



SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA NEVADA CONFERENCE, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Southern California Nevada Conference Special Meeting MINUTES

March 16, 2024 (Zoom)

9:00AM via ZOOM

Moderator Wally Hoeger called the meeting to order. Vice Moderator Ashley Heistand led an opening prayer.

Wally reported that Virginia Arroyo had confirmed a quorum of delegates and churches were in attendance.

Wally shared the purpose of the special meeting to consider the candidacy of Rev. Rachael Pryor for the settled Conference Minister of the Southern California Nevada Conference and the process by which the Search Committee presented Rev. Pryor as a candidate to the Board. The Board unanimously affirmed the recommendation of the Search Committee.

Ashley reviewed the opportunities to meet Rev. Pryor in the past weeks and thanked the Search Committee for their commitment and work.

Jeanne Miller, the Chair of the Search Committee, introduced Rev. Pryor. She shared some of what the search committee was looking for in a candidate, including strong relational and administrative skills; the ability to work collaboratively with all parts of the conference; a deep understanding of the UCC, its polity and its covenantal aspects; skills and insight in diversity in its broadest sense; and a willingness to face the changes impacting our churches, our conference, and our denomination.

Rev. Pryor took the floor, introducing herself and sharing her enthusiasm for this position of Conference Minister in the SCNC.

Wally opened a brief time for questions. After questions, Wally asked Rev. Pryor to sign off.

Jude Johnson, Chair of the Board of Directors, made the motion:

Motion to call and elect Rev. Rachael Pryor as the Settled Conference Minister of the Southern California Nevada Conference.

Vote: Approved unanimously

Rev. Pryor rejoined the meeting and was informed of the vote.

Sarah Averette-Phillips moved to adjourn the meeting. Heather Branton seconded.

Kris Bergstrom closed the meeting in prayer.