Summary Notes of the March 18, 2021 Conference Board Meeting

Issues Discussed:

Treasurer’s Report - Treasurer, Martin Nuscher, summarized the PNEC financial situation as of 2/31/21 as stable and routine. The “Friends of the Conference” campaign is off to a good start although we are still about $24,000 away from the annual goal. He also mentioned an abrupt 23% increase in the cost of property insurance premiums over 2020, and he hopes to learn more about the reason the UCC Insurance Board has made this change. Also, the UCC connection to Cedar Crest College has changed and as a result there was discussion about whether to continue the Conference’s financial support.

Subgroups of the Board - Board subgroups reported on their efforts and progress:

- Program Evaluation - Will revise the survey used to assess progress toward goals and begin new evaluations again in May, with a summary report due in fall.
- Government and Ministry Implementation - Has integrated suggestions from their survey into the Board goals by creating specific action steps.
- Generosity Team – Is pursuing the $30,000 goal of the “Friends of the Conference” for the 2021 year, and the Team Leader suggested a 100% participation by the leaders of the Conference would help spark more giving. They are also developing a generosity education program for the summer and hope to create a PNEC Fundraising Strategic Plan.
- Spring Conference Meeting Planning Team – Has all aspects of the meeting: workshops, worship, recognitions, etc. in place. Also, the Nomination Committee has a slate of candidates ready for voting in order to fill vacant positions in all areas of ministry.

Decisions Made / Actions Taken:

Motions were made and seconded to accept all written Ministry Team and Committee reports and minutes of the January Board meeting as presented. The Treasurer’s report was approved along with a motion to discontinue financial support to Cedar Crest College since the UCC affiliation with the chaplaincy there is no longer in place. All passed unanimously.

Next Meeting Dates:

- 2021 Spring Conference Meeting: Saturday, April 17
- PNEC Board Retreat: Saturday, May 22
- 2021 Fall Conference Meeting: November 6