

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES Thursday, June 24, 2010 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 12:00 p.m. EST until 1:15 p.m. on Thursday, June 24, 2010, by teleconference call. The Moderator, Mardi Tindal, presided.

Attendance

Voting Members: Brian Cornelius, Bruce Hutchinson, Amber Ing, Betty Kelly, Nora Sanders, Paul Stott, Mardi Tindal

Regrets: Heather Burton, Shirley Cleave, David Giuliano, Louise Rogers, Barbara White

Constitution of the Meeting

The Moderator invited participants to check-in and reflect about summer as the season begins. The Moderator lead us into prayer with the group sharing The Lord's 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 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 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

2010-06-24-067

That Carol Hancock, Alan Hall, Cynthia Gunn, Bill Kennedy, Bill Steadman, 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: Brian Cornelius/Paul Stott

2010-06-24-068

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on June 11, 2010 with the amendment to remove the words "of the University of Alberta" from point #1 of Motion 2010-06-11-063.

Carried

Remit 3 – Transfer and Settlement to be Optional

Nora Sanders gave the background on this proposal. More than 2/3rds of the presbyteries voted in favour of Remit 3. Alan Hall advised that a small working group has been formed that will present to the Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policy and Services recommendations for incentives to encourage candidates to choose the settlement option.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Brian Cornelius**2010-06-24-69**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council declare that at least two-thirds (2/3) of Presbyteries have given their approval to Remit 3 - Transfer and Settlement to be Optional, such that this Remit will come into effect on July 1, 2010 pending final action of the 41st General Council (2012).

Carried

Appointment for Conference Executive Secretary – Maritime conference – Order of the Day – 12:30 p.m.

Carol Hancock reported that the search committee has completed their search for selecting a new executive secretary in Maritime conference.

Motion: Betty Kelly/Paul Stott**2010-06-24-70**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint David William Hewitt to the position of Conference Executive Secretary, Maritime Conference, effective January 1, 2011.

Carried

Carol Hancock excused herself from the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Bill Steadman and Bill Kennedy joined the meeting at 12:45 p.m.

Renewal of Membership in Imagine Canada's Ethical Code

Bill Steadman advised that this relates to the renewal of an existing membership.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Brian Cornelius**2010-06-24-71**

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.

Carried

Approval of the 2009 Financial Statements

Bill Kennedy gave the background and in future the aim will be to have the financial statements ready for approval at the General Council meeting next May 2010 instead of at a Sub-Executive meeting.

Motion: Paul Stott/Amber Ing**2010-06-24-072**

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.

Carried

Fiera Institutional Asset Management

Bill Kennedy gave the background on this proposal. Brian Cornelius made a friendly amendment to add Nora Sanders to the list of signing officers.

Motion: Brian Cornelius/Amber Ing

2010-06-24-073

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the amended resolution appointing Carol Hancock, Bill Kennedy and Nora Sanders as 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.

Carried

Sabbatical Fund for Interim Ministers

Alan Hall gave the background on this proposal.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Betty Kelly

2010-06-24-074

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council designate \$75,000 from the Emergent Fund as the initial funding for the sabbatical program for Interim Ministers, administered through the Human Resources Unit.

Carried

Emergent Funding for Prior Learning Assessments for Designated Lay Ministers

Alan Hall gave the background on this item. The assessments cost \$1,500. The Staff Associates will receive \$1,000 towards this cost.

Motion: Brian Cornelius/Paul Stott

2010-06-24-075

The Sub-Executive of the General Council designate \$20,000 from the Emergent Fund for 2010 to support the initial program for Prior Learning Assessments for former Staff Associates, administered through the Human Resources Unit.

Carried

Windsor Elms Village for Continuing Care Society – Legacy Status

Cynthia Gunn gave the background for this motion.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Amber Ing

2010-06-24-076

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve a financial resolution between the United Church and Windsor Elms Village for Continuing Care Society on the following terms: the United Church will be entitled to ten (10%) per cent of the net proceeds from the sale of the property owned by Windsor Elms in Windsor, Nova Scotia, to be payable upon the dissolution of Windsor Elms as a corporation, and to be secured by a mortgage on property owned by Windsor Elms in Falmouth, Nova Scotia.

Carried

The Moderator commented on how efficiently the correspondence went out after the last sub-executive meeting about the Theological Schools funding cuts motion that was passed. After a prayer by Brian Cornelius, the Moderator concluded the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Moderator, Mardi Tindal

General Secretary, Nora Sanders