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### **Conference Council Meeting**

**Minutes - June 14, 2015 - 1 p.m.**

We welcomed and introduce Council Members, recognizing those who are leaving the Council.

We introduced the Rev. Diane Weible, NCNC Conference Minister.

Introduced Officers for 2015-16: ) Matt Broadbent, Pres.; Eunice Aaron, Vice Pres.; and naming Jeannie Hobson, Recorder.

Orientation materials were passed out including Bylaws; Job Description and Signature Form; Reimbursement Form (travel and material expense)

We set the date for the July Council Meeting (July 11, at the Conference Offices); Include General and Specific Priorities, and suggested new initiatives.

## NCNC – Council

The Council's task is to set the Priorities and maintain the Policies of the Conference.

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GENERAL PRIORITIES (from our Good Governance sessions)

1. **Authorization of Ministry** by supporting Committees on Ministry A and B to process for granting ministerial standing and maintain standards of professional behavior; to assist local churches in the search for pastoral leadership; and to counsel Associations and churches in times of need.
2. **Foster Church Formation** by encouraging new church starts; enhancing the faith commitment of existing churches; developing leadership; creating means of communication between churches and among clergy.
3. **Offer a Vision and Focus** for witness by promoting ministries of compassion, education, development and relief; connecting resources among the various levels of church life in the United Church of Christ.
4. **Be a liaison with the larger setting of the United Church of Christ**, encouraging financial support, interfaith and ecumenical activities; maintaining a conference office with adequate staffing to accomplish our goals.

SPECIFIC PRIORITIES for 2014-15

### **Communication on Connectivity**

Accomplishments: Weekly email newsletter; website revised; Discovery Groups held in churches and Associations.

### **Search Process for Conference Minister**

Accomplishments: Successfully brought to completion an 18 month search process and presented the candidate to an All-Conference meeting in Palo Alto, April 9; continues to welcome and integrate our Conference Minister, Diane Weible, into the life and culture of NCNC.

### **Board Development and Visioning**

Accomplishments: Created a leadership development committee; prepared orientation materials to bring new leaders up to speed in our conference work; beginning to develop a resource bank of needed skills for the Council and Conference Council and committees.

### **Collating and Reviewing Policies and Procedures**

Accomplishments: Made recommendations for Bylaw revisions adopted at our last All-Conference meeting; Revised Personnel policies; Receiving revisions of Conference Committees (FABC, COM-A, B, and C; OMC) operating procedures.