

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
**MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Monday June 22, 2009**  
**(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 3:00 p.m. EST until 4:50 p.m. on Monday, June 22, 2009, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend David Giuliano, presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members:** Cindy Désilets, Dwaine Dornan, David Giuliano, Heather Leffler, Paul Reed, Nora Sanders, Chuck Scott

**Regrets:** Anne -Marie Carmoy, Fannie Hudson, Amber Ing (maybe), Peter Short, Allan Sinclair

**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 39ième 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 39th 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."

Heather Leffler led the Sub-Executive in prayer.

**PROCEDURAL MOTIONS**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Cindy Désilets** **2009-06-22-435**

That Jim Blanchard, Wendy Cranston, Bruce Gregersen, and Bill Kennedy be the 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**

**Motion: Dwaine Dornan/Heather Leffler** **2009-06-22-436**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on April 16, 2009.

**Carried**

**Appointment, Executive Minister, Human Resources**

The General Secretary, General Council reviewed the process of the Selection Committee and their recommendation to the Sub-Executive.

**Motion: Cindy Désilets/Dwaine Dornan****2009-06-22-437**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint Alan Hall to the position of Executive Minister, Human Resources, effective September 1, 2009.

**Carried**

**Re-examining Governance Practices for General Council and the Executive of the General Council**

**Motion: Paul Reed/Chuck Scott****2009-06-22-438**

That the Sub – Executive of the General Council recommend the following proposal to the 40th General Council 2009.

That the 40th General Council 2009:

1. encourage the election of commissioners at least one year in advance of General Council to allow them to become more deeply engaged in the work leading to General Council.
2. approve a policy that it is the duty of Conferences to meet at least every third year.
3. authorize a Remit to the Presbyteries with respect to the following change to the Basis of Union, in order to reflect this policy:
  - 7.6 It shall be the duty of the Conference:
  - 7.6.1 (1) to meet at least every third year, or more frequently, as determined by the Conference, provided that the Conference shall meet in the same calendar year as, but prior to, a meeting of the General Council;
4. direct the Executive of the General Council and the General Secretary, General Council to examine governance practices, and identify and implement ways to make them more effective and efficient. Such an examination could include, but would not be limited to,
  - the length of General Council
  - the number of staff who attend General Council
  - the number of guests invited to General Council
  - the number and size of other meetings held in association with General Council
  - similar assessments in relations to the Executive of the General Council
  - the number of committees and task groups
  - the size and composition of committees and task groups
  - how committee and task group meetings are held

**Carried**

**Economic Adjustment 2010**

Points raised in the letter from Caryn Douglas were discussed.

**Motion: Heather Leffler/Chuck Scott****2009-06-22-439**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council maintain the formula for the economic adjustment and support the maintenance of the existing formula for the year 2010.

And that concerns raised be forwarded to the Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services.

**Carried**

## **Remembrance Day**

**Motion: Paul Reed/Heather Leffler**

**2009-06-22-440**

That the Sub Executive of the General Council refer the Remembrance Day proposal to the Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services for further work.

**Carried**

## **Nominations Committee**

Heather Leffler noted that she chaired the discernment for the Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda which proposed Paul Stott and the 41st General Council Planning Committee which proposed Stéphane Vermette. All other discernment was by the whole Committee.

**Motion: Heather Leffler/Chuck Scott**

**2009-06-22-441**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive for information the following recommendations for appointment to be included in the Nominations Committee Report to the 40<sup>th</sup> General Council 2009

## **GC – Executive of General Council (August 2012)**

- Amber Ing (Lay Ham), ethnic ministries, reappointment
- Emmanuel Kwadwo Ofori (OM M&O), ethnic ministries, reappointment
- Darla Sloan (OM M&O), Francophone ministries
- Nicole Beaudry (Lay M&O), Francophone ministries
- Ted Kostecki (DMP LON), member at large, reappointment
- Sheryl Johnson (Lay MNWO), member at large, reappointment
- Mary E. Royal (OM ANW), member at large
- Colin Phillips (Lay Tor), member at large

## **GC – Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council (December 2009)**

- Heather Burton (OM BC)
- Louise Rogers (Lay ANW)
- Betty Kelly (Lay MNWO)
- Barb White (OM Tor)
- Bruce Hutchinson (Lay BQ)
- Brian Cornelius (OM M&O)
- Shirley Cleave (Lay Mar)
- Amber Ing (Lay Ham), ethnic ministries
- Darla Sloan (OM M&O), francophone ministries

## **GC – Audit Committee (August 2012)**

- Bruce Richards (Lay Sask), reappointment
- Janet Stockton (Lay Tor), reappointment
- Jack Page (Lay Mtu)
- Ken Robinson (DMC Sask)

## **GC – Theology and Faith Committee (December 2009)**

- Arlyce Schiebout (OM BQ), interim reappointment

#### **GC – Archives and History Committee, Academic (August 2012)**

- Jean Barman (Lay)

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint the following people to the committees and task groups or as representatives of the United Church of Canada (with the stated terms):

#### **GC – Guests to the 40th General Council (August 2009)**

- Susan Beaver (Lay ANC), Racialized guest
- Emma Chalmers (Lay BC), Racialized guest
- Ken Anderson (Lay MNWO), Deaf guest

#### **GCE – 41st General Council Planning Committee, Chairperson (August 2012)**

- Stéphane Vermette (OM BQ)

#### **GCE – Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda (August 2012)**

- Paul Stott (Lay Tor), Chairperson
- Shirley Cleave (Lay Mar), GCE Member
- Charles MacMillan (Lay Lon), GCE member

#### **GCE – Permanent Committee on Finance (August 2012)**

- Ed Bardock (Lay ANW), reappointment
- David Rutherford (Lay Ham)
- Albion Wright (OM Ham)
- Peter Hardy (Lay Mar)
- Christine Gillespie (Lay Tor)
- Osei Baah-Acheamphour (Lay Tor)
- Ian McPherson (Lay Tor)
- Brian Cornelius (OM M&O), GCE member
- Bev Kostichuk (Lay Sask), GCE member
- Claude Hender (Lay N&L), GCE member

#### **GCE – Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services (August 2012)**

- Wayne Flewelling (Lay ANW), reappointment
- Harry Brown (Lay Tor), reappointment
- Donna Bowman-Woodall (OM LON), reappointment
- Eleanor Scarlett (OM Tor), reappointment
- Lynda Gow (DM ANW)
- Marion Carr (Lay BC)
- Erin Sterling (OM BC)
- Neville Smith (OM Ham)
- Jack Spencer (OM Mar)
- Tracy Fairfield (DM Sask)

- Gordon Staples (Lay Tor)
- Linsell Hurd (OM Sask), GCE member
- Bill Rogers (Lay Mtu), GCE member
- Sharon Willis-Whitwell (OM Lon), GCE member

**GCE – Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry (August 2012)**

- Jim Jackson (Lay MNWO), reappointment
- Victoria Moulton (DMP M&O), reappointment
- Yoon Ok Shin Kang (DM ANW)
- Robert (Bob) Mutlow (OM ANW)
- Maryann Skinner (OM Ham)
- Christine Jerrett (OM LON)
- Moses Kanhai (Lay Sask)
- Deborah Laforet (DM Sask)
- Barb White (OM Tor), GCE member
- Colin Phillips (Lay Tor), GCE member (pending appointment to GCE)
- Mary Royal (OM ANW), GCE member (pending appointment to GCE)

**GCE – Aboriginal Ministries Council (August 2012)**

- Lewis Coffman (Lay Ham), GCE member

**GCE – Nominations Committee (August 2012)**

- Heather Burton (OM BC)
- Armand Houle (OM ANW)
- Bev Kostichuk (Lay Sask)
- Betty Kelly (Lay MNWO)
- Cindy Désilets (ON Mtu)
- Sharon Willis-Whitwell (OM Lon)
- Thom Davies (OM Ham)
- Lynella Reid-James (Lay Tor)
- Charlotte Griffith (Lay M&O)
- David Hewitt (DM Mar)
- Florence Sanna (OM N&L)
- Allan Sinclair (OM ANC)
- Nicole Beaudry (Lay M&O), francophone ministries (pending appointment to GCE)

**GCE – General Secretary Supervision Committee (August 2012)**

- Mary Laidlaw (Lay M&O)
- Louise Rogers (Lay ANW), chairperson, GCE member
- Cindy Désilets (OM Mtu), GCE member
- John Young (OM BQ), GCE member

**GCE – Gender Justice Advisory Committee (August 2012)**

- Robin Sherman (OM BQ), reappointment
- Barbara Curzon (DM Ham), reappointment
- Michelle Elyn Hogan (Lay Ham)

- Shelly Manley-Tannis (OM MNWO)
- Sheryl Johnson (Lay MNWO), GCE member (pending reappointment to GCE)

**GCE – Racial Justice Advisory Committee (August 2012)**

- Nanette McKay (OM MNWO), Chairperson
- Thomas Leepile (OM ANW), reappointment
- Janet Yee (Lay ANW), reappointment
- Cathy Hird (OM Tor), reappointment
- Angela Whitwell (Lay Ham)
- Jennifer Hompoth (Lay Ham)
- Osbourne Murray (OS Tor)
- Alvin Dixon (Lay BC), GCE member

**GCE – Residential Schools Steering Committee (August 2012)**

- Allan Sinclair (OM ANC), GCE member

**GCE – Pension Board (August 2012)**

- Paul Purcell (Lay), specialist
- Linsell Hurd (OM Sask), GCE member

**GCE – The United Church of Canada Foundation Board (August 2012)**

- Amber Ing (Lay Ham), GCE member

**GCE – Endowment Grants Committee (August 2012)**

- Bill Rogers (Lay Mtu), GCE member

**GCE – Work Flow and Priorities Task Group (August 2012)**

- Heather Burton (OM BC), GCE member
- barb janes (OM MNWO), GCE member
- Ted Kostecki (DMP Lon), GCE member

**PCPMM – Interchurch Committee on Canadian Military Chaplaincy (August 2012)**

- Peter Short (OM Mar), reappointment

**PCPMM – Canadian Forces Chaplaincy (June 2011)**

- Barbara Reynolds (Lay M&O)

**PCPMM – Gathering Advisory Board (June 2012)**

- David Sparks (OM BC), reappointment

**PCPMM – Worship and Music Advisory Committee (June 2012)**

- Peter MacDonald (Lay N&L), music
- Kathy Platt (DM Sask)

**PCPMM – Youth Advisory Committee (June 2012)**

- Katherine Brittain (OM Tor)

- Lauren Clark-Gallant (Lay Mar)
- Craig Gibb (DMP MNWO)
- Andrew Hyde (DMP M&O)
- James Ravenscroft (OM ANW)
- Steven Rogers (Lay N&L)
- Sarah Wyatt (Lay BC)

**PCPMM – Intercultural Ministries Task Group (December 2011)**

- Danielle Ayana James (OM ANW), Racial minority
- Susan Beaver (Lay ANC), Aboriginal

**PCPMM – Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit Wide Committee (June 2012)**

- Heather Fraser (Lay LON), reappointment
- Justine Kiwanuka (Lay MNWO), reappointment

**PCPMM – Mission through Finance Advisory Committee (June 2012)**

- No appointments recommended; nominee appointed to a different role

**PCPMM – Stewardship Development Advisory Committee (June 2012)**

- Terry Shillington (OM ANW), reappointment
- Brenda Watt (DMP ANW), reappointment
- Lynn Watson (OM BQ), reappointment

**PCMEPS – Ministry Compensation Task Group (September 2012)**

- Ted Black (OM Ham)
- Debra Kigar (Lay Ham)
- Jim Allen (Lay M&O)
- Roland Legge (DM Mtu)

**PCMEPS – Task Group to Evaluate the Sexual Abuse Policy and Procedures (June 2010)**

- Heather Burton (OM BC)
- Dexter van Dyke (OM Sask)
- Laura Thomson (Lay Sask)
- Brian Nicholson (DMC Tor)

**PCFIN – Mission and Service Fund Advisory Committee (June 2012)**

- Carolyn Ruda (Lay M&O)
- Patricia Edmonds (Lay Tor)

**JGER – Representative to the Canadian Health Coalition (June 2012)**

- Roger Hutchinson (Lay Tor)

**JGER – Representative to the Foundation for Theological Education in South East Asia (June 2012)**

- Rhea M. Whitehead (Lay Tor)

**JGER – Representative to KAIROS Board of Directors (June 2012)**

- Joanne McFadden (OM Mar), reappointment

**UWJGER – Representative to the Canadian Churches' Forum for Global Ministries (June 2012)**

- Tiina Cote (OM Ham)

**ICIF – Representative to the Canadian Council of Churches Governing Board (August 2012)**

- Susan Eagle (OM LON), reappointment
- Wendy Evans (OM M&O), reappointment

**ICIF – Representative to the Roman Catholic–United Church Dialogue (June 2012)**

- Colin Peterson (OM MNWO)
- Joan McCalmont (OM Tor)

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive for information the appointment of the following people to the Executive of the General Council and its committees and task groups

**GCE – Executive of the General Council (August 2015), as named by Conferences**

- Alvin Dixon (Lay BC)
- Armand Houle (OM ANW)
- Bev Kostichuk (Lay Sask)
- barb janes (OM MNWO)
- Bill Rogers (Lay Mtu)
- Charles MacMillan (Lay Lon)
- Thom Davies (OM Ham)
- Lynella Reid-James (Lay Tor)
- John Young (OM BQ)
- Charlotte Griffith (Lay M&O)
- David Hewitt (DM Mar)
- Florence Sanna (OM N&L)
- Claude Hender (Lay N&L)

**GCE – Endowment Grants Committee (August 2012)**

- Marion Best (Lay BC), appointed by the United Church of Canada Foundation Board
- Tim O'Neil (Lay Mar), appointed by the United Church of Canada Foundation Board

**GCE – Aboriginal Ministries Council (May 2012)**

- Susan Beaver (Lay ANCC), appointed by Francis Sandy Theological Centre

**GCE – General Council Office Accommodations Task Group (December 2010)**

- Kent Ward (OM Tor), term extended to correspond to mandate of task group

**RSSC – Living into Right Relations Task Group (December 2013)**



- Donna Kennedy and Donna Little (Lay ANC), appointed by All Native Circle

**PC-PMM – Canadian Forces Chaplaincy Committee (June 2011)**

- Steve Moore (OM M&O), appointed by the Canadian Forces Chaplaincy Association
- Christopher Ryan (OM Tor), appointed by the Canadian Forces Chaplaincy Association

**PC-PMM – Intercultural Ministries Unit-Wide Committee (June 2012)**

- Karl Lam (OM Tor), appointed by the Chinese Association

**PC-PMM – Healing Fund Council (appointed as noted)**

- Hilliard Severight (Lay ANC), by All Native Circle Conference (August 2011)
- Frank Evans (Lay ANCC), by All Native Circle Conference (August 2011)
- Adeline Samson-Harvey (DM ANC), All Native Circle Conference (August 2011)
- Pukwis Johnson (Lay BQ), Ontario & Quebec Aboriginal Ministries (August 2012)
- Martha Pedoniquotte (Lay Ham), Ontario & Quebec Aboriginal Ministries (August 2012)
- Jim White (Lay BC), British Columbia Conference (August 2012)

**Carried**

**Seal of The United Church of Canada**

**Motion: Paul Reed/Cindy Désilets**

**2009-06-22-442**

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 Officers, 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 Officer, Programs  
General Council Officer, Conciliar Relations  
Chief Financial Officer

OR any one of foregoing officers together with any one (1) of the following persons:

Legal/Judicial Counsel  
Legal/Judicial Counsel

Executive Minister, Justice, Global & Ecumenical Relations  
 Executive Minister, Congregational, Educational And Community Ministries  
 Executive Minister, Ministry and Employment Policies and Services  
 Executive Minister, Resource Production and Distribution

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

Certified Correct:

Nora Sanders  
 General Secretary, General Council

Dated: June ,2009.

**Carried**

### **Guidelines for Presbytery/District Recognized Ministries**

Bruce Gregersen introduced the background and information on the motion at the Executive of the General Council. Dwaine Dornan declared a conflict of interest in this proposal.

### **Motion: Paul Reed/Cindy Désilets**

**2009-06-22-443**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council delay action on GCE 2009-03-28-421 Part 1 until the 40th General Council 2009 acts on the Meaning of Ministry Report and its proposed Statement on Ministry.

**Carried** with 1 abstention

### **Financial Statements**

### **Motion: Cindy Désilets/Dwaine Dornan**

**2009-06-22-444**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the audited financial statements of the National Accounts of The United Church of Canada for the year ended December 31, 2008 as recommended by the Permanent Committee on Finance at its meeting on June 4, 2009.

**Carried**

### **The Dow Chemical Centre Loan (Appendix A)**

### **Motion: Chuck Scott/Heather Leffler**

**2009-06-22-445**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the extension of a 3 ½ year loan guarantee to a maximum of \$1.1 Million to the Dow Centre for Youth/St. Luke's United Church to allow them to proceed with the construction of the Centre, as recommended by the Permanent Committee on Finance at its meeting on June 4, 2009. If the project extends beyond the 3 ½ year term, there will be a fee of 2% of the then outstanding balance and a further 1% per year standby fee after the first year of extension, payable to The United Church of Canada.

**Carried**

### **Revised Report of the Task Group on Duties and Powers of the Executive of the General Council**

The General Secretary, General Council gave an update and background and noted that the following wording will be added to the proposal to go to General Council.

This proposal is offered to the 40th General Council 2009 in order to allow consideration of the Task Group recommendations in the business of the meeting. As this is a Task Group of General Council it is forwarded by the Sub-Executive of the General Council without recommendation.

**Motion: Cindy Désilets/Heather Leffler**

**2009-06-22-446**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive the report and proposal and transmit without recommendation to the 40th General Council 2009

**Carried**

The Moderator thanked everyone for being on the Sub-Executive of the General Council and closed the meeting with prayer.

**Motion: Dwaine Dornan/Paul Reed**

**2009-06-22-447**

Motion to adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

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Moderator, David Giuliano

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General Secretary, Nora Sanders

Appendix A - The Dow Chemical Centre Loan