

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

MINUTES

May 7 – 9, 2011

The Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 7 to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011 at the General Council Offices, Etobicoke, Ontario. The Moderator, Mardi Tindal, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Nicole Beaudry, Heather Burton, Shirley Cleave, Lewis Coffman, Brian Cornelius, Thom Davies, Cindy Désilets, Alvin Dixon, David Giuliano, Ivan Gregan, Charlotte Griffin, Claude Hender, Armand Houle, Linsell Hurd, Bruce Hutchinson, Amber Ing, barb janes, Sheryl Johnson, Ray Jones, Betty Kelly, Donna Kennedy, Bev Kostichuk, Carmen Lansdowne, Marie-Claude Manga, Kellie McComb, Charles McMillan, Tracy Murton, Emmanuel Ofori, Lorna Pawis, Martha Pedoniquotte, Colin Phillips, Lynella Reid-James, Bill Rogers, Mary Royal, Nora Sanders, Florence Sanna, Bernice Saulteaux, Arlyce Schiebout, Paul Stott, John Thompson, Mardi Tindal, Stéphane Vermette, Barbara White, James White, Christine Williams, Sharon Willis-Whitwell, John Young.

Corresponding Members

Betty Turcott, Charlie Ocampo, Carol Hancock, Bruce Gregersen, David Allen, Bill Bartlett, Bill Doyle, Bruce Faurschou, Doug Goodwin, David Hewitt, Cheryl Jourdain, Will Kunder, Rosemary Lambie, Lynn Maki, Heather McLean, Fred Monteith, Bill Steadman, Nichole Vonk.

Regrets: Eric Bacon, Don Hunter, Louise Rogers, Allan Sinclair.

Saturday, May 7, 2011

The Moderator welcomed the Executive to gather on the traditional territories of the Mississaugas of New Credit First Nations and constituted the meeting.

Worship

In worship the Executive was invited to pray together as the Road to Emmaus was illustrated in prayer, music, and painting throughout the meeting.

The Executive of the General Council covenanted with Elected and Appointed Members: Kellie McComb and Betty Turcott and newly called General Council Staff: David Armour and David Hewitt.

The Moderator welcomed all gathered in the promise of resurrection; she noted the regrets and the losses of the Executive since the last meeting including the death of Ted Kosteki.

Procedural Motions**Motion: Nora Sanders/Paul Stott****2011-05-07-137****Worship and Music, and Theological Reflection**

That the Worship, Music and Theological Reflection Resource persons for this meeting be: Heather Burton, Linnea Good, David Jonsson, Betty Lynn Schwab, Arlyce Schiebout, Betty Kelly and Thom Davies.

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Resource People

That Resource people for this meeting be the Executive Ministers and Officers, Charles Black, Diane Bosman, Rob Dalglish, Cynthia Gunn, Duncan Holmes, Harry Brown, Linda Begley, Lee Corlett, Brian Goodings, Keith Howard, James Scott and Karen Smart.

Administrative Staff/Volunteers

That the administrative staff for this meeting be Susan Fortner, Debbie Siertsema, Susan Sigal, Shirley Welch and Daniel Reed, and that the minute secretary for this meeting be Joan MacGillivray. The administrative volunteers are Joan MacGillivray and Karen McLean.

Chaplain

That the Chaplain for this meeting of the Executive of the General Council be Bernice Saulteaux.

Friend in Court

That the Friend in Court for this meeting of the Executive of the General Council be Armand Houle.

Reference and Counsel

That the Reference and Counsel for this meeting of the Executive of the General Council be: Linsell Hurd, Betty Kelly and Colin Phillips.

Agenda

That the Executive of the General Council adopt, as revised, the agenda for this meeting of the Executive of the General Council and that changes to the agenda, which may be necessary as the meeting evolves, be made on the recommendation of the Agenda Table.

Carried**GS 30 Opening Motions****Motion: Nora Sanders/Sharon Willis-Whitwell****2011-05-07-138**

That the Executive of the General Council:

1. Approve the minutes of the Executive of the General Council meeting held on November 13 to 15, 2010.
2. Receive for information, the minutes of the meetings of the Sub-Executive of the General Council held December 6, 2010, January 10, 2011, February 15, 2011, March 21, 2011 and, April 11, 2011.

3. Receive for information the following:

- General Secretary, General Council's Accountability Report
- Moderator's Accountability Report
- 41st General Council Planning Committee Accountability Report
- General Council Accommodations Working Group Report
- General Council Accommodations Working Group Supplementary Report
- Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools Accountability Report
- Pension Board Accountability Report
- World Council of Churches' Representative Report
- Simplification Project Report
- Task Group on the Basis of Union and Crest Interim Report
- Joint Grants Committee Report
- Aboriginal Ministries Council Accountability Report
- Theology and Interchurch Interfaith Committee Accountability Report
- Permanent Committee on Finance Accountability Report
- 2010 Draft Financial Statement
- Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda Accountability Report
- Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services Accountability Report
- Report of Effective Leadership and Healthy Relationships Collaborative Research Project
- Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry Accountability Report
- Correspondence to the Executive of the General Council until April 22, 2011

4. Adopt the recommendations in the following proposals:

FIN 6 2012 Budget Assumptions

That the Executive of the General Council adopt the assumptions set out in Table 1 (Appendix A) to prepare the 2012 Budget.

G&A 8 Amendment to Governance Policy 1:10 Delegated Authority

That the Executive of the General Council amend Governance Policy 1:10 point 3 to read:

3. The Executive confirms delegation of its powers and duties for the performance of its responsibilities to any committee which is accountable to it. It would be inappropriate to delegate the following powers: *The Manual*, 2010 edition, Sections 524(d), (g), (k), (l), (m), (n), (r), (s), (t), (w), (y), (z), (aa), (cc), (ee).

G&A 9 Amendment to Terms of Reference for the Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda

That the Executive of the General Council change Policy 3.07 – Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda, Terms of Reference point 7 effective at the rise of the 41st General Council 2012 as follows:

Membership

7. The Committee will be composed of
 - (1) a Chair. This person will have excellent communication, facilitation and process skills; strong skills in organizational planning and proven leadership abilities. This person is appointed as a voting member of the Executive and a Commissioner to the General Council.
 - (2) the Chair of the General Council Planning Committee
 - (3) ~~two~~ three voting members of the Executive of the General Council
 - (4) the Moderator
 - (5) the General Secretary, General Council
 - (6) One Conference Executive Secretary/Speaker

GS 39 Observer Publications Inc. – Directors

That the Executive of the General Council:

1. Approve the nominations of the following persons for election as directors of Observer Publications Inc.:

Nancy Wyse
Rev. John Ambrose
2. Approve the re-appointment of the following persons as directors of Observer Publications Inc.:

Rev. James Sinclair (third and final term)
Rev. Wayne Cole (second term)
Rev. Karen Hilfman Millson (second term)
Kim Kaschor, (second term)
James Lawson (second term)
Rev. Stanley McKay (second term)
Martha Martin, Halifax (second term)

GS 40 Queen's School of Religion

That the Executive of the General Council:

- (a) approve the reintegration of the academic programs of the Queen's School of Religion (the "School") with those of Queen's University (the "University"), and the transfer of the personnel, assets and liabilities of the School to the University;
- (b) undertake not to initiate repeal of An Act Respecting the Incorporation of Queen's Theological College, as amended, without the consent of the University;
- (c) undertake not to fill vacancies on the membership of the Board of Management, and vacancies in the Officers of Queen's Theological College, following completion of the reintegration and transfer.
- (d) undertake to provide a written consent and any other needed documentation regarding the transfer of personnel, assets and liabilities in a form acceptable to legal counsel for the United Church and the School; and
- (e) undertake to grant the right to award the testamur to the University on the same basis as such right was held by the School, including the responsibility for maintaining A.T.S. accreditation and meeting the educational requirements of the United Church.

GS 41 Training in French of Designated Lay Ministers (DLM) / Agents de pastorale laïcs - and Training Francophone Ministers in General-

That the Executive of the General Council receive the motion of the Consistoire Laurentien regarding Training in French of Designated Lay Ministers (DLM) / Agents de pastorale laïcs -- and training francophone ministers in general -- for information and take no action.

GS 42 Correspondence regarding Freeze on Salary Step Increases for all General Council and Conference Office Staff

That the Executive of the General Council convey to Saskatchewan Conference that their concern has been heard, that the Executive of the General Council upholds the decision of the General Secretary and that no further action be taken.

GS 43 General Council Office - Unit Name Changes

That the Executive of the General Council approve the name change of the subsequent working units, as follows:

- Communities in Mission [Congregational, Educational and Community Ministries (CECM), Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministry (ICDC), and Ministries in French (UMIF)] becomes Communities in Ministry/Communautés et ministères
- Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations becomes Partners in Mission
- Financial Stewardship becomes Philanthropy
- Financial Services becomes Finance
- Resource Production and Distribution becomes Communications
- Human Resources becomes Ministry and Employment

GS 44 Remaining Remits

That the Executive of the General Council approve the form of the remits authorized by the 40th General Council 2009 as attached, and direct the General Secretary, General Council to issue them as authorized, under the following titles:

Remit No. 4 – Frequency and Timing of Conference Meetings

This would entail a change to section 7.6.1(1) of the Basis of Union.

The 40th General Council 2009 authorized this Remit to test the will of the Church as to whether Conferences should be required simply to meet at least every third year, and whether the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect this policy.

Remit No. 5A – Appointment of Designated Lay Ministers

This would entail a change to section 6.2.1. of the Basis of Union.

The 40th General Council 2009 authorized this Remit to test the will of the Church as to whether a Designated Lay Minister should be appointed by a Presbytery only to a Pastoral Charge or other Presbytery Accountable Ministry, and whether the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect this policy.

Remit No. 5B – Presbytery Membership of Designated Lay Ministers

The 40th General Council 2009 authorized this Remit to test the will of the Church as to whether, when the appointment of a Designated Lay Minister is at an end, the Presbytery may retain the Designated Lay Minister on the roll of the Presbytery without appointment, and

whether the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect this policy and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy.

Remit No. 6A – Declaration of Church Doctrine

The 40th General Council 2009 adopted the policy that, in the area of doctrine, the United Church recognizes the primacy of scripture, with:

- sections 2.0 through 2.20 of the Basis of Union, constituting the doctrine section of the Basis of Union and including 20 articles;
- the 1940 statement of faith;
- “A New Creed”; and
- “A Song of Faith,”

each being recognized as a subordinate standard of the United Church as contemplated by subsection 3(b) of *The United Church of Canada Act*.

The 40th General Council (2009) adopted the policy that the doctrine of the United Church be those standards subordinate to scripture approved by the United Church in accordance with the conditions set out in *The United Church of Canada Act*.

Remit No. 6B – Declaration of Church Doctrine

Does the Presbytery agree that, in the area of doctrine, the United Church recognize the primacy of scripture, with:

- sections 2.0 through 2.20 of the Basis of Union, constituting the doctrine section of the Basis of Union and including 20 articles; and
- “A New Creed,” generally approved by the Executive of the General Council in November, 1968, amended by the Executive of the General Council in November, 1980, and further amended by the Executive of the General Council in March, 1995; and each being recognized as a subordinate standard of the United Church as contemplated by subsection 3(b) of *The United Church of Canada Act*;

and that the doctrine of the United Church be those standards subordinate to scripture that are approved by the United Church in accordance with the conditions set out in *The United Church of Canada Act* and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy?

Remit No. 6C – Declaration of Church Doctrine

Does the Presbytery agree that, in the area of doctrine, the United Church recognize the primacy of scripture, with:

- sections 2.0 through 2.20 of the Basis of Union, constituting the doctrine section of the Basis of Union and including 20 articles; and
- “A Song of Faith,” adopted and commended by the 39th General Council (2006); each being recognized as a subordinate standard of the United Church as contemplated by subsection 3(b) of *The United Church of Canada Act*;

and that the doctrine of the United Church be those standards subordinate to scripture that are approved by the United Church in accordance with the conditions set out in *The United Church of Canada Act* and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy?

GS 46 The Moderator's "Plan for Participating in God's Abundant Healing of Creation" (2011-2012)

That the Executive of the General Council approve the allocation of \$85,000 from the 2011 GCE Project Fund towards Phase Two of the Moderator's "Plan for Participating in God's Abundant Healing of Creation"

FIN 7 2010 Audited Financial Statements

That the Executive of the General Council approve the 2010 audited financial statements of the National Accounts of The United Church of Canada.

Carried

Table Group Introductions

Paul Stott introduced table group time to build community and share the hopes and dreams for the work of the Executive including developing norms for table groups.

Accommodation Working Group

Brian Cornelius gave the background to the recommendations of the Working Group (Addendum M). Table Groups had an opportunity to discuss the presentation with questions about lease versus owning and the possibility that relocation could be with an outreach ministry.

Moderator's Accountability Report (written report Addendum B)

The Very Rev. David Giuliano assumed the chair and the Moderator gave her accountability report. The Moderator asked that her written report be corrected to amend the new name of the Residential School Steering Committee, to the Indigenous Justice and Residential School Report.

The Moderator reported about plans for General Council 41, and shared the theme of this meeting based on Micah 6:8 as "Seeking, Loving, Walking".

The Moderator shared that her video invitation to the next General Council, including the selection of Commissioners, is being sent to Conference Executive Secretaries and Presidents/Leading Elders. Since 2009, she has recognized ordered ministers celebrating their 25th anniversary. She showed pictures of her visits across the church and her pastoral letter to church leaders on what she heard during these visits. The court especially enjoyed a picture of the Moderator with a cow, which was rescued from a prison farm, which was closed in the Bay of Quinte. She thanked the Executive Secretaries in Bay of Quinte and M&O Conferences for their assistance during her visits.

Comments and questions were responded to. David thanked Mardi for her ministering to the United Church. The Moderator resumed the chair.

General Secretary, General Council Accountability Report (Addendum C).

Picking up on the cow theme from the Moderator's report, the General secretary began her report with a clever limerick about a cow.

The General Secretary introduced new staff and updated her Accountability Report. She noted the criteria for the New Ministries Fund are being developed. The plan is that this fund will be used to birth new work rather than for palliative care. She encouraged the members to invite their youth to attend Rendezvous this summer. She highlighted that in Dan Benson's area, the website is being redesigned and asked the members to share with either her or Dan what works for them and what they would like to see in the new design. The Legal Fund is rarely used and she outlined the proposal to make it more accessible.

The General Secretary highlighted the recent letter received regarding correspondence from General Council Office to the other courts of church. It is helpful to receive this input so we can consider the challenges across the church.

The court was advised that the employment of the Rev. David Woodall has been ended, effective immediately. Heather McLean will continue to serve as Interim Executive Secretary.

The General Secretary advised that the United Church of Canada has applied for Intervenor status in the Supreme Court of Canada in the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission v. William Whatcott case relating to the distribution of literature hostile towards to homosexuality. Beth Symes is legal counsel.

The General Secretary thanked all the staff, who support the work of the church with the knowledge and inspiration they bring to their work.

Bill Bartlett has submitted his resignation as the Executive Secretary for Newfoundland/Labrador Conference effective the end of July. The General Secretary acknowledged his contributions

On a personal note, Nora Sanders shared that she will be taking leave over the summer as she adopts her son, thirteen year old, Jonathon.

She also thanked her Supervisory Committee for their work. She especially noted Louise Rogers, who is getting her work done, in her time of loss.

The General Secretary invited David Armour, the Director of Philanthropy to address the Executive of General Council. David thanked the court for the covenant and the very tangible welcomed he has received since his first day on staff. He approaches his work with great optimism. Part of the demographics is that fewer people are giving more substantial gifts. The plan is to proceed full speed ahead with legacy and PAR giving and to come back in November with a broader more integrated philanthropy plan.

Questions were responded to by both Nora and David.

Friend in Court

Armand Houle shared good news throughout the meeting as well as moments of caring.

Exploring Identity and Connection

Duncan Holmes led the Executive of the General Council in Governance Education on identity and connection. Table groups discussed the question – “What is the distinctive work that is best done and led by each court?”

Middle East Working Group

David Giuliano, chair of the Working Group on the Middle East, shared the work of the Working Group and their trip to Palestine and Israel. He outlined information to be included in a report to be presented in the new year.

Covenanting for Life

Christie Neufeldt reviewed the program including the workshop for General Council on the United Church’s work on empire and shared a PowerPoint presentation for use in congregations.

Task Group on the Basis of Union and Crest

Ray Jones, chair of Task Group, gave an update on their work. The suggested new crest will be presented at Conference annual meetings and the National Aboriginal gathering in Prince Rupert with input at the November Executive meeting. The gathering this summer will determine who will sign on behalf of the First Nation’s People.

Emerging Spirit

Keith Howard reviewed the history and work of Emerging Spirit.

Network

Rob Dalgleish gave an update on Edge – A Network for Ministry Development to explore and engage new ways of ministry.

Permanent Committee on Finance (Addendum D)

Brian Cornelius gave the report of the Permanent Committee on Finance and highlighted the good news from 2010. Revenue and expenses are on target. They are in process of extending the three-year plan to 2014. They plan to present options to the Executive of General Council in November.

Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda (Addendum E)

Paul Stott, chairperson of the Permanent Committee, highlighted the ongoing work of the Committee. They have three ongoing projects: an advisory role in the Simplification Project, a membership study is being prepared for circulation and a working paper on governance structures is being developed which they hope to present to the Executive of General Council in November.

Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services (Addendum F)

Tracy Murton, chairperson of the Permanent Committee, gave the highlights of the research project.

Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry (Addendum G)

Christine Williams, chairperson of the Permanent Committee, gave an overview of the Permanent Committee including the work of the TransGender Working Group and a video on TransGender Basics.

Theological Reflection

Thom Davies reflected theologically on Emmaus and resurrection stories.

Sunday, May 8, 2011**Worship**

Worship was a time of remembering with further reflections along the Road to Emmaus. The Executive gratefully acknowledged the following members of our Church family who have left bequest gifts, annuity residues and insurance proceeds – November 2010 to March 2011.

Mission and Service

Carmen Bell
Lois Carrier
A.J. Clipdale
Helen Elizabeth Collopy
Helen Doris Corcoran
Dorothy Irene Corney
Ila Moneta Cruickshank
Arthur Dayfoot
Jean Fox
Evelyn Gilmour
Helen Grossell
Margery Harris
Bertha Harvey
Alona Hudson
Gertrude Helen Husband
George Beverley Johnston
Jean Barbara Kellerman
Mary Kershaw
Mary Kathleen Kitching
Isobel Lethbridge
Dorothy Luton
Jessie Louise Martin
Anthony Maunder
Dency McCalla

Allan B. McMillan
Hardie McNeil
Audrey Middleton
Eunice Marguerite Milne
Shirley Isabel Moffat
Eric Mountjoy
Winnifred June Neilly
Carmen Bell
Lois Carrier
A.J. Clipdale
Helen Elizabeth Collopy
Helen Doris Corcoran
Dorothy Irene Corney
Ila Moneta Cruickshank
Arthur Dayfoot
Jean Fox

The United Church of Canada

Jessie Elizabeth Brown
Herbert Alexander Bremner
Shirley Davey
Betty Duffy
E. Mary Gander

Dorothy May Gertrude Godwin
Grace Hunter Grey
Beatrice Florence Joyce
Hendry
Mary Elizabeth MacDougall
Mary Elizabeth MacKinnon
Elinor Elizabeth Shepherd
Rhoda Stirling
Leora Ruth Wright

Division of World Outreach

Norman Bunnin
Violet Lawton

Division of Mission in Canada

Dorothy Graham
Doris Moran Migus

Ministry Personnel and Education

Grace Orser

Ted Kostecki was remembered. Louise Rogers, Marie-Claude Magna, Carol Hancock and Steve Willey were held in our prayers as they grieve their losses.

Motion: Paul Stott/Bev Kostichuk**2011-05-07-139**

That the revised agenda be accepted.

Carried

Simplification Project

Alan Hall and Cynthia Gunn reviewed the feedback received from across the church and presented the draft of a simplified Manual. Table groups had time to discuss and give feedback.

Bill Bartlett's Retirement was celebrated.

Exploring Identity and Connection

The work from yesterday continued and table groups discussed and reported back on the following:

What work is best done on these topics at each court?

- Calling up new Leaders
- Becoming an Intercultural Church
- Living into Right Relations
- New Ways of Being Church/Innovation

Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools (Addendum I)

Alvin Dixon, chair of the committee reported on the work of the Committee including the mobile counsellor program to isolated communities in B.C. Conference. Jamie Scott gave updates on the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

World Council of Churches (Addendum J)

Carmen Lansdowne, our representative to the World Council of Churches Committee gave an update including the participation of the United Church in the peace convocation to celebrate the end of the Decade to Overcome Violence. She also raised concerns that the Central Committee has gone from visible diversity to mostly white ordained men and the importance of the United Church in shifting the balance by continuing to elect minority women to the Central Committee.

Aboriginal Ministries Council (Addendum H)

Raymond Jones, chair, highlighted the report of the Aboriginal Ministries Council and acknowledged the ancestors who walked this land. He noted that at the November meeting, there will be a final report on the amalgamation of the Francis Sandy and Dr. Jessie Saulteaux Resource Centre with some of the logistics worked out.

Ray presented the Moderator with a book from the Gitsan hereditary chiefs.

Theological Reflection

Betty Kelly reflected theologically and encouraged everyone to ask questions, look for out of the box solutions and not to be afraid of the "goop".

In Camera

Motion: David Giuliano/Paul Stott

2011-05-07-140

That the Executive of the General Council move into an in camera session with the following membership: voting members of the Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Motion: John Young/Kellie McComb**2011-05-07-141**

That the report of the General Secretary's Supervision Committee be received for information.

Carried

Motion: David Giuliano/Paul Stott**2011-05-07-142**

That the Executive of the General Council move out of in camera session.

Carried

Meeting with the Moderator

Voting members of the Executive met with the Moderator over dessert.

Monday, May 9, 2011**Worship**

The Executive celebrated communion. The Moderator reflected on ego stories versus soul stories with rumours and sources of hope.

Pension Board Accountability Report (Addendum K)

Charles Black, chairperson of the Pension Board reviewed his report and information on the pension plan including the role of the Executive of the General Council in "Keeping the Pension Promise".

Global Partner

Charlie Ocampo reminded the Executive of their connection with the global south. A video of the Burmese refugees living in camps in Thailand and their creativity during times of difficulty was shown. He reported on the priority of the Christian Asian Church and advocacy work for refugee rights including the purchase of emergency food. He noted the importance of the Moderator's presence to put pressure on the political authorities who have become insensitive to people's rights, and the contributions of the United Church in justice issues and their accompaniment as a living connection between the churches of the north and south.

GCE 52 Accommodation Working Group

The Accommodation Working Group responded to questions and the Moderator thanked the Task Group for their work. Table groups discussed the values and culture that are part of the General Council Offices with a report back to the whole.

Motion: John Young/Tracy Murton**2011-05-07-143**

That a decision on the location of the United Church General Council Office be referred to the 41st General Council 2012.

Defeated

The Proposal from the Working Group was referred to Reference and Counsel.

Exploring Identity and Connections (see Report of Duncan Holmes, Addendum N)

Table groups discussed the following questions:

- Give examples of what you wish General Council or a court had done 15 years ago?
- Standing in 2025, what might General Council be talking about?

- From a 2025 perspective, what work started now by General Council and its Executive, would make a significant difference to those discussions?

GS47 Legal Aid Fund

That the Executive of the General Council authorize the following changes to the terms of reference for the legal aid fund:

- (i) the fund will be used for the purpose of assisting presbyteries, Conferences and the General Council with external legal expenses incurred by them after this date until the fund is depleted;
- (ii) the General Secretary is given the discretion to approve applications for assistance for this purpose even if one or more of the conditions in the fund's previous terms of reference has not been met; and
- (iii) the fund will no longer be topped up annually to maintain a balance of \$500,000.

Motion: Paul Stott/Sharon Willis-Whitwell

2011-05-07-144

That the above proposal be referred to the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Nominations Report (Addendum L)

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Cindy Désilets

2011-05-07-145

That the Executive of the General Council:

1. Receive for information the Nominations Report
2. Appoint the people recommended in the Nominations Report to the boards, committees and task groups of the General Council, with the stated terms.

General Council Planning Committee, Business Coordinator (41st General Council, August 2012)

- Paul Reed (OM BQ)

General Council Youth Forum Coordinator (41st General Council, August 2012)

- Adam Hanley (OM Ham)

Canadian Forces Chaplaincy Committee (June 2013)

- Barbara Reynolds (Lay M&O), 2nd term

Mission and Service Fund Advisory Committee (June 2014)

- Ruth Anthony (Lay Mtu), 2nd term
- Marlyne Myles (DM Mar), 2nd term
- Bill Jones (OM Mtu), 2nd term
- Gloria Myles (Lay N&L), 2nd term

Pension Board, members at large (December 2013)

- Gordon How (OM BC), 3rd term
- Reta Robertson (Lay BC), 3rd term

Pension Plan Advisory Committee (June 2014)

- Cameron Hunter (Lay Tor), 3rd term, Chairperson
- Rob Dowsett (Lay Tor), 3rd term

Representatives to the Anglican Church – United Church Dialogue (June 2014)

- Donald Koots (OM ANW)
- Sandra Beardsall (OM Sask)
- Lorraine Kakegamic (Lay ANC)

Director of The United Church of Canada Foundation (May 2014).

- Mark Wartman (OM Sask)
- Paul Johnson (Lay Ham)

Carried**GCE 52 Accommodation Working Group**

The proposal from the Reference in Counsel was discussed.

Motion: Linsell Hurd/Arlyce Schiebout**2011-05-07-146**

1. That the Executive of the General Council direct the General Secretary, General Council to initiate and oversee an open “Request for Proposals” process in order to negotiate a lease for the General Council Office (GCO) that:
 - a) pursues a lease arrangement rather than purchase property;
 - b) that this leased space be located on a public transit route; and
 - c) that this lease arrangement work towards the standards of “sustainable green office space”
 - d) includes sufficient space to accommodate the GCO staff and incorporates flexibility as needs evolve and change;
 - e) takes into consideration the space needs of the GCO archives and the archives of the five partner Conferences;
 - f) attends to the GCO as “sacred space”
 - g) includes recommendations about meeting space
 - h) includes interested Pastoral Charges and other ministries, if any.
2. That an Accommodation Working Group be asked to refine a Request For Proposals, to be approved by the GCE Sub-executive; and to review the submitted proposals in order to bring an option and/or several options to the November 2011 Executive of the General Council for discernment and decision.
3. That the Accommodation Working Group be comprised of the current members of the working group who are willing to continue with this work, and that the Nominations committee be asked to nominate at least two additional members from within the Executive of the General Council by special call.

Carried

GCE 54 Simplification of Processes

Motion: Paul Stott/Brian Cornelius

2011-05-07-147

That the Executive of the General Council:

1. direct the General Secretary to prepare proposals for each of the recommendations contained in appendices 1A, 1B and 1C of the report made by the Staff Group on the Simplification of Processes to the Executive;
2. direct the General Secretary to submit these proposals to the Executive of the General Council so that, if approved, they may be submitted to the 41st General Council 2012 for consideration; and
3. approve the distribution of the simplified by-laws in draft form as prepared by the Staff Group on the Simplification of Processes for consultation with the wider church.

Carried

MEPS 22 Administration Fee For Pastoral Charges

Tracy Murton reviewed the proposal and discussion from the Sessional Committee.

Motion: Tracy Murton/Bev Kostichuk

2011-05-07-148

That the Executive of the General Council authorize the introduction of a cost-recovery administration fee to those pastoral charges requiring an invoice for pension and group benefit remittances effective January 1, 2012.

Carried

Theological Reflection

Arlyce Schiebout asked for the Executive's response to the risen Christ. She reflected on where the Executive has been along the road and where we hope to go.

Evaluation – Table Groups

Table groups took time to close and say good bye.

The General Secretary, General Council and Tracy Murton presented Gail Franklin who is retiring with a gift and thanks. The General Secretary thanked the administrative staff and volunteers for their work.

Closing Procedural Motion

Authorizing the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Motion: Nora Sanders/Marie-Claude Manga

2011-05-07-149

That the Executive of the General Council authorize its Sub-Executive to deal with the business placed before it by this meeting of the Executive and any emergent business that may arise prior to the next meeting of the Executive of the General Council.

Carried

The Moderator closed the meeting with a blessing at 4 p.m.

Moderator, Mardi Tindal

General Secretary, Nora Sanders

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