

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES June 20, 2001 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 12:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. on Wednesday, June 20, 2001, at 3250 Bloor Street West, Etobicoke, Ontario. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Marion Pardy, presided.

#### **ATTENDANCE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE**

##### **Voting Members**

Virginia Coleman, Sheila Duffin, Ron Holotuk, Jon Jessiman, Joanna MacQuarrie, Lynn Maki, Bill Phipps, Marion Pardy (Chair), Sheila Snelling, Karen Ptolemy-Stam, Peter Wesley

##### **Corresponding Members**

Steve Adams, Steven Chambers, Anne Shirley Sutherland, David Allen

##### **Regrets**

Hazel Bigby, Claire Borel-Christen, Jack Spencer (voting members) Richard Choe, Chris Ferguson, Gordon How, David Iverson (corresponding members)

#### **CONSTITUTING THE MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE**

The Moderator constituted the meeting with the following words:

"In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ the Sovereign head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 37th 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."

Marion opened the meeting with a prayer.

#### **OPENING PROCEDURAL MOTION**

##### **Corresponding Members and Minute Secretary**

**Motion: Virginia Coleman/Lynn Maki**

**2001-06-10-0205.PRO**

That the corresponding members for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council be Steve Adams, Steven Chambers and Anne Shirley Sutherland for the whole meeting and David Allen as resource for the piece on the sale of Cedar Glen; and that the minute secretary be Isabela Simon.

**Carried**

#### **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF PAST MEETINGS OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE**

**Motion: Bill Phipps/Lynn Maki**

**2001-06-10-0206**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of meetings held April 30, May 10 and May 23, 2001.

**Carried**

It was agreed that 3 other items would be added to the agenda – an update on Coalitions, adding an effective date to the motion that was passed at the June, 2001 meeting of the Executive on the restructuring of the General Council Offices, and an update on Budget Steering Group.

#### **SALE OF CEDAR GLEN**

**Motion: Virginia Coleman/Peter Wesley**

**2001-06-10-0207**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council, having received the motion of affirmation of sale from Toronto Conference, approve the sale of Cedar Glen to the YMCA of Greater Toronto for the sum of \$3.5 million as per the agreement of purchase and sale.

It was noted that although the lease for First Nations to use Cedar Glen as a sweat lodge has been terminated, the First Nations people are currently exploring an agreement with YMCA.

It was also clarified that most of the proceeds from the sale of Cedar Glen (approximately 1.6 million) would go to the Toronto United Church Council, the body that holds the mortgage for Cedar Glen; some would go to pay for the upkeep of the property for the past few months, liquidation costs when the Corporation dissolved, and any successful claim made by the former realtor against the proceeds; whatever is left over would then come to General Council.

### **Motion – Carried**

#### **CLARIFICATION OF THE MOTION ON THE RESTRUCTURING OF GENERAL COUNCIL OFFICES**

In an effort to further clarify the motion made in the June meeting of the General Council Executive, Virginia Coleman proposed that an effective date be added to it; the date suggested was the original implementation date of December 31, 2001.

#### **Effective Date for the Dissolution of Divisions**

**Motion: Virginia Coleman/Sheila Duffin**

**2001-06-10-0208**

That the Sub- Executive of the General Council approve December 31, 2001 as the effective date of the dissolution of the Divisions of General Council.

**Carried**

The members of the Sub-Executive were informed that should some Divisions be able to go to a new configuration/be dissolved before December 31, permission from this body would be sought first. Also, a report would be available to the Executive of the General Council in November 2001.

It was clarified that Directions Committee will continue to meet and oversee the implementation of the pieces of work that were approved in June meeting of the Executive and that the clarification of the motion made by Anne Shirley Sutherland at the meeting of the June meeting of the Executive is what had been agreed upon.

It was confirmed that the iterative process would continue throughout this time of restructuring and that as well as involving all the groups that have been part of the process so far, it would also involve as many of the members of the Executive as are willing to be part of this process. At this time it was noted that this kind of process is complex and time consuming and would require a great deal of communication, effort and commitment by the people involved.

It was noted that the decisions made by the Executive of the General Council have resulted in very low morale among staff and that we need to look at some ways to turn the tide back. It was felt that providing the staff an update of the implementation plan may help with this.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF ADDITIONAL MEMBERS TO THE DIRECTIONS COMMITTEE**

As requested in the June meeting of the Executive, the Sub-Executive approved the appointment of the three members of the Executive of the General Council to the Directions Committee as follows:

**Motion Virginia Coleman/Lynn Maki**

**2001-06-10-0209**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint Debra Bowman, Walter Sowa and Martha Ter Kuile to work with the Directions Committee.

**Carried**

#### **COALITIONS UPDATE**

Virginia Coleman reminded the members of the Sub-Executive of the motion that was approved at the November 2000 meeting of the Executive where a new relationship with Coalitions was approved. In doing this, the Coalitions' employees become United Church employees. The memorandum of agreement is now signed. Virginia informed the Sub-Executive that the Coalition staff are seriously exploring becoming unionized and as at July 1, 2001 or very soon after will become members of CUPE. This holds some serious implications for the Church. Virginia indicated that an information piece about this would be sent to the full Executive of the General Council.

**BUDGET STEERING GROUP UPDATE**

Virginia Coleman informed the members of the Sub-Executive that it has now become clear that the amount we are short of in the budget is \$2.211 million. The Budget Steering group has given the General Secretaries the task of coming up with some options/proposals on how to deal with this before its September, 2001 meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator declared the meeting of the Sub-Executive adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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**Moderator, Marion Pardy**

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**General Secretary, K. Virginia Coleman**