
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

December 15, 2003
(Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 3:00 p.m. EST until 4:20 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2003, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Peter Short, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Jim Balfour, Lynn Boothroyd, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Jim Jackson, Donald Koots, Barbara Rafuse, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair, Michelle Slater, Kent Ward.

Corresponding Members

Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, Vicki Obedkoff.

Regrets: Stephen Mabee, Marion Pardy, George Takashima, Omega Bula.

The Moderator welcomed everyone and began with a prayer.

CONSTITUTING THE MEETING

The Moderator 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^{ième} 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 38th 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/Jim Balfour

2003-12-15-081.PRO

That Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, Vicki Obedkoff, Betsy Anderson, Cynthia Gunn and Steven Chambers be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

Carried

ST. ANDREW'S COLLEGE

Betsy Anderson gave an update on the present situation at St. Andrew's College. This is an interim time and leadership is crucial to bring recommendations to the Board.

Jim Balfour declared an interest in this topic.

Saskatchewan Conference has asked the General Council for intervention. The Sub-Executive discussed appropriate ways including how best to support the Board with a clear sense of direction, leadership and moving forward.

Jim Balfour and Betsy Anderson excused themselves from the call.

Motion: Michelle Slater/Don Koots**2003-12-15-082**

That Jim Jackson, Barbara Rafuse, and Jim Sinclair, represent the Sub-Executive in a conference call on December 16 at noon, with the Executive of the Board of St. Andrew's College. The purpose is to listen and ensure the functioning of the Board including how the General Council can be most supportive. Consultation with the President and Executive Secretary of Saskatchewan Conference will take place with a report back to the Sub-Executive regarding next steps.

Carried**Loan Authorization**

Ian Fraser gave an overview of the intention of this loan.

Motion: Kent Ward/Lynn Boothroyd**2003-12-15-083**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council authorize a loan from the United Church Mission and Service Operating Fund to St. Andrew's College on the following terms:

- a) Amount: \$120,000 advanced upon approval of this recommendation and acceptance of these terms by the Board of Trustees of St. Andrew's College
- b) Purpose: to replace funds previously drawn by the Trustees from restricted funds of the College.
- c) Term: six months from date of advancement
- d) Interest: 0% for the first three months, 3% per annum for the second three months
- e) Repayment schedule: full or partial payments at any time during the term of the loan
- f) Security: by funds either from the sale of College property or a mortgage to be taken on College property.

Carried

Cynthia Gunn and Steven Chambers left the call.

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council**Motion: Jim Sinclair/Jim Jackson****2003-12-15-084**

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for October 15, 2003; November 5, 2003; and December 4, 2003 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

There was a question about follow up on Appendix IV Incorporations as stated in the October 15 minutes. It was noted that this is a large undertaking and is now underway. Within the next few years we will be able to demonstrate oversight of all our incorporations.

APPOINTMENTS**Conference Executive Secretary, Manitou Conference**

Carol Hancock reviewed the work of the Search Committee from Manitou Conference and their recommendation for Conference Executive Secretary.

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Anne-Marie Carmoy**2003-12-15-085**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the appointment of Will Kunder to the position of Executive Secretary, Manitou Conference, effective date to be negotiated.

Carried**Executive Minister, French Ministries Unit**

Bruce Gregersen reviewed the work of the Search Committee for the Executive Minister for the French Ministries Unit and their recommendation.

Motion: Anne-Marie Carmoy/Don Koots**2003-12-15-086**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the appointment of Pierre Goldberger to the position of Executive Minister, French Ministries Unit, effective date to be negotiated.

Carried

APPOINTMENT - NOMINATIONS

Chair of the Nominations Group

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Barbara Rafuse

2003-12-15-087

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint Marion Parady, chair of the Nominations Committee.

Carried

FRED VICTOR CENTRE

Motion: Michelle Slater/Kent Ward

2003-12-15-088

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the action of Toronto Conference authorizing the request of Fred Victor Centre to use \$150,000 of its assets to cover its share of development and construction costs related to the property located at 1978 Lakeshore Boulevard, West, Toronto, and That Fred Victor Centre's contribution be structured as a non-performing loan.

Carried

The Sub-Executive requested that their excitement for this project be conveyed to Toronto Conference.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 4:20 p.m. with greetings and blessings at this season of Christmas.

Moderator, Peter Short

General Secretary, Jim Sinclair