

**Called Executive Committee Meeting**  
**January 9, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.**  
**Zoom Conference**

Present were: Tom Stephenson, Jackie Bunch, Steven Gower, Rich Swain, Merlyn Winters. Staff: John Richardson.

The meeting opened with prayer offered by Rich Swain.

Tom Stephenson announced that Kevin Phipps has resigned from the Regional Church Council and Executive Committee. The Membership Committee is working to find a replacement to finish this term.

Tom explained that Regional Minister Rick Spleth of the Indiana Region is our partner in the process of selecting a new Regional Minister for Ohio. Tom went on to explain the process for selecting potential candidates to serve on the Search Committee. He provided descriptions of the 10 potential candidates. After soliciting comments from the committee members present, he offered that he would ask for a short bio from each candidate. **Motion** was placed by Jackie Bunch to accept the roster of individuals including Tom Stephenson as ex-officio without vote, to serve as Search Committee for Regional Minister. Motion was **seconded** by Rich Swain. All voted in favor including two affirmations from Michael Doerr and Candice Wilson who replied via email.

John Richardson provided an update of the Regional Finances. End of December statements have been received. We're still in the negative between \$400,000 - \$500,000. A full report will be sent out ahead of the Called Regional Church Council Meeting slated for Thursday, January 18 at 7:00 pm via ZOOM Conference.

John added that General Ministers and College of Regional Ministers will respond to problems in a timely manner in the future when financial problems are flagged in any region.

Meeting was adjourned and ended with prayer offered by Jackie Bunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Merlyn Winters, Secretary