

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES August 26, 2004 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 2:00 p.m. EDST until 2:45 p.m. on Thursday, August 26, 2004, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Peter Short, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Anne-Marie Carmoy, Jim Jackson, Donald Koots, Stephen Mabee, Marion Pardy, Barbara Rafuse, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair

Corresponding Members

Ian Fraser, Carol Hancock

Regrets:

Lynn Boothroyd, Michelle Slater, George Takashima, Kent Ward, Omega Bula, Bruce Gregersen

CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

The Moderator constituted the meeting with the following words:

"Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, seul chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par le 38ième Conseil général, je déclare ouvert, par la présente, le sous-exécutif du Conseil général et ses travaux dans l'intérêt du Royaume de Dieu."

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 38th 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."

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Corresponding Members

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Stephen Mabee

2004-08-26-156

That Janet McDonald, Ian Fraser, and Carol Hancock 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, July 21, 2004

The General Secretary noted a correction to the minutes – to delete Ian Fraser as a corresponding member from motion 2004-07-21-147.

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jim Jackson

2004-08-26-157

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for July 21, 2004 be adopted as corrected.

Carried

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT (Appendix A)

Marion Pardy reported on the work of the Nominations Committee which met on August 24, 2004. Janet McDonald summarized the recruitment process.

Discussion included the difficult work of the Nominations Committee especially when people do not understand the process. The Nominations Committee has asked Marion Pardy to write to the General Secretary asking for clarification on some of the issues that have arisen in the work of the Committee.

Motion: Marion Pardy/Don Koots

2004-08-26-158

That the Sub Executive of the General Council appoint the following people to the committees and task groups (with the stated terms):

GC Agenda and Planning Committee (to GC39, 2006)

- Barb Van Norman (Lay, Lon)
- Deborah Hoekstra (OM, ANW)

GCE - Permanent Committee on Ministry & Employment Policy & Services (to GC39, 2006)

- Peter Hardy (Lay, Mar/Bermuda)
- Tracy Murton (Lay, BC)

Faith Formation & Education (FFE) Ministry Vocations Committee (2007 August)

- Steven Davis (OM, Mtu)

FFE Education for Church Leadership Coordinating Committee (2007 August)

- Kathryn Fournier (Lay, M&O)

Support for Local Ministries (SLM) Worship and Liturgy Task Group (to GC39, 2006)

- Inez Penney (Lay, N&L)
- Jane Graham (Lay, Lon)

SLM Evangelism, Transformation & Discipleship Advisory Committee (2007 August)

- Jeff Crittenden (OM, ANW)
- Anna Christie (OM, BC)
- Martha Martin (DM, Mar)
- Susan Reid (Lay, Mar)
- Joan Small (Lay, Mar)
- Darren Woof (OM, ANW)

SLM Camp Sustainability Task Group (to GC39, 2006)

- Randy Crozman (OM, Mar)
- Gord Dunbar (OM, Ham)
- Kathy Koehler (Lay, ANW)
- David Woodall (OM, Lon)

SLM Duty of Care Program Advisory Committee (to GC39, 2006)

- Amy Downs (Lay, Tor)
- Susan Easterbrook (Lay, Lon)
- Kenneth Simpson (Lay, Tor)

Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations (JGER) Global Partnership Advisory Committee (2007 August)

- Estaban Lasso (Lay, Tor)
- Tad Mitsui (OM, ANW)
- Ray Purdie (OM, Sask)
- Arthur Walker-Jones (Lay, MNWO)

Carried

Marion Pardy expressed appreciation to the Nominations Committee and to Janet McDonald and Bernie Granka for their work on behalf of the Committee.

GENERAL COUNCIL PROJECT FUND – EXPENDITURE

United Church Health Services (Appendix B)

Ian Fraser gave the background on the need to regularize the relationship between the church and its work of direct health care services.

Motion: Stephen Mabee/Marion Pardy

2004-08-26-159

That the Sub-Executive approve an expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the General Council Project Fund to participate in a review to determine if there continues to be a significant purpose and role for The United Church of Canada in the direct delivery of health care services in British Columbia.

Carried

It was noted that the results of the study will be reported to the Executive with a progress report no later than the April 2005 Executive of the General Council. This will be added to the terms of reference of the review.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator gave his appreciation and blessings for the life and work of the people of the Sub Executive. The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Moderator, Peter Short

General Secretary, Jim Sinclair

APPENDIX A

The Nominations Committee met on August 24th, 2004 via teleconference call to select spiritual leaders for the church using the practices of spiritual discernment. Elected and Appointed Member Services coordinated the recruitment process and the preparation of information for the Nominations Committee. This was part two of the Spring 2004 recruitment cycle.

Elected and Appointed Member Services – August Recruitment Summary

- 13 Committees, Task Groups or Representatives/Delegates
- 45 Vacant Positions
- 53 People Expressing Interest in these vacancies

GCE Nominations Committee – August Discernment Summary

- 25 people are recommended for 9 committees or task groups
- 11 people - there was no match between vacancies and expressions of interest
- 7 people who will be advised of the delay in appointments and considered in the next cycle
- 7 people whose expressions of interest were late/incomplete will be considered in the next cycle

Recommendations from the Discernment of the GCE Nominations Committee – August 24th, 2004:

The GCE Nominations Committee recommends that the GC Sub Executive appoint the following people to the committees and task groups (with the stated terms):

GC Agenda and Planning Committee (to GC39, 2006)

(4 people expressing interest for two vacancies)

- Barb Van Norman (Lay, Lon)
- Deborah Hoekstra (OM, ANW)

GCE - Permanent Committee on Ministry & Employment Policy & Services (to GC39, 2006)

(2 people expressing interest for three vacancies)

- Peter Hardy (Lay, Mar/Bermuda)
- Tracy Murton (Lay, BC)

FFE Ministry Vocations Committee (2007 August)

(1 person expressing interest for three vacancies)

- Steven Davis (OM, Mtu)

FFE Education for Church Leadership Coordinating Committee (2007 August)

(2 people expressing interest for five vacancies)

- Kathryn Fournier (Lay, M&O)

SLM Worship and Liturgy Task Group (to GC39, 2006)

(6 people expressing interest for two vacancies)

- Inez Penney (Lay, N&L)
- Jane Graham (Lay, Lon)

SLM Evangelism, Transformation & Discipleship Advisory Committee (2007 August)

(12 people expressing interest for five vacancies)

- Jeff Crittenden (OM, ANW)
- Anna Christie (OM, BC)
- Martha Martin (DM, Mar)
- Susan Reid (Lay, Mar)
- Joan Small (Lay, Mar)
- Darren Woof (OM, ANW)

SLM Camp Sustainability Task Group (to GC39, 2006)

(5 people expressing interest for six vacancies)

- Randy Crozman (OM, Mar)
- Gord Dunbar (OM, Ham)
- Kathy Koehler (Lay, ANW)
- David Woodall (OM, Lon)

SLM Duty of Care Program Advisory Committee (to GC39, 2006)

(4 people expressing interest for eight vacancies)

- Amy Downs (Lay, Tor)
- Susan Easterbrook (Lay, Lon)
- Kenneth Simpson (Lay, Tor)

JGER Global Partnership Advisory Committee (2007 August)

(8 people expressing interest for five vacancies)

- Estaban Lasso (Lay, Tor)
- Tad Mitsui (OM, ANW)
- Ray Purdie (OM, Sask)
- Arthur Walker-Jones (Lay, MNWO)

To Be Discerned (4)

- JGER - UCC Representative to Canadian Council of Churches Board (1 prospect for one vacancy)
- JGER – UCC Representative to the Reformed-Lutheran Dialogue (1 prospect for one vacancy)
- JGER – Justice, Peace and Creation Advisory Committee (7 prospects for one vacancy)
- JGER – Gender Justice and Partnership Monitoring Committee (4 prospects for 3 vacancies)

Faithfully submitted by,
Marion Pardy, Chairperson
Nominations Committee

APPENDIX B

RECOMMENDATION: That the Sub-Executive approve an expenditure of up to \$15,000 from the General Council Project Fund to participate in a review to determine if there continues to be a significant purpose and role for The United Church of Canada in the direct delivery of health care services in British Columbia.

BACKGROUND

For many years the United Church has been involved in the operation of hospitals. At one time there were more than twenty such hospitals across the country, many of these located in areas of need, and for the most part in rural areas. Presently, four of these hospitals remain connected with the United Church of Canada, one at Lamont, Alberta and three in British Columbia at Bella Bella, Bella Coola, and Hazelton.

At Lamont the United Church continues to own the hospital property and the hospital has been incorporated under Alberta regulations. The hospital has a relationship with Alberta and Northwest Conference in terms of mission oversight and technical oversight is carried out by the board of Lamont Hospital.

In British Columbia, United Church Health Services (UCHS), an un-incorporated entity connected with B.C. Conference, provides oversight for the operation of the hospitals as well as medical clinics at the three sites. The United Church (General Council) owns the properties on which these hospitals sit as well as other properties used for staff housing.

For over forty years these United Church hospitals have been funded by provincial government ministries of health. Physician's services are paid for by the provinces through funding arrangements. Other than generous donations by United Church members or organizations, the United Church does not make any financial contribution to the hospitals.

The General Council has maintained an interest in hospitals beginning with its first review ordered by the 1928 General Council. This review recommended the Board of Home Missions and the Women's Missionary Society jointly form a hospitals committee for the oversight of all the medical work of the United Church of Canada. Further reviews in 1955-56, 1984-85 and 1992-93 have been conducted at the direction of either the General Council or the Division of Mission in Canada.

For a number of years, and particularly following the 1994 DMC review, there has been an understanding that as communities became capable of looking after their own health care needs, the United Church would withdraw from operating these hospitals and turn over operations to community boards.

In 2001 the government in British Columbia reorganized health care services creating five large regional boards and dissolving all community hospital boards (including those at Bella Bella, Bella Coola and Hazelton). "Denominational" facilities however were permitted to continue operating with boards in a semi-autonomous manner.

Following this action by the government, the three communities were faced with the prospect of having no input or influence over health care services in their communities. The hospital boards polled the communities informally and there was consensus that the communities would like the United Church to resume operation of the hospitals.

The review to be undertaken in 2004 is then:

to determine if there continues to be a significant purpose and role for the United Church of Canada in the direct delivery of health care service in British Columbia, and

if so;

- to clarify and articulate the purpose and role
- to identify the major issues facing the future of this work
- to identify possible future directions for this work
- to choose a course of action to achieve the purpose and role

and if not;

- to identify the major issues involved in withdrawing from direct delivery of health care services;
- to choose a course of action that would allow a withdrawal from direct delivery with a minimum of disruption to the communities involved.

The General Council has an interest in both mission and property in this regard and would benefit from the clarification of its role which this review proposes.

The review is being proposed by, and would be overseen by, B.C. Conference. The review is expected to cost up to \$30,000 with the proposal that B.C. Conference, UCHS and the General Council share in the cost.

The General Council Project Fund is set at a maximum of \$150,000 per year. To date there is one commitment of up to \$25,000 approved by the Sub-Executive in July 2004.