

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**MEETING OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL SUB-EXECUTIVE**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday, December 11, 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 Monday, December 11, 2023, beginning at 2 p.m. (Eastern).

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Michael Blair, Richard Bott, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Carmen Lansdowne, Jane McDonald

**Corresponding:** Lynella Reid-James

**Resource:** Alan Hall, Erik Mathiesen, Nicole Treksler

**Constituting the Meeting**

The Moderator, Carmen Lansdowne, 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-quatrième 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/Jane McDonald** **2023-12-11-089**

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary, that Erik Mathiesen, Alan Hall, and Nicole Treksler be resource staff, and that Lynella Reid-James be named a corresponding member for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

**Carried**

**Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council**

**Motion: Richard Bott/Teresa Burnett-Cole** **2023-12-11-090**

That the minutes of the last Sub-Executive meeting, held on October 11, 2023, be approved.

**Carried**

**GS 75 Increase in Operating Line of Credit**

Erik Mathiesen, Executive Officer, Finance, briefly introduced the proposal, noting that this was an increase to an already existing line of credit (GC43EX GS70 *Denominational Line of Credit*, approved November 20, 2020).

**Motion: Michael Blair/Jane McDonald** **2023-12-11-091**

That the Sub-Executive authorize an increase in the Line of Credit structure from \$10 million to \$11 million.

**Carried**

### **NOM 09 Recommendations for Appointment**

Lynella Reid-James, chairperson of the Nominations Committee, introduced this proposal, briefly noting the various pieces of work undertaken by the committee at their recent meeting.

**Motion: Richard Bott/Teresa Burnett-Cole**

**2023-12-11-092**

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

1. Reappoint Anne Soh, chairperson, to a second term on the Pension Board until January 2027.  
*(submitted with the joint recommendation of the Pension Board)*
2. Receive for information the following appointments of United Church of Canada members made by the World Council of Churches:
  - Jessica Hetherington (Ordained, Eastern Ontario Outaouais): Commission of the Churches on Climate Justice and Sustainable Development
  - Adele Halliday (Lay Person, Shining Waters): Overcoming Racism, Xenophobia, Casteism and all forms of Discrimination Reference Group, co-moderator

### **Carried**

The Moderator thanked all those present for their presence and input at the meeting.

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Carmen Lansdowne, Moderator

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Michael Blair, General Secretary