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# THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

## MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

December 4, 2003  
(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 3:00 p.m. EST until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 4, 2003, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Peter Short, presided.

### **ATTENDANCE**

#### **Voting Members**

Lynn Boothroyd, Jim Jackson, Donald Koots, Marion Pardy, Barbara Rafuse, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair, Michelle Slater, George Takashima, Kent Ward.

#### **Corresponding Members**

Ian Fraser, Omega Bula, Vicki Obedkoff.

**Regrets:** Jim Balfour, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Stephen Mabee, Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock.

### **CONSTITUTING THE MEETING**

The Moderator opened the meeting with a Scripture reading and 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 38<sup>ième</sup> Conseil général, je déclare ouvert, par la présente, le sous-exécutif du Conseil général et ses travaux dans l'intérêt du Royaume de Dieu."

"In the Name of Jesus Christ, the head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me by the 38<sup>th</sup> 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**

#### **Corresponding Members**

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Barbara Rafuse**

**2003-12-04-077**

That Vicki Obedkoff, Ian Fraser, and Omega Bula be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

**Carried**

### **NARAMATA CENTRE**

The General Secretary gave background on the request from Naramata Centre for a mortgage to finance capital projects.

Don Koots and Michelle Slater declared an interest in this motion.

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/George Takashima**

**2003-12-04-078**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council give consent to the request made by the Naramata Centre Society of The United Church of Canada, Naramata, British Columbia for approval of a mortgage in the amount of \$85,000 for reasons of financing capital projects at Naramata Centre, subject to receiving a written undertaking from Naramata Centre Society that it will bring its by-laws into compliance with the provisions of Appendix IV of The Manual 2001.

**Carried**

**WAIVER OF REQUIREMENT TO RETURN TO THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE**

The General Secretary noted that in the old structure the former Division of Ministry Personnel and Education would have approved these waivers. In consultation with Steven Chambers, Executive Minister of Faith Formation and Education Unit, these requests will be brought through the Education for Church Leadership Group in the future.

There was discussion about delegated authority and the need for approval as prescribed in *The Manual*. In order to be proactive, it was noted that delegated authority for this, and other items that could fall into this category, be formally pursued through the appropriate body.

It was also flagged that the principle of integrated learning after internship is a valuable practice. The Ministry for Church Vocations needs to weigh this value when requesting waivers in the future.

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Lynn Boothroyd****2003-12-05-079**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council grant Victoria A. Fulcher waiver of the requirement to return to theological college for six courses following the completion of her internship.

**Carried****PRAIRIE CHRISTIAN TRAINING CENTRE**

The General Secretary reviewed the proposal for the sale of the Staff House as approved by both Saskatchewan Conference and the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario. Questions for clarification were asked and responded to.

**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jim Jackson****2003-12-05-080**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the sale of property owned by the Prairie Christian Training Centre known as Parcel B, Plan No. 101390172 Extension 46 as described on Certificate of Title 97R71427(1), description 46, Surface #120650970, for a total of \$50,000 paid by instalment ending April 30, 2006.

**Carried**

It was noted that there may be another conference call after December 10.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.

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**Moderator, Peter Short**

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**General Secretary, Jim Sinclair**