

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL SUB-EXECUTIVE
MINUTES
Tuesday, August 29, 2023 (video conference call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada held a meeting by video conference call on Tuesday, August 29, 2023 beginning at 11 a.m. (Eastern).

Attendance

Voting Members: Mitchell Anderson (alternate), Michael Blair, Richard Bott, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Catherine Glover

Regrets: Carmen Lansdowne

Resource: Diane Bosman

Constituting the Meeting

The Immediate Past-Moderator, Richard Bott, constituted the meeting of the Sub-Executive: "Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, seul chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par le quarante-troisième Conseil général, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council to be in session for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God."

Procedural Motions

Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Mitchell Anderson **2023-08-29-046**

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary, and that Diane Bosman be named as resource person for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Motion: Catherine Glover/Teresa Burnett-Cole **2023-08-29-047**

That the minutes of the last Sub-Executive meeting, held on June 26, 2023, be approved.

Carried

NOM 07 Recommendations for Appointment

Diane Bosman, resource staff to the Nominations Committee, introduced this proposal, briefly noting the various pieces of work undertaken by the committee at their recent meeting. The General Secretary noted that two of the appointments by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches were young people who had participated in the Young Black Scholarship Program.

Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Catherine Glover **2023-08-29-048**

That the General Council Sub-Executive appoint the following members with terms as noted:

a. Appoint or reappoint the following members with terms as noted:

Pension Plan Advisory Committee, Specialists (September 2026)

On the joint recommendation of the Pension Board and the Nominations Committee.

- James Fera, *specialist, 1st term*
- Peggy McCallum, *specialist, 1st term*

Investment Committee – Treasury (June 2026)

- Jeff Horbal (Lay Person, Shining Waters), *specialist, 3rd term*

b. Receive for information the following appointments recently made by other authorized bodies:

As appointed by the National Indigenous Church

Task Group to Review the Roles of the Moderator and General Secretary (December 2024)

- Leeann Shimoda (Lay Person, Eastern Ontario Outaouais)
- Kimberly Roy (Diaconal Minister, Northern Spirit)
- Ray Jones (Lay Person, Pacific Mountain), Elder
- Evelyn Day (Lay Person, Northern Spirit), *Elder*.

As appointed by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

World Council of Churches: Commission on World Mission and Evangelism

- Michael Blair (Ordained Minister, Shining Waters)

World Council of Churches: Commission on Faith and Order

- Sandra Beardsall (Ordained Minister, Living Skies) *2nd term*

World Council of Churches: Youth Advisor to the Central Committee

- Brianna Lane (Lay Person, East Central Ontario)

World Council of Churches: Young People in the Ecumenical Movement Commission

- Jonisha Lewinson (Lay Person, Shining Waters)

Carried

GS 41 Appointment of Director, Bridge Street Foundation

The General Secretary indicated that the constitution of the Bridge Street Foundation includes a clause that a member of the Foundation will be appointed by the General Council Executive.

The usual practice is that the ministry personnel for Bridge Street United Church is the person appointed to that role. John Young is currently serving in a supply capacity at the congregation.

Motion: Catherine Glover/Mitchell Anderson

2023-08-29-049

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint John Young as a director of the Bridge Street United Church Foundation.

Carried

The General Secretary thanked members and staff for their presence and input at the meeting. The Past-Moderator closed the meeting requesting prayers for the continued work of the Moderator.

Richard Bott, Past-Moderator

Michael Blair, General Secretary