

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**MEETING OF THE INTERIM SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
MINUTES****Thursday, December 10, 2009
(Teleconference Call)**

The Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 12:30 p.m. EST until 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 10, 2009, by teleconference call. The Moderator, Mardi Tindal, presided.

Attendance

Voting Members: Heather Burton, Shirley Cleave, Brian Cornelius, David Giuliano, Bruce Hutchinson, Betty Kelly, Louise Rogers, Nora Sanders, Darla Sloan, Paul Stott, Mardi Tindal, Barbara White.

Regrets: Amber Ing.

Constitution of the Meeting

The Moderator prayed with anticipation and 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 40e Conseil général, je déclare ouvert, par la présente, le sous-exécutif du Conseil général et ses travaux pour chercher à bâtir le Royaume de Dieu."

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 40th General Council, I hereby declare this meeting of the interim 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

Motion: Nora Sanders/Betty Kelly

2009-12-10-026

That Bill Kennedy, Erik Matheson and Harry Oussoren be the corresponding members, 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: Brian Cornelius/Bruce Hutchinson

2009-12-10-027

That the Interim Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on September 8, 2009.

Carried

Appointment to the Sub-Executive

It was noted that this proposal was circulated to the Executive of the General Council and no suggestions or questions were raised.

Motion: Nora Sanders/Louise Rogers

2009-12-10-028

That this Sub-Executive of the General Council confirm the appointment of the following persons as members of the Sub-Executive, with authorization by the Executive of the General Council to deal with the business placed before the Sub-Executive by the November, 2009 meeting of the Executive and any emergent business that may arise prior to the next meeting of the Executive:

Mardi Tindal
Betty Kelly
Bruce Hutchinson
David Giuliano

Brian Cornelius
Shirley Cleave
Amber Ing
Darla Sloan

Heather Burton
Paul Stott
Louise Rogers
Barbara White

Nora Sanders

Carried

Retired Designated Lay Ministers; License to Administer Sacraments

A concern was raised concerning the naming of Designated Lay Ministers for a specific purpose and whether this would create inequity regarding those not named. The General Secretary, General Council will raise this concern and ask for the advice of the Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services.

Motion: Nora Sanders/Paul Stott

2009-12-10-029

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council amend the By-Laws as follows, to implement the policy in Proposal GCE 38 [GC ANW 13], adopted by the Executive of the General Council upon referral by the 40th General Council 2009:

343 Designated Lay Ministers. ...

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- (e) Sacraments. A licence to administer the sacraments on a specific Pastoral Charge for the duration of the appointment may be granted by the Conference to a Designated Lay Minister for whom the Presbytery has decided to make application after having received a request from the Session or Church Board or Church Council.
 - (f) In the case of a Designated Lay Minister who has been recognized by the Conference, a licence to administer the sacraments may, at the discretion of the Conference, permit the Designated Lay Minister to administer the sacraments within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery to which the Designated Lay Minister is accountable.
 - (g) [new] Sacraments. A licence to administer the sacraments within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, in cooperation with the Session or Church Board or Church Council and under the oversight of the Presbytery, may be granted by the Conference to a lay member of the United Church who at the time of their retirement was serving as a Designated Lay Minister who had been recognized by the Presbytery and for whom the Presbytery has decided to make application.

[subsequent subsections to be re-lettered]

427.1 Licence to Administer Sacraments. It shall be the duty of the Conference:

- (a) ...; ~~and~~
- (b) to consider an application from a Presbytery to grant a licence to a Designated Lay Minister, Candidate Supply, Intern Supply, Student Intern, Student Supply, or Diaconal Supply in a Presbytery Appointment to administer the sacraments on a specific Pastoral Charge for the duration of their appointment.
- (c) In the case of a Designated Lay Minister who has been recognized by the Conference, a licence to administer the sacraments may, at the discretion of the Conference, permit the Designated Lay Minister to administer the sacraments within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery to which the Designated Lay Minister is accountable.
- (d) [new] to consider an application from a Presbytery to grant a licence to a lay member of the United Church who at the time of their retirement was serving as a Designated Lay Minister who had been recognized by the Presbytery to administer the sacraments within the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, in cooperation with the Session or Church Board or Church Council and under the oversight of the Presbytery.

[subsequent subsections to be re-lettered]

Carried

Triennium Plan

Concerns on the proposed plan were discussed with changes made. It was noted that, in point c, when this direction is shared wider, a budget figure will be given.

Shirley Cleave left the call.

Motion: Paul Stott/Heather Burton

2009-12-10-030

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council direct the General Secretary, General Council to prepare a planning document for consideration and decision by the Executive of the General Council at its meeting in May, 2010 that will:

- a. be premised on the belief that we live in God's abundance;
- b. be guided by the themes named by the 40th General Council 2009 and also informed by the Call to Purpose (GC39), and the Priorities of GCE 39
- c. respect the financial projections provided by the Permanent Committee on Finance
- d. work within the existing polity of the church
- e. set out, with rationale as well as cost, program, and structural implications, three options reflecting three distinctly alternative approaches for a plan for 2011-2013:
 - Current configuration with reductions shared broadly and equitably
 - Radical reimagining of roles and relationships among the General Council Office and of the Courts of the Church to achieve reductions and lift up work in new ways
 - Reductions and "rainy day" spending (cut deeper than required and using savings as well as additional draws from reserves for innovative work)

Carried

Capital Campaign of First United, Vancouver.

Erik Matheson reviewed the background and the Real Property Fund as related to this proposal.

Motion: Brian Cornelius/Barb White

2009-12-10-031

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council confirm the commitment of \$500,000 from the Real Property Fund to the Capital Campaign of First United in Vancouver.

Carried

Harrington Harbour Resolution

Motion: Betty Kelly\David Giuliano

2009-12-10-032

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council authorize:

1. The sale of Lot 453, a small portion of the Harrington Harbour manse property to Fiducie pour l'approvisionnement en hydrocarbures de la BCN for the sum of \$4,000.00.
2. Rosemary Lambie be appointed as representative under power of attorney for the sole purpose of executing the necessary documentation on behalf of The United Church of Canada in the presence of a Notary in the Province of Quebec.

Carried

The Moderator thanked the members, in this season of Advent, for a good meeting of preparation. David Giuliano closed the meeting with prayer.

The Sub-Executive thanked Harry Oussoren for his contributions and work as he moves towards retirement.

Moderator, Mardi Tindal

General Secretary, Nora Sanders