

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES April 7, 2004 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1:00 p.m. EDST until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 7 2004, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend Peter Short, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members

Lynn Boothroyd, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Jim Jackson, Donald Koots, Stephen Mabee, Barbara Rafuse, Peter Short, Jim Sinclair, Kent Ward.

Corresponding Members

Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen.

Regrets:

Jim Balfour, Marion Pardy, Michelle Slater, George Takashima, Omega Bula, Carol Hancock, Vicki Obedkoff.

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 38ième 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."

The Moderator thanked and welcomed members to the call and opened with prayer.

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Corresponding Members

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Stephen Mabee

2004-04-07-102

That Walter Sowa, Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen, and Janet McDonald be made corresponding members for this meeting and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

Carried

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It was noted that the correct name is "St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's" on pages 56 and 57.

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Barbara Rafuse

2004-04-07-103

That the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council for February 12, 2004 be adopted as amended.

Carried

APPOINTMENTS TO GENERAL COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Janet McDonald, Elected and Appointed Member Services gave the report from the Nominations Committee. Terms are to General Council 2006 unless otherwise noted.

Approved – June 24, 2004

The Nominations Committee of the General Council Executive is composed of an elected representative from each Conference. The first meeting is April 22. The Conferences have designated their elected representatives as follows:

ANCC	vacant	Man	Dorothy Hemingway
ANW	Don Koots	Mar	Mary-Beth Moriarity
BQ	Norma Soble	M&O	Martha ter Kuile
BC	Marion Carr	N&L	Tony Newell
Ham	Heather Leffler	Sask	Dwaine Dornan
Lon	David Woodall	Tor	Paul Stott
MNWO	vacant		

The Executive of the General Council – Ethnic Ministry Representative

Wanda West

The Executive of the General Council – Parliamentarian for April 2004 Meeting

Paul Reed

Moderators Advisory Committee

John Lougheed - Chair

Christine Williams

Marilyn Legge

Sang Chul Lee

Susan Tough

Jim Sinclair (ex-officio)

General Secretary's Supervision Committee

Walter Sowa - Chair

Maggie McLeod

Mardi Tindal

Glen Bailey

Faith Formation and Education Unit – Ministry Vocations Committee

Miriam Bowlby

Faith Formation and Education Unit – Continuing Education Implementation Task Group

Pam Bowman

(Term: April 2005)

Shirley Cleave

David Hewitt

Sue Short

Eric Tusz-King

Motion: Lynn Boothroyd/Jim Jackson

2004-04-07-104

That the report from the Nominations Committee be accepted as presented.

Carried

Janet was thanked for her work and presentation.

EARLSCOURT CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

Jim Sinclair reviewed the request from Earls court Child and Family Centre and the background material. The Sub-Executive made comments and received clarification including that the United Church has never contributed financially to the incorporation.

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Anne-Marie Carmoy

2004-04-07-105

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council consent to the Asset Sale of Earls court Child and Family Centre to West End Creche Child Care Centre.

Carried

ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The Sub-Executive discussed the proposal and received clarification on reporting and confidentiality.

WHEREAS the General Secretary has received a Complaint made to the General Council under the United Church's Dispute Resolution Policy ("Complaint 2004-01").

AND WHEREAS the Dispute Resolution Policy requires the Executive (or Sub-Executive) of the Court receiving the Complaint to appoint a Conflict Resolution Facilitator to contact the parties, conduct a preliminary diagnosis of the Complaint, and report back to the Executive (or Sub-Executive).

Motion: Jim Sinclair/Don Koots

2004-04-07-106

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council

- (i) Appoint John Burton, Conflict Resolution Facilitator for Complaint 2004-01, to conduct the diagnostic phase under the Dispute Resolution Policy for an honorarium not to exceed \$200, as per the fee schedule adopted by the Executive of the General Council, plus reasonable expenses; and
- (ii) That he report to the Sub-Executive as per the Dispute Resolution Policy, by May 31, 2004.

Carried

DISCONTINUED SERVICE LISTS

The General Secretary gave an update and background on the work from the Manual Committee.

WHEREAS the General Council Executive, upon referral from the 38th General Council, adopted Resolution 84;

AND WHEREAS the adoption of such resolution makes it necessary to amend the By-Laws;

Motion: Stephen Mabee/Kent Ward

2004-04-07-107

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council amend the By-Laws as follows, in order to reflect the policy adopted by the Executive of the General Council:

001 **"Discontinued Service List"** means the record of those former members of the Order of Ministry whose names have been removed from the rolls of Presbytery and Conference by action of the Conference on either a voluntary or disciplinary basis. Persons whose names have been so removed shall not be recognized as Ministry Personnel of the United Church, nor shall they perform the functions of its ordained or diaconal ministry unless specifically stipulated for those on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).

"Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary)" means the record of those former members of the Order of Ministry whose names have been removed from the rolls of Presbytery and Conference by action of the Conference as a result of a disciplinary process.

"Discontinued Service List (Voluntary)" means the record of those former members of the Order of Ministry whose names have been removed from the rolls of Presbytery and Conference at the member's initiative and not as a result of a disciplinary process or impending disciplinary process.

032 Re-Admission.

(a) Application. A person whose name has been placed on ~~the~~ either Discontinued Service List, and who meanwhile has not been received as a minister of another communion, and who desires to be re-admitted, shall make application to the Conference through the Presbytery of which the applicant was last a member. The applicant must clearly indicate to the Presbytery the reasons for requesting re-admission. The application shall include a reaffirmation of the applicant's willingness to conform to the government and usages of the United Church, and to be in essential agreement with the doctrine and polity of the United Church. The applicant, at their own expense shall also provide to the Conference a current police records check, as part of the application for re-admission.

(d) Presbytery Action. Where the person's name was placed on the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary), the Presbytery shall examine the applicant's faith and theological stance

before deciding on its recommendation to forward to the Conference. Where the person's name was placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary), the Presbytery shall, if it determines it appropriate, examine the applicant's faith and theological stance before deciding on its recommendation to forward to the Conference.

(g) Circulation of Name. The appropriate General Council unit shall circulate the applicant's name of an applicant from the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary) and may circulate the name of an applicant from the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary), and the name of the Presbytery through which the application is being made, to each of the Presbyteries of the United Church. The name of the applicant shall be read at a regular meeting of each Presbytery and included in the minutes of that meeting. Any Presbytery wishing to raise an objection shall present the objection to the Presbytery through which the application is being made. The objection shall be in writing and shall be accompanied by all supporting documentation. Notice that an objection has been raised shall be sent, by the Secretary of the Presbytery raising the objection, to the appropriate General Council unit. The Secretary of the Presbytery through which the application is being made shall acknowledge, in writing, the receipt of the material. The Presbytery shall immediately establish a Commission to consider the objection and to meet with the applicant to discuss the objection. The Presbytery shall decide how the matter will be dealt with and shall send a report to the Presbytery raising the objection and to the appropriate General Council unit.

033 Discontinued Service List.

(a) A person whose name has been placed on ~~the~~ either Discontinued Service List by Decision of the Conference shall not be recognized as Ministry Personnel of the United Church, nor shall they perform the functions of its ordained or diaconal ministry unless specifically stipulated for a person whose name has been placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).

(b) A person whose name has been placed on the Discontinued Service List shall not be appointed to a Pastoral Charge, Mission, or Outreach Ministry unless such appointment is required by the Presbytery or the Conference within the process of re-admission.

367 Onto Discontinued Service List. The name of a member of the Order of Ministry may be removed from the rolls of Presbytery and Conference and placed on the Discontinued Service List by Decision of the Conference:

(a) in the case of the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary), at the member's own request when accepted by the Presbytery, and in order to maintain the person's membership in the United Church, the person must become a member of a Congregation:

(b) in the case of the Discontinued Service list (Disciplinary):

(i) on the recommendation of the Presbytery for one (1) or more of the reasons indicated in subsection 314(d);

~~(c)~~ (ii) on the recommendation of a Formal Hearing Committee pursuant to paragraph 075(k)v.;

~~(d)~~ (iii) on the recommendation of a Formal Hearing Committee pursuant to subsection 075(l) together with subsections 363(f) or (g);

~~(e)~~ (iv) on the recommendation of the Presbytery pursuant to subsections 363(f) or (g); or

~~(f)~~ (v) on the recommendation of the Presbytery as a result of the member having been convicted of a criminal offence.

Such person shall not be recognized as Ministry Personnel of the United Church, nor shall they perform the functions of its ordained or diaconal ministry unless specifically stipulated for a person whose name has been placed on the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary).

Amendment: Jim Jackson/Anne-Marie Carmoy

That 367 (a) be amended to remove “and in order to maintain the person's membership in the United Church, the person must become a member of a Congregation”.

Carried

Section as amended:

(a) in the case of the Discontinued Service List (Voluntary), at the member's own request when accepted by the Presbytery, ~~and in order to maintain the person's membership in the United Church, the person must become a member of a Congregation:~~

The Sub-Executive agreed to authorize the Manual Committee to make editorial changes to structure 367 into two paragraphs.

Motion as amended - carried

The Moderator thanked the General Secretary and staff for their work. Staff left the call.

GENERAL SECRETARY'S SUPERVISION TEAM

The Moderator reviewed the mandate of the General Secretary's Supervisory Team and the requirement to report to the elected members of the Sub-Executive. A report from the General Secretary's Supervision Team was presented by Walter Sowa and received by the elected members of the Sub-Executive.

ADJOURNMENT

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Moderator, Peter Short

General Secretary, Jim Sinclair