

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

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

**September 21, 2007  
(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 11:00 a.m. until 11:53 a. m. on Friday, September 21, 2007, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend David Giuliano, presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members**

Dwaine Dornan, Amber Ing, David Giuliano, Paul Reed, Nora Sanders, Chuck Scott, Peter Short.

**Corresponding Members**

Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, Janet McDonald.

**Regrets:** Debra Bowman, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Cindy Désilets, Fannie Hudson, Heather Leffler, Allan Sinclair

The Moderator welcomed everyone and offered a prayer for the Sub-Executive and their time together.

**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 39ième 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 39th 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**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Chuck Scott**

**2007-09-21-180**

That Ian Fraser, Bruce Gregersen, Carol Hancock, 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**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Peter Short****2007-09-21-181****Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on August 22, 2007.

**Carried****Appointment**

Bruce Gregersen reviewed the process of the Search Committee (Appendix A) and brought the Search Committee's unanimous recommendation.

**Motion: Paul Reed/Amber Ing****2007-09-21-182**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint Michael Blair to the position of Executive Minister: Ethnic and Intercultural Ministries, effective January 1, 2008.

**Carried****Symons Valley United Church Bank Loan****Motion: Dwaine Dornan/Peter Short****2007-09-21-183**

That Cynthia Gunn be made a corresponding member for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

**Carried**

Whereas it is deemed expedient and in the best interests of The United Church of Canada (the "Guarantor") that it lend assistance to SYMONS VALLEY UNITED CHURCH (the "Customer") in connection with its borrowings, both present and future, from ROYAL BANK OF CANADA (the "Bank"),

**Motion: Dwaine Dornan/Peter Short****2007-09-21-184**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council resolves that:

1. The Guarantor guarantee payment to the Bank of all present and future debts and liabilities, including interest due at any time by the Customer to the Bank; provided that the liability of the Guarantor shall be limited to the sum of Three Million Ninety-Five Thousand AND 00/100 Dollars (\$3,095,000.00) together with interest from the date of demand for payment at the Prime Interest Rate of the Bank plus 0.750 per cent per annum;

For the purposes hereof (where applicable), Prime Interest Rate means the annual rate of interest announced from time to time by the Bank as a reference rate then in effect for determining interest rates on Canadian Dollar commercial loans in Canada.

2. That the Guarantor further secure the Bank by postponing all debts and claims, present and future, of the Guarantor against the Customer to the debts and claims of the Bank against the Customer.
3. That the Guarantee and Postponement of Claim on the form attached, be and is hereby approved as containing a correct statement of the terms and conditions upon which the said

guarantee and postponement are to be made and that the said Guarantee/Suretyship and Postponement of Claim be duly executed for and in the name of the Guarantor (under the corporate seal where required) by **Ian Fraser, General Council Minister** and **Ron Olsen, Executive Officer-Financial Services**, with such alterations, additions, amendments and deletions as they may approve; and that the Guarantee/Suretyship and Postponement of Claim so executed is the Guarantee and Postponement of Claim authorized by this resolution.

4. That for the purpose of securing this Guarantee, or any present or future debts or liabilities, including interest due at any time, by the Customer to the Bank, the Guarantor shall provide to the Bank any security, including accommodation endorsements, which the Bank may request, and that for such purpose the officers of the Guarantor mentioned in paragraph 3 hereof be and they are hereby empowered for and on behalf of the Guarantor to provide such security and to execute such further documents as the Bank may require.
5. That a copy of this Resolution, certified by the Secretary of the Guarantor (under the corporate seal where required) be given to the Branch of the Bank where the customer has Its account, and that the designation of the officers under Section 3 of this Resolution shall be binding upon the Guarantor until a Resolution, certified by the Secretary of the Guarantor, charging the officers is received by that branch of the Bank.

**Carried**

#### **Mission & Service Fund and Grant Reductions for 2009**

The General Secretary, General Council reviewed the background (Appendix B).

**Motion: Peter Short/Dwaine Dornan**

**2007-09-21-185**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council request the General Secretary, General Council, in consultation with the Permanent Committee on Finance, to bring forward a proposal to the Executive of the General Council in November 2008 on a way of facilitating this grass roots movement as a short term response to proposed cuts to grants to global partners and mission support grants.

**Carried**

#### **The United Church Home for Senior Citizens, Inc.**

**Motion: Dwaine Dornan/Paul Reed**

**2007-09-21-186**

That Kathy McDonald be made a corresponding member for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

**Carried**

Whereas The United Church Home for Senior Citizens, Inc. (Drew Nursing Home and Tantramar Residences) is an incorporated ministry under what was formerly known as Appendix IV and is now section 429 of *The Manual, 2007*, and;

Whereas Tantramar Residences have requested approval from the Maritime Conference and General Council to build an additional cottage on the property, and;

Whereas the Tantrammar Residences Foundation has sufficient funding to cover the cost which is estimated at \$440,000.00 and a mortgage is not required; and

Whereas Section 9 (i) of the By-laws of The United Church Home for Senior Citizens, Inc. provides that

“Any sale, transfer, leasing for over five years including all rights of renewal or mortgaging or acquisition of any real or personal property may not occur without the prior written consent of the Conference and the General Council of The United Church of Canada.”

And Whereas Maritime Conference by motion dated September 14, 2007 has granted administrative approval to The United Church Home for Senior Citizens, Inc. to proceed with the project as outlined above

**Motion: Peter Short/Amber Ing**

**2007-09-21-187**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council consent to the project as outlined in the correspondence received from Catherine Gaw, Executive Secretary for Maritime Conference and the motion passed by the Sub-Executive of Maritime Conference direct the General Secretary to provide a letter to that effect to the corporation.

**Carried**

Carol Hancock closed the meeting with prayer for the work of the church.

The meeting adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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Moderator, David Giuliano

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General Secretary, Nora Sanders

**Appendix A**

**Background**

The Executive Minister: Ethnic and Intercultural Ministries directs the work of the Ethnic Ministries Unit and is accountable to the General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry. A primary focus of Ethnic Ministries has been framed in the General Council’s approval of a “Transformative Vision for the United Church of Canada” and the action of the General Council Executive in identifying interculturalism as a key priority for the church. The Executive Minister therefore is expected to provide important leadership in achieving this vision.

This position is vacant due to the end of the interim work of George Takashima.

The Executive of the General Council approved the composition of the selection committee: Anne-Marie Carmoy, Carmen Lansdowne, Diane Dwarka, Jong Bok Kim, Danielle James, and Bruce Gregersen. Susan Legault, HR Manager provided staff support to the committee. With the agreement of the committee, Adele Halliday, member of Ethnic Ministries staff and acting Executive Minister of the Unit provided corresponding support.

The selection committee interviewed the short-listed candidates on September 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and was deeply impressed by the strength of the field. The committee came to consensus on its recommendation for the position. A review of references confirmed the decision.

An offer of employment, subject to appointment by the Sub-Executive, is acceptable to the candidate.

Prepared by: Bruce Gregersen, General Council Minister, Programs for Mission and Ministry  
Date: September 19, 2007

## **Appendix B**

### **RE: Suggestion to boost 2007 M & S givings.**

The Mission and Service goal for 2007 in our financial plan is \$30,200,000.

In response to adopting our plans toward 2010, and in particular the planned reduction in 2009 in grants to Global Partners and local partners (Mission Support Grants) some considerable discussion has occurred in many courts of the church.

Arising from these discussions has come the suggestion that we conduct a fundraising drive, special appeal or some other method to generate additional givings to avoid the planned reductions.

Establishing a separate appeal at the same time we are about to launch the United for Peace campaign might be problematic and may well have the effect of taking away from the Mission and Service Fund. While considering this proposal, we need to support the concept of a unified fund as the way that the church does God's mission and we must also be mindful of the priority setting process within our church.

However, one possibility might be to challenge the church to exceed the 2007 Mission and Service goal with the commitment that anything in excess of the goal would be earmarked specifically to diminish the planned 2009 grant reductions.

The handling of surpluses or deficits is governed by policy of the Executive of the General Council (2004-04-23-124) which regulates the Mission and Service Operating Fund. Implementing this suggestion would require deviation from this policy and therefore the approval of the Executive.

Should we wish to pursue this suggestion I could request the Permanent Committee on Finance, meeting Friday October, 21, 2007 to consider a proposal along the following lines and make their recommendations to the Executive meeting in November:

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