

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, June 11, 2012 – 1:00 p.m.
(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1:00 p.m. EST until 1:45 p.m. on June 11, 2012, by teleconference call. The Moderator Mardi Tindal presided.

Attendance

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

Regrets: Heather Burton, Brian Cornelius, David Giuliano, Louise Rogers, Barbara White

Welcome

Moderator Mardi Tindal welcomed the Sub-Executive of the General Council to the meeting and invited the participants to do a check in, and then opened with a verse from Mark 4, (the parable of the mustard seed) followed by Bruce Sanguin's prayer, *The Thin Filament Within*.

Constituting the Meeting

"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/Shirley Cleave 2012-06-11-248

That Bruce Gregersen, Adele Halliday, Erik Mathiesen and Karen Smart be the corresponding members, and that Susan Sigal be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Paul Stott asked that the minutes be amended as follows:

1. Effective Leadership and Healthy Pastoral Relationships: last paragraph as follows:
 - Paul Stott flagged that there may be a governance concern with point three. The 41st General Council will need to deal with this proposal ~~prior to~~ after dealing with the

proposal for a Comprehensive Review. The Executive of the General Council will work in parallel on these two projects.

2. Interim Report of the Steering Group on Candidacy Pathway

- Motion to be amended to read:
 - That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive the interim report of the Permanent Committee on ~~Steering Group on~~ the Ministry of Employment Policies and Services report entitled Candidacy Pathway and forward it to the 41st General Council 2012 for information.

Motion: Paul Stott/Betty Kelly

2012-06-11-249

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the amended minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on May 23, 2012.

Carried

Allocation of sale proceeds from sale of Griffith McConnell Residence

Erik Mathiesen introduced the proposal. This work has been before the Sub-Executive of the General Council a number of times before.

Please note the motion uses “whereas” type language because the identical motion is intended to be approved by three different bodies – some of whom require this language.

The key themes are that the revenue sharing is more balanced than in most cases, and include concepts in line with General Council funds for longer term investments for the church rather than operating cost.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Amber Ing

2012-06-11-250

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve Allocation of sale proceeds from sale of Griffith McConnell Residence:

A) The United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence) Board of Directors

B) The Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritain Board of Directors

C) The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada

Whereas following many decades of service and ministry to the seniors of the greater Montreal area the Board of Directors of the United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence in partnership with the Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan Board of Directors and The United Church of Canada General Council have agreed to create perpetual endowments to be held by the United Church of Canada Foundation investing the proceeds of the sale of the property along with the assets of the Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan and the assets of the Amelia Toeper Elliot Fund to

provide an ongoing legacy of services to assist and benefit the elderly in need of relief and to invest in the future of the church.

Whereas the United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence) ceased operating on June 30, 2010 and its building, owned by The United Church of Canada, was disposed of in late 2011 for net proceeds of approximately **\$4.5 million** (after shutdown expenses etc.)

Whereas the Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan was established to assist The United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People, Griffith-McConnell Residence as its charitable foundation and currently holds assets of approximately **\$2.5 million** on behalf of the United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence.

Whereas The Amelia Toeper Fund was established to support seniors programming in the Montreal area (“for the benefit of homes for the aged in the district of Montreal, preference given to homes which provide medical and nursing care for the aged”) and currently holds assets of approximately **\$0.15 million**.

RESOLVED:

Subject to the ratification and concurrent implementation of the matters referred to herein:

1. That the “***New Montreal Fund for Seniors’ Ministry***” be established with The United Church of Canada Foundation (UCCF) as a perpetual endowment fund. This fund will be created with fifty percent (50%) of the assets from the sale of the United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence) building (\$4.5 million / 2 = \$2.25 million) along with all of the assets held by the Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan (\$2.5 million) and the assets of the Amelia Toeper Fund (\$0.15 million). **This fund will total approximately \$4.9 million.**

This new endowment fund shall be created by a charitable purpose trust agreement with the funds held, invested and administered by the The United Church of Canada Foundation. Annual disbursements up to the disbursement limits of the The United Church of Canada Foundation shall be made by grants:

- (a) for projects relating to work for the relief of the aged in the Province of Quebec;
- (b) Quebec grants shall be made only on the initiative of the New Montreal Fund for Seniors’ Ministry Grants Committee of the Fund, the members of which shall be approved and nominated by the Montreal Presbytery (or successor organization) of the United Church of Canada. The Grants Committee members may be from The United Church of Canada or other denominations or organizations and may be nominated if they have an area of special expertise and level of interest that will be valuable to the Grants Committee with consideration given to the involvement of former members of the boards of Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan and United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence).

- (c) if grants for Quebec area projects (as above) do not expend the annual disbursement limit, the The United Church of Canada Foundation may use the remainder for seniors' projects elsewhere in Canada as per the terms of the New Montreal Fund for Seniors' Ministry or Watkins Fund for innovative seniors' ministry.
- 2. The remaining **\$2.25 million** which represents fifty percent (50%) of the assets from the sale of the United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence) building (\$4.5 million /2) will be invested equally in two funds within The United Church of Canada Foundation to assist the church in building for its future; the Mission and Service Endowment Fund and the New Ministries Fund.
 - (a) The Mission and Service Endowment Fund has been established to build a long term base of support for the mission and service of the church across Canada and around the world. This will be the first major institutional gift to the fund and will enhance its growth and long term support for the annual Mission and Service Fund.
 - (b) The New Ministries Fund is a pan-Canadian Fund that supports the church in seeking new models of ministry and represents an innovative fund that carries out the churches research and development as it seeks to adapt and build new models of church into the future.
- 3. Upon the full implementation of this resolution the respective boards of United Church Montreal Homes for Elderly People (Griffith-McConnell Residence) and the Good Samaritan Foundation / La Fondation du Bon Samaritan will each proceed to the formal dissolution of their Corporation.

Carried

Nominations of a Director of The United Church of Canada Foundation

Nora Sanders mentioned that she is very pleased that the Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy is being approved as a Director of the United Church of Canada Foundation.

Motion: Nora Sanders/Paul Stott

2012-06-11-251

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the nomination of the following individual as a Director of the United Church of Canada Foundation:

- **The Very Rev. Dr. Marion Pardy (Order of Ministry, Newfoundland and Labrador Conference)**

Carried

Intercultural Task Group Proposal

The report that came to the Executive of the General Council was too long. The edited version now reads as solid material and is an excellent report. The original full report will be on the website, in the library of background resources.

Motion: Bruce Hutchinson/Betty Kelly

2012-06-11-252

The Permanent Committee Programs for Mission and Ministry proposes that the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

- 1. Receive the report of the Task Group on Intercultural Ministries, entitled “Intercultural Ministries: Living into Transformation.”**
 - 2. Forward it and the following proposal to the 41st General Council for decision.**
- Carried**

Paul Stott closed the meeting with a stanza from one of Walter Farquarson’s hymns called “*God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness*”, VU 260.

The next Sub-Executive meeting of the General Council meeting is June 27, 2012. at 1:00 p.m.

The Moderator thanked everyone for attending. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Moderator, Mardi Tindal

General Secretary, Nora Sanders