

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

**MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
June 30, 2000
(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, June 30, 2000, at 3250 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke, Ontario. The Past Moderator, Marion Best, presided.

Voting Members: Marion Best (Chair), Hazel Bigby, David Carrothers, Kay Cho, Lois Creith, Bernice Luce, Don Smith, Anne Shirley Sutherland (Acting General Secretary), Lorna Teed, Mollie Williams.

Corresponding Members: Alison Jordan, David Iverson,

Regrets: Steve Adams, Chris Ferguson, Claire Borel-Christen, Steven Chambers, Richard Choe, Virginia Coleman, Gordon How, Harold Manuel, Bill Phipps, Michael Scott, Peter Wyatt.

CONSTITUTING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE

The Past Moderator constituted the meeting with the following words:

"In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ the only Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 36th General Council, I hereby declare this meeting of the Sub-Executive of General Council to be in session for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God."

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Motion: Anne Shirley Sutherland/Lois Creith

That the following be named as corresponding members of the Sub-Executive of General Council for this meeting: David Iverson, David Allen and Alison Jordan.

Carried

APPROVAL FOR THE SALE OF CEDAR GLEN CONFERENCE CENTRE

Motion: Don Smith/Mollie Williams

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council, having received the written prior consent of the Toronto Conference, and having assured itself that the offer to purchase meets the estimated market value of the property known as "Cedar Glen Conference Centre", 13300-13500 11th Concession, Township of King, approximately 264 acres with buildings, approves the sale to 1293364 Ontario Limited, in the amount of \$3,500,000.

The Sub-Executive considered the decision before them. Some questions and concerns were raised and discussed. David Allen supplied the Sub-Executive with some background information about how the decision to sell Cedar Glen had been reached. The Board of Cedar Glen has an outstanding loan with Toronto United Church Council and feels some pressure to pay this loan off especially as the interest promises to go up from \$81,000 to approximately \$115,000 per annum. David Allen explained that about \$1.6 million of the money from the sale of the property would be used to pay off the outstanding loan to Toronto United Church Council and the rest would be used to relocate the ministry approximately within a 50 km range of Cedar Glen.

Some of the concerns raised were around the stewardship of the land – it was unclear as to what the property would be used for once it was sold and is this the best we can get for this property; questions were raised about future development of the area and the impact that would have on the appraisal of the property; there appeared to be a lack of clarity about the future ministry of Cedar Glen. The Sub-Executive members as a whole, did not feel that they had sufficient assurance that all available options had been explored before the decision to sell this property was made. It was felt that whatever money was left after the loan was paid off will not be enough to buy another piece of property to continue this ministry without incurring more debt and the clientele that Cedar Glen has now may well stay with Cedar Glen and not move to the new location. It was also the feeling of the Sub-Executive that one appraisal of the property and one offer to purchase the property was not enough to make a wise decision.

The Sub-Executive also felt that there needed to be more clarity about the ministry of Cedar Glen – what is the ministry and what is the future of the ministry. It was felt that some creative energy needed to be put into finding other alternatives to selling Cedar Glen and that the General Council Office may be able to help Toronto Conference with this.

The motion was defeated.

Motion: David Carrothers/Kay Cho

That the future of the Ministry of Cedar Glen be determined by the Board of the Corporation of Cedar Glen in consultation with Toronto Conference, by September 30, 2000 and that no offers be considered until after that date.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

Past Moderator, Marion Best

Acting General Secretary, Anne Shirley Sutherland