

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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

**Friday, June 11, 2010  
(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1:00 p.m. EST until 3:10 p.m. on Friday, June 11, 2010, by teleconference call. The Moderator, Mardi Tindal, presided.

**Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Heather Burton, Shirley Cleave, Brian Cornelius, Bruce Hutchison, Louise Rogers, Nora Sanders, Paul Stott, Mardi Tindal, Barbara White

**Regrets:** David Giuliano, Amber Ing, Betty Kelly

**Constitution of the Meeting**

The Moderator commented on the 85th anniversary celebrations. Bruce Gregersen had formal greetings from the Anglican and Presbyterian General Assemblies. They offered prayers to The United Church during their meetings. Written greetings were received from many, including The British Methodist Church, The United Church of Christ, The Scottish Episcopal Church, The African Episcopal Church, The Conference of Catholic Bishops, The Church of Norway and The Protestant Church of East Timor.

The Moderator invited participants to check-in by sharing comments in this week of celebrating the 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church of Canada. The Moderator offered a prayer.

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 40<sup>e</sup> 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 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/Brian Cornelius**

**2010-06-11-061**

That Bill Kennedy, Steve Willey, Michael Blair, Bruce Gregersen, Bill Steadman, Maggie McLeod and Karen Smart be the corresponding members and that Susan Sigal be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

**Carried**

**Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council****Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Louise Rogers****2010-06-11-062**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on May 17, 2010.

**Carried**

**Theological School Funding**

The General Secretary, Nora Sanders, outlined ways in which the Sub-Executive could proceed, including making a decision at later date, referring the proposal to the November meeting of the Executive of General Council, or making a decision today.

Bruce Hutchinson declared a conflict of interest and excused himself from the conference call at 1:30 p.m. Barb White left the call at 1:42 p.m.

Steve Willey was asked to explain the relationship between the criteria outlined in the proposal document and the final recommendations. Steve outlined the range of considerations that were taken into account in coming to the recommendations. Members of the Sub-Executive explored these considerations in depth.

Nora Sanders was excused from the meeting for a pending appointment at 2:00 p.m.

The Sub-Executive agreed that the General Secretary would continue conversations with the theological schools to ensure the continuation of The United Church of Canada's support for their work.

The question of continuing nominal funding for the schools that would lose their annual grants was discussed. It was noted that there were many sources of United Church funding for theological schools. It was agreed that the final motion would be amended to reflect this reality.

It was confirmed, with six members present, that the meeting still had quorum. It was decided to present the motion as follows:

**Theological School Funding****Motion: Paul Stott/Louise****2010-06-11-063**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve:

1. That, as of June 30, 2011, The United Church of Canada cease annual grant funding to:
  - the Queen's School of Religion
  - the Faculty of Theology of the University of Winnipeg
  - St. Stephen's College
  - the Vancouver School of Theology

2. That, after making the reduction that needs to be made for overall budgetary purposes, a significant portion of the released annual grants be distributed among the seven schools to be funded.
3. That a consultation be held in the fall of 2010 with the deans and principals of St. Andrew's College, the Centre for Christian Studies, Francis Sandy Theological Centre, Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre, Emmanuel College, United Theological College, and the Atlantic School of Theology to review the annual grant distribution.
4. That the Francis Sandy Theological Centre and its community and the Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre and its community be asked to begin intentional conversations around consolidating the two free-standing theological education programs, with the participation of the Aboriginal Ministries Circle of the General Council Office, the Aboriginal Ministries Council, the All Native Circle Conference, the Communities in Mission Unit of the General Council Office, and other constituencies.
5. That a portion of the released funds be allocated for subsidizing the travel expenses of Aboriginal students who may be required to journey a greater distance to attend a consolidated Aboriginal program.
6. That a consultation be held with the deans and principals of all 11 (funded and not funded) theological schools to discuss a number of important issues about aspects of our cooperative and supportive relationships. These discussions could include a range of topics such as:
  - the policy restricting special financial appeals
  - the memoranda of agreement concerning United Church approval of faculty and board appointments
  - recruitment strategies and the identification and removal of barriers
  - identification of all existing and potential sources of United Church funding that demonstrate continued support of the church to the schools

### **Carried**

A number of members of the Sub-executive had to leave the meeting at 3:10 p.m. There was no longer a quorum present so the meeting adjourned.

**The three proposals below were deferred until the next sub-exec on June 24<sup>th</sup>.**

### **Renewal of Membership in Imagine Canada's Ethical Code**

#### **Motion:**

**2010-06-11-064**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

Approve that The United Church of Canada renew its membership in Imagine Canada's Ethical Code for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2012 at a cost of \$2,500 for the two years.

### **Approval of the 2009 Financial Statements**

*Approved—Motion 2010-06-24-068*

**Motion:****2010-06-11-065**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

Approve the financial statements of The National Accounts of The United Church of Canada on the recommendation of the Audit Committee.

**Fiera Institutional Asset Management****2010-06-11-066****Motion:**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

Approve the resolution appointing signing officers for the church's treasury investments account with Fiera Institutional Asset Management, given that the current signing officers are no longer on the General Council staff.

After a prayer by Heather Burton, the Moderator concluded the meeting at 3:10 p.m.

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Moderator, Mardi Tindal

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General Secretary, Nora Sanders