

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 13, 2003
(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1:00 p.m. to 1:40 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2003, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Marion Pardy, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Hazel Bigby, Sheila Duffin, Ron Holotuk, Jon Jessiman, Joanna MacQuarrie, Marion Pardy (Chair), Karen Ptolemy-Stam, Jim Sinclair, Jack Spencer.

Corresponding Members

Omega Bula, David Estey, Ian Fraser, Carol Hancock, Bob Johnstone.

Regrets: Claire Borel-Christen, Bill Phipps, Sheila Snelling.

CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

The Moderator constituted the meeting with the following words:

"In the Name of Jesus Christ the head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 37th General Council, 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."

After a brief check, the Moderator led in prayer using a new resource from Maritime Conference, *Gather Us In*.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Corresponding Members

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Sheila Duffin

2003-05-13-0627.PRO

That Omega Bula, Carol Hancock, David Estey, Ian Fraser, Bob Johnstone, and other persons attending the meeting as a resource to the Sub-Executive be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council – April 25 – 28, 2003

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jack Spencer

2003-05-13-0628.PRO

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for April 25–28, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

APPOINTMENT

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY, BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE

Carol Hancock reported on the recommendation from the Search and Selection Committee for the British Columbia Conference Executive Secretary, chaired by Jon Jessiman. Carol gave a short biography for Rev. G. Douglas Goodwin. Jon Jessiman reported that B.C. Executive met by conference call and are very much in favour of this appointment.

There was discussion on the start date and it is understood that Doug will be working at General Council as the Environment Coordinator and he will be using holiday time for this period.

Motion: Jon Jessiman/Sheila Duffin

2003-05-13-0629

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the appointment of the Rev. G. Douglas Goodwin as Executive Secretary, B.C. Conference, effective August 1, 2003.

Carried

Carol noted that Keith Howard will be the acting Executive Secretary to bridge the gap from July 1 when Deb Bowman leaves and when Doug begins.

Appreciation was expressed for the work of Jon Jessiman on the Search Committee. Jon expressed appreciation for the work of Carol Hancock and regional relations including how well this position is functioning.

DENOMINATION AND FAITH SHAPING ISSUES

Jim Sinclair talked about the challenges experienced and concerns identified for the Denomination and Faith Shaping Issue "Ministry Directions". He also talked about the Theology and Faith Report which is related to the "Faith Talk" document in use in many congregations. Theology and Faith have also been asked to present an interim report to this General Council and would appreciate the wisdom from the court for feedback for their final report in 2006.

Whereas, the important topic of "Ministry Directions" incorporated a number of subjects which are already included in other parts of the 38th General Council agenda; and

Whereas, the 37th General Council mandated its Theology and Faith Committee to bring an interim report to the 38th General Council; and

Whereas, the Agenda and Planning Committee has recommended an alternate procedure for addressing the Denomination and Faith Shaping Issues.

Motion: Jon Jessiman/Joanna MacQuarrie

2003-05-13-0630

That this Sub-Executive of the General Council agree that in listing the Denomination and Faith Shaping Issues for the 38th General Council, the Report of Theology and Faith will be substituted for "Ministry Directions".

Carried

CORRESPONDENCE

The Moderator read for information the letter of March 5 from Alan Hall, Chair of the Human Resources Committee. The letter stated that the search for the General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry did not have a sufficiently large field of candidates to allow it to proceed. The position was reposted with a closing date of April 25, 2003. The Search Committee will now be holding interviews on May 14 and 15 for this position.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator expressed her appreciation, blessings, and peace to all and declared the meeting of the Sub-Executive adjourned at 1:40 p.m.

Moderator, Marion Pardy

Acting General Secretary, Jim Sinclair