

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL****MINUTES****April 17, 2008****(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 3:00 p.m. EDT until 3:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2008, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend David Giuliano, presided.

ATTENDANCE

Voting Members: Dwaine Dornan, David Giuliano, Fannie Hudson, Amber Ing, Heather Leffler, Paul Reed, Nora Sanders, Peter Short.

Regrets: Debra Bowman, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Cindy Désilets, Chuck Scott, Allan Sinclair.

Peter Short led the Sub-Executive in prayer. The Moderator invited the members of the Sub-Executive to share their joys, sorrows, and burdens.

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/Peter Short

2008-04-17-263

That Bruce Gregersen, Janet McDonald, and Ted Reeve be the 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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Motion: Nora Sanders/Dwaine Dornan

2008-04-17-264

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on April 1, 2008.

Carried

Principal, Emmanuel College

The General Secretary, General Council gave the background (Appendix A). Bruce Gregersen and Ted Reeve gave an update on the credentials and accomplishments of Professor Mark Toulouse.

Motion: Nora Sanders/Amber Ing

2008-04-17-265

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council confirm the appointment of Professor Mark Toulouse as the Principal of Emmanuel College.

Carried

The Moderator offered prayer for Mark and this new relationship. A copy of the press release from Victoria College will be distributed to the Executive of the General Council for their information.

Motion: Paul Reed/Heather Leffler

2008-04-17-266

To adjourn this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Moderator, David Giuliano

General Secretary, Nora Sanders

Appendix A

Source

The President of Victoria University, Dr. Paul Gooch has written formally to the General Council to request confirmation of the appointment of the Principal of Emmanuel College. The responsibility of the Executive of the General Council is outlined in section 525 (b) of *The Manual*.

Background

The Executive of General Council delegated authority for the approval of appointments of faculty by Educational Institutions of the church to the Faith Formation and Education Unit-wide committee in 2003 (2003-10-31-028). The Faith Formation and Education Unit-wide Committee no longer exists so the authority returns to the Executive of the General Council.

Section 525 of *The Manual* names the following duties of the Executive:

In the area of educational institutions related to the United Church, the duties of the General Council Executive shall include:

- (a) considering any proposed incorporation, amendment to the charter (or equivalent), or dissolution of any such educational institution;

- (b) subject to the charter of the educational institution concerned and to the protocols agreed to by the United Church and the educational institution, confirming or acknowledging or refusing to confirm or to acknowledge:
 - i. the establishment or the disestablishment of Chairs; and
 - ii. the making or terminating of appointments;
- (c) subject to the charter of the educational institution concerned and to the protocols agreed to by the United Church and the educational institution, consulting with governing boards of educational institutions as to the appointment of principals;
- (d) where required by the charter of the educational institution and subject to the protocols agreed to by the United Church and the educational institution, appointing principals and faculty members; and
- (e) where required by the charter of the educational institution and subject to the protocols agreed to by the United Church and the educational institution, making appointments to the governing boards of any educational institution.

The Executive of the General Council may refer any matter pertaining to the discharge of the foregoing duties to the General Council for decision.

The charter of Victoria University states that “The appointment of the Principal and professors of Emmanuel College shall be subject to confirmation by the General Council of The United Church of Canada or by a duly authorized Board or committee of the General Council.”

The Executive Committee of the Board of Regents will recommend to the Board at its meeting on Thursday 17 April 2008 the appointment of _____ as Principal of Emmanuel College for a four and a half year term commencing on 1 January 2009, subject to the confirmation of the General Council of The United Church of Canada.

Dr. Paul Gooch, President of Victoria University has written formally to the General Council Office:

I write to convey to you formally the recommendation of the search committee for the Principal of Emmanuel College. The committee has recommended, unanimously and enthusiastically, the appointment of _____. His qualifications, strengths, long record of achievement, and vision all commend him as the best candidate.

The position was advertised widely in Canada and throughout the English-speaking world through the job listings for the American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature. We had applications and nominations from Canada, the USA, England and Pakistan. Several names of UCC ministers with academic credentials were considered, including one from Emmanuel College (who, after careful deliberation, declined to stand). _____ was nominated by the executive director of ATS and is well known to Professor Airhart at Emmanuel, who was on the committee.

The General Secretary and several senior staff have been able to meet with the candidate and explored his suitability for the position. In addition, the General Secretary has received the recommendation of the Education and Vocations Advisory Committee, a sub-committee of the Permanent Committee on Programs for Mission and Ministry.

*Approved – May 22, 2008, Sub-Executive of the General Council
Motion 2008-05-22-306*