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WE EXTEND GOD'S EXTRAVAGANT WELCOME, CONNECT  
CHURCHES, AND TRANSFORM LIVES."***

## Kansas-Oklahoma Conference UCC SPECIAL MEETING

August 21, 2021  
10:00 AM  
ZOOM

### MINUTES

Conference President Bobbie Henderson welcomed participants and in order to establish a quorum, participants were invited to type the name of their congregation and location into the chat. With over twenty churches represented, it was announced that a quorum was achieved. The list of congregations represented may be found at the conclusion of these minutes.

The meeting was called to order and Rev. Sheridan Irick offered an opening prayer. After providing an overview of the process, Henderson recognized Rev. Rachael Pryor, Search Committee Chair, who shared highlights of the Committee's work, including a special thank you to Rev. Lee Albertson, UCC Conference Minister Search and Support. Then she introduced the candidate, Rev. Lorraine Cenicerros, who spoke briefly and responded to a few questions.

Following the Q&A, Henderson invited Lorraine to adjourn to a ZOOM Waiting Room and asked for further questions. There being none, Henderson called for the election of Rev. Cenicerros to a six-years term as the Kansas-Oklahoma Conference Minister. Rev. Michael Vollbrecht, K-O Communications Specialist, reported the results of 58 responses, 57 "yes" votes, and one abstention, added to three emailed responses. Rev. Cenicerros returned to the meeting amid cheers and congratulations.

Dewan Keesee, Search Committee Chaplain, offered a prayer of thanksgiving. Then Rev. Cenicerros acknowledged the result with comments foreseeing good things ahead and her happy anticipation for working together.

Henderson reported that Cenicerros would start on December 1, 2021, with a brief overlap of time with Conference Minister Edith Guffey. Notice will be officially given to the Wisconsin conference and her process of relocation will take place during November.

Following a virtual standing ovation for our current Conference Minister, Edith Guffey, Rev. Cenicerros offered the benediction and the meeting adjourned at 10:42 AM.

## **Mandy Cook**

Mandy Cook, Secretary

### Participating Congregations:

- 1) Cathedral of Hope UCC, Oklahoma City, OK
- 2) Central Congregational UCC, Topeka, KS
- 3) Church of the Open Arms, Oklahoma City, OK
- 4) Colonial UCC, Prairie Village, KS
- 5) Community UCC, Carbondale, KS
- 6) Community Congregational Church UCC, Gaylord, KS
- 7) Community UCC, Partridge, KS
- 8) Evangelical UCC, Marysville, KS
- 9) Federated UCC, Weatherford, OK
- 10) Fellowship Congregational UCC, Tulsa, OK
- 11) First Congregational Church of Norman UCC, Norman, OK
- 12) First Congregational UCC, Great Bend, KS
- 13) First Congregational UCC, Manhattan, LS
- 14) First Congregational UCC, Onaga
- 15) First Congregational UCC, Topeka, KS
- 16) Friedens UCC, Bern, KS
- 17) Immanuel UCC, Ellinwood, KS
- 18) Mayflower Congregational Church, Oklahoma City, OK
- 19) Midland Community UCC, Sterling, KS
- 20) Peace UCC, Alma, KS
- 21) Plymouth Congregational UCC, Lawrence, KS
- 22) Puritan Congregational Christian UCC, Drummond, OK
- 23) Saint Peter's UCC, Inman, KS
- 24) Trinity United Christian Church, Cheney, KS
- 25) Wichita UCC, Wichita, KS
- 26) Zion UCC, Junction City, KS