

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES

February 28, 2006

(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 2:00 p.m. EST until 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 2006, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Peter Short, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Lynn Boothroyd, Anne-Marie Carmoy, David Giuliano, Jim Jackson, Donald Koots, Stephen Mabee, Marion Pardy, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair, Michelle Slater, George Takashima, Kent Ward.

Corresponding Members

Carol Hancock, Janet McDonald

Regrets: Barbara Rafuse, Bruce Gregersen, Ian Fraser, Kim Uyede-Kai

CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

The Moderator welcomed everyone to the conference call on Shrove Tuesday followed by prayer. The Moderator mentioned the passing of Cliff Elliot. 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 38^{ième} 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."

Members of the Sub-Executive took time for check in and sharing.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Corresponding Members

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Stephen Mabee

2006-02-28-341

That Carol Hancock and Janet McDonald be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Terry Beaumont be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Editorial corrections were made as follows:

Page 407 and 412 – *The Manual* - capital T in The.

Page 413 – Church's – capital C in Church

Page 407 – grammatical corrections

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jim Jackson

2006-02-28-342

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for January 31, 2006 be adopted as corrected.

Carried

Appointment

Conference Executive Secretary, London Conference

Carol Hancock reviewed the recommendation and shared the comments from the Chair of the Search Committee to the London Conference Executive.

Motion: George Takashima/Lynn Boothroyd

2006-02-28-343

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint David Woodall to the position of Conference Executive Secretary, effective June 1, 2006.

Carried

Seal Document of The United Church of Canada

Motion: Stephen Mabee/Jim Jackson

2006-02-28-344

The Second General Council, meeting in June 1926, adopted By-Law Number 126 of The United Church of Canada with respect to the Seal of The United Church of Canada.

By due and valid process, By-Law 126 has since been renumbered to become Section 515 of *The Manual* and has been amended by the proper Courts of the Church to read as follows:

There shall be an Official Seal for The United Church of Canada. When it is required to affix the seal to any document, except where otherwise provided by any Act respecting The United Church of Canada, it shall be attested by the signatures of any two of the following officers: The Moderator, the General Secretary of the General Council, the General Council Ministers, and the Executive Officer, Finance (any one of whom shall for this purpose be entitled to temporary custody of the Seal and to affix the same), or by any one thereof, together with any one of six other persons to be appointed by the Executive of the General Council.

NOW, this is to certify that the following are the persons above-mentioned who are authorized to affix the Seal of the Church and to attest it to wit:

Moderator, The United Church of Canada
General Secretary, General Council
General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry
General Council Minister, Resources for Mission and Ministry
General Council Minister, Regional Relations
General Council Minister, Planning Processes
General Council Minister, Racial and Gender Justice
Executive Officer, Financial Services

Peter Short
Jim Sinclair
Bruce Gregersen
Ian Fraser
Carol L. Hancock
Janet McDonald
Kim Uyede-Kai
Ron Olsen

AND, the following six persons all appointed by the Executive of the General Council:

Legal/Judicial Counsel	Cynthia Gunn
Legal/Judicial Counsel	Kathy McDonald
Executive Minister, Justice, Global & Ecumenical Relations	Omega Bula
Program Officer, Financial Services	Mary May
Executive Minister, Ministry and Employment Policies and Services	Michael Burke
Executive Minister, Resource Production and Distribution.	Daniel Benson

This authorization shall remain in full force and effect until written notice of revocation thereof shall have been filed by the Secretary.

Certified Correct: _____
Jim Sinclair
General Secretary, General Council

Dated: February 28, 2006

Carried

Unionization Initiative

Jim Sinclair gave an update on the unionization initiative.

Closing

The Moderator invited further check in from members and closed the meeting at 2:55 p.m. with prayer.

Moderator, Peter Short

General Secretary, Jim Sinclair

Appendix A

Recommendation: That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint _____ to the position of Conference Executive Secretary, effective June 1, 2006.

Background:

The Executive Secretary of London Conference is responsible for the smooth functioning of the Conference Office, supervising the staff team and supporting the President of London Conference. He/She is also responsible for the communication between General Council and London Conference and its Presbyteries. The Executive Secretary is accountable to the Conference through the Conference Executive and the Conference Staff Support Committee, and to the General Council through the General Council Minister, Regional Relations.

This position will be vacant due to the retirement of Peter Scott.

London Conference's Executive approved the composition of the selection committee: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa (chair), Sheryle Steadman, Dave Williams, Fern Patterson, Anne Beattie-Stokes, Jim Evans, and Bob Estey. Carol Hancock participated as G.C.M., Regional Relations.

The selection committee interviewed the short-listed candidates on February 16th and 17th and were delighted by the strength of the field. The committee came to strong consensus on its recommendation for the position. Our review of references confirmed our decision. On Monday, February 27th, the chair of the committee shared our recommendation with the London Conference Executive by telephone conference and has reported to me that our work was enthusiastically supported.

An offer of employment, subject to appointment by the Sub-Executive, is acceptable to the candidate.

Prepared by: General Council Minister, Regional Relations

Date: February 22, 2006