

**Attending:** Ken Vogel - President, Mary-Jane Cross, Carrie McEvoy, Bob Trefry, Steve Grathwohl, Doug Flam, Catherine Onyemelukwe, Stapley Emberling, Alex Gormley, Rev. John Morehouse (ex-officio)

Agenda/Topic	Discussion	Motions & Votes (M/S/V); Actions
Opening	Meeting called to order 5:07pm and chalice lit. Opening words – C Onyemelukwe read a Yoko Ono quote.	
Moral Owner Linkage Goal	<p>B Trefry laid out the group's thoughts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take time at Board Huddles to get input on Congregation questions, feelings, issues. Board members should be actively aware of playing this role in smaller groups of which you are a part. Make communication from Congregants as easy as possible; don't try to help solve the problems, but pass them on to appropriate person(s). D Flam asked if Congregants see any confusion between Comm. On Ministry &amp; Board. Rev John feels Congregants see COM as more approachable.</li> <li>• Linkage group will review the survey done for the 2018 Strategic Plan to pull out info for the Board. They are also considering a possible Congregation survey next year (2019-20);</li> <li>• Set up meetings for Board &amp; smaller groups – haven't pushed very much on this. <u>This is tabled to a Board discussion at a meeting later this Spring.</u></li> </ul>	<p><u>Rev John</u> will write a Soundings article about sending Questions to one of 3 bodies – Ministers, Board of Trustees, Comm. On Ministry.</p> <p><u>MJ Cross</u> will add discussions between Board and small groups to Annual Planning Calendar.</p>
Reflections on Monitoring Reports	<p>Rev John and the Board discussed question of overlap between the Board/Congregant linkage and the role of the Committee On Ministry (COM) to assure the Congregation is fulfilling its mission and vision. COM also has been acting as right relations managers. In both these roles, COM has been incredibly helpful to the ministry and to the Board.</p> <p>After discussion, it was agreed that the Moral Owner Linkage group should meet with COM to discuss how communications flows can work.</p> <p>There is a structural overlap in the Constitution between the Board and the COM with the move to a Policy Governance Board model. This can be addressed in the future as Policy Governance becomes more established.</p>	<p><b>M/S/V: To approve the Board Linkage group (B Trefry, C McEvoy, S Emberling, D Flam) meet with COM to discuss practical aspects of working together now and suggest we approach any potentially structural Constitution issues next year. The Board is appreciative of the work COM has done. Motion approved.</b></p>
Board Goals	Discussion on how we are doing on the goals we set is tabled to the March 19 Board meeting	MJ Cross will add this to the March 19 Agenda
Adjournment	Meeting adjourned at 6:00pm	

Respectfully submitted,

Mary-Jane Cross, Board Secretary March 9, 2019