST OHIO ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS

Copies of the Northwest Ohio Association Constitution and Bylaws
are available by request at the Association office
or by

[CLICKING HERE](#)

HOW TO REPORT ON AN ANNUAL MEETING

Delegates to the 59th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Ohio Association are representatives of a local church. Delegates are often requested to make a verbal report to the official board or during a Sunday morning worship service. Other delegates are asked to make a written report for their parish newsletter. Regardless - the question remains - how can I make a responsible and effective report? The following guidelines are prepared to help you make your report back home.

1. Basic Resources and Tools for Reporting
 - A. The Program Book - The agenda is a good summary of the meeting. Make notes in your book throughout the meeting.
 - B. Your Personality - When you write or tell the story, be personal - blend the factual report with feelings and humor.
2. Your Report - Telling the Story
 - A. Outline the story you wish to tell. It might fall into several categories:
 - a) Factual Report of:
 - * The Theme – “Peace in Exile”
 - * Reports of officers, staff and teams/committees
 - * Key actions taken
 - * Speakers
 - * Elections
 - * Association Mission Spending Plan (Budget)
 - b) Your Impressions and Feelings about:
 - * Overall impressions of meeting
 - * Inspiration
 - * Challenge
 - * Disappointment
 - * Thrills
 - c) Application of the Meeting to Your Church:
 - * Anyone from your church on the program or elected
 - * Actions that touch your church
 - * Budget implications for your church
 - * New ideas or programs to share
 - d) Invitation and Challenge:
 - * For others to review the program book
 - * For others to be a delegate next year
 - * For others to become involved.
 - B. Write your story out. Be brief - you can tell a lot in five minutes. Have fun!