

## Board of Lay Ministry (BOLM)

10/10/2022

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Meeting Notes (prepared by Cheryl Brown)

Meeting Handout is attached at end of document

### **BOLM Members Present:**

Cindy Snodgrass, Curis Gay, Gayla Jo Slauson, Barry Welliver, Nancy Flint, Cheryl Brown, Annie Arnoldy, Susan Wheeler, Joan Richard, Mark Cumming, Kailin Kahrs, Linda Crockett, Myrna Prentice, Ken Hazlitt

### **Agenda Items:**

**Opening Welcome:** *Nancy Flint*

**Check In** - Everyone shared about the books or articles read recently that have impacted their lives in some way.

**Opening Prayer/Devotion:** Cheryl Brown

**Minutes Review and Approval:** **Did not happen**

**MSC Website:** *Kaitlin K.* did a demo of the updated website. Went live 10/10/2022

**BOLM Background Report:** (Handout sent prior to the meeting)

*Gayla Jo* reviewed handout that outlined the reasons that BOLM exists and the roles of the BOLM. BOLM has not had an elected rep from both UMM and United Women of Faith. Looking at getting a scouting rep.

*Diane M:* Knows regional Boy Scout employee that manages the Boy Scout camp outside Yellowstone.

The BOLM guiding principles were last updated when the conferences merged. There was discussion about the principles and how the reps were chosen at that time. It has been difficult to find young adult representation on BOLM.

*Nancy F:* Maybe BOLM should look for camping ministries rep to connect with young adults.

*Annie Arnoldy:* Suggested talking with Amanda Daniell and sending our info to MS Youth Council asking for input. This could be done instead of just getting a rep on the board.

Linda C: Suggested that a BOLM rep could attend the Youth Council meeting on ZOM and present our questions for them.

Gayla J: Commented that BOLM shouldn't always assume that an Ethnic Coordinator needs to be an ethnic minority. Need to re-think this. Speak to Betty Nguyen.

BOLM Restructure Discussion: How should BOLM be restructured? Should there be members from each state? Another 8 people should not be added to BOLM. Just make sure that each state has representation. Nancy F: BOLM should not be too large. What about Urban vs Rural representation? Barry W: The district Lay Leaders should be aware of that and make sure questions/thoughts are represented.

BOLM Officers Needed:

- BOLM Chairs: Conference Lay Leaders
- Vacant - A person to receive scholarship recommendations

There was much discussion about a fund established for CLM psych evaluation scholarships at the last AC. Balance is \$400. Is DCOM aware that these funds are available? These funds are for CLM's, not LLPs. Perhaps a sub-committee is needed to establish criteria for the scholarships. Ken is on scholarship committee.

- Secretary
- Treasurer ? Barry suggested BOLM needs one.

**MSC Annual Conference:** Barry W.

Reviewed MSC webpage for Annual Conference information. The legislative items will be reviewed on 10/18/2022 via a ZOOM webinar. The Oct 2022 petitions were reviewed. The disaffiliation petitions must be voted on at AC. Highlighted MSC44 that will rescind MSC27, Resolution in Support of the Protocol of Reconciliation and Grace Through Separation. READ this!!!

Oct 11 - AC Budget Webinar 11 am

Oct 18 - AC Legislation overview 6:30 pm

**Episcopacy:** Gayla Jo S.

Gayla Jo and Diane will be at the Western Jurisdiction conference as delegates to elect 3 candidates. There are 32 candidates and 5 are from MSC. A new candidate is Aaron Gray from Fort Collins. One candidate is endorsed at AC in Oct

and then 3 of the 32 are chosen to be bishops at the Jurisdictional Conference in November.

**Reflection Reports:** Nancy F.

Barry W.: How are we working towards responsible leadership>?

Cindy S.: Feels she needs to be intentional and reach out to others for information if she's not getting it.

**Closing Prayer:** Barry W.

# Meeting Handout

## Conference Board of Laity (BOLM) Background Info

### Roles:

- a) Maintain connectional relationship
- b) Provide for ministry of the laity
- c) Foster awareness of the role of the laity both within the local congregation and through their ministries in the home, workplace, community and world in achieving the mission of the Church,
- d) Develop and promote programs to cultivate an adequate understanding of the theological and biblical basis for lay life and work among the members of the churches of the annual conference
- e) Develop and promote stewardship of time, talent and possessions within the annual conference in cooperation with the conference council on ministries or other appropriate conference bodies.
- f) To provide for the training of lay members of annual conference.
- g) To provide support and direction for the ministry of the laity on the local, district organization,
- h) To provide direction and support for the development of local church leaders.

### Membership is recommended though not mandated in Book of Discipline:

- Conference lay leader and associate conference lay leaders,
- conference director of Lay Servant Ministries,
- the Conference Scouting coordinator,

- the presidents and two reps elected by UMM and United Women of Faith,
- UM Young Adults, and conference council on youth ministries
- All District lay leaders,
- two laymen,
- two lay women,
- and two youth elected by the annual conference upon nomination of the conference nominating committee
- a district superintendent designated by the cabinet,
- the director of the conference council on ministries
- and the presiding bishop.

*Special attention shall be given to the inclusion of people with disabilities and racial and ethnic persons. All members shall be professing members of local churches. Conference lay leader shall chair and other officers elected as the board shall deem necessary.*

**Questions to consider:**

Do we have a Conference Scouting Coordinator these days? What might be an alternative member that would represent anything like what this Coordinator once represented?

The Two Reps in addition to the presidents of UMM and UW of Faith are like our members at large -sort of. We do not have a pres of UMM on it, not sure there is one now for the conference. We have the pres of UW of Faith, but no additional reps? Should we have them choose some?

No young adults and no others put forward by nominating committee to be elected as additional members currently participate in BOLM

What is director of conference council on ministries in the conference? Is this the equivalent of Annie Arnoldy's position?

Our ethnic coordinator has not been participating, perhaps for good reason. Need to rethink how we do this.

How can we restructure our BOLM so as to meet the spirit of the recommendations if not the precise membership?

Do we also want to be sure we have two members from each of the states of Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, and Montana?

Do we want to have at least one rural church, one urban rep?

What officers do we need?

How do we plan to select them?