

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

May 30, 2003
(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2003, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Marion Pardy, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Hazel Bigby, Sheila Duffin, Ron Holotuk, Jon Jessiman, Marion Pardy (Chair), Jim Sinclair, Jack Spencer.

Corresponding Members

David Estey, Alan Hall, Bob Johnstone.

Regrets: Claire Borel-Christen, Omega Bula, Ian Fraser, Carol Hancock, Joanna MacQuarrie, Bill Phipps, Karen Ptolemy-Stam, 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."

The Moderator began the meeting with a reflection on committee meetings.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Corresponding Members

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Ron Holotuk

2003-05-30-0631.PRO

That David Estey, Bob Johnstone, and Alan Hall, attending this 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

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Motion: Jim Sinclair/Hazel Bigby

2003-05-30-0632.PRO

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for May 13, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

APPOINTMENT

GENERAL COUNCIL MINISTER: PROGRAMS FOR MISSION AND MINISTRY

Alan Hall gave the report from the Search Committee for the General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry. Out of 10 applicants, the Search Committee interviewed 3 candidates for this position. The recommendation from the Search Committee was given with confidence.

The Sub-Executive asked a number of questions and expressed concerns that were addressed by Alan Hall, Jim Sinclair and Jack Spencer, all who were on the Search Committee.

Motion: Jack Spencer/Sheila Duffin**2003-05-30-0633**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the appointment of the Rev. Bruce Gregersen as General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry, at a date to be determined by the parties concerned, but not later than September 1, 2003.

Carried

There was a question about the Ecumenical Officer and the Officer for Theology and Faith. It was noted that this will be a later discussion including how to place these two positions to the best advantage.

FINANCIAL APPEAL – ATLANTIC SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

The Acting General Secretary gave a report on the mutual request from Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and Maritimes Conference for a financial appeal for the Atlantic School of Theology.

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jack Spencer**2003-05-30-0634**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the extra appeal in Newfoundland and Labrador Conference and Maritime Conference for the Atlantic School of Theology commencing September 2004 for a period of 5 years in the amount of \$3 million.

Carried**DISCONTINUED SERVICE LISTS****NAME CHANGE OF THE UNITED CHURCH'S WOMEN'S GROUPS**

There was some discussion and stories about people who choose to go onto the Discontinued Service List.

Motion: Jon Jessiman/Ron Holotuk**2003-05-30-0635**

To forward the two proposals: "Establishing two lists for discontinued service" and "Recommended Name Change *Women of The United Church of Canada* to *Women's Ministries Network*" to the 38th General Council.

Carried**Next meetings**

The Sub-Executive was alerted that there could possibly be two more meetings prior to General Council. There could be a quick call in June and another one after July 17th but most likely during the week of July 28.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator gave her appreciation, blessings, and peace to all and declared the meeting of the Sub-Executive adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Moderator, Marion Pardy

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