

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES**

**August 1, 2003  
(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 11:00 a.m. EDT until 11:30 a.m. on Friday, August 1, 2003, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Marion Pardy, presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members**

Sheila Duffin, Joanna MacQuarrie, Marion Pardy (Chair), Jim Sinclair (Acting General Secretary), Sheila Snelling, and Jack Spencer.

**Corresponding Members**

Omega Bula, Alan Hall, Pat Thompson.

**Regrets:** Hazel Bigby, Claire Borel-Christen, David Estey, Ian Fraser, Carol Hancock, Ron Holotuk, Jon Jessiman, Bob Johnstone, Bill Phipps, and Karen Ptolemy-Stam.

**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 37<sup>th</sup> 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 prayer.

**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

**Corresponding Members**

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Joanna MacQuarrie**

**2003-08-01-665.PRO**

That Omega Bula, Alan Hall, and Pat Thompson be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

**Carried**

**APPOINTMENT**

**GENERAL COUNCIL MINISTER: PLANNING PROCESSES**

Alan Hall introduced the recommendation for the appointment to the General Council Minister: Planning Processes and talked about the interview process of the Search Committee.

**Motion: Jack Spencer/Sheila Duffin**

**2003-08-01-666**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint the Rev. Dr. Vicki Obedkoff to the position of General Council Minister Planning Processes effective October 1, 2003.

**Carried**

The Moderator thanked the Search Committee for their work and Alan Hall for his patience and grace.

**NOMINATIONS PROCESS**

**Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry**

As follow-up to July 29<sup>th</sup>'s meeting of the Sub-Executive and the concern that this Committee has too many members, Pat Thompson shared the following information.

1. Steps have been initiated to remove one (1) Maritime based member from the Committee and an invitation has been extended to a francophone representative to join the Committee.

2. The current Chair of the Committee, Wayne Soble, has asked to step down from the Committee thus creating another vacancy.

These changes mean that the Committee will have the requisite number of members.

#### **MODERATOR'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Motion: Joanna MacQuarrie/Jack Spencer**

**2003-08-01-667**

That the Very Rev. Dr. Sang Chul Lee be the past Moderator appointed to the Moderator's Advisory Committee.

**Carried**

#### **GENERAL SECRETARY'S SUPERVISION COMMITTEE**

Pat Thompson reviewed the action from the Sub Executive at its meeting on July 29, 2003 regarding membership from the Executive of the General Council and the appointment of Maggie McLeod to the General Secretary's Supervision Committee. It is unclear whether the implication of the motion from the Executive of the General Council specifying elected members from the Executive differentiates between elected and appointed members or corresponding and staff persons. It was agreed to bring this issue forward for the new Sub-Executive.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator gave her thanks, sincere appreciation, and blessings to all and declared the meeting of the Sub-Executive adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

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**Moderator, Marion Pardy**

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**Acting General Secretary, Jim Sinclair**