

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

**MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
May 22, 2008  
(Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from noon EDT until 12:50 p.m. on Thursday, May 22, 2008, by teleconference call. The Moderator, The Right Reverend David Giuliano, presided.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Voting Members:** Debra Bowman, Anne-Marie Carmoy, Dwaine Dornan, David Giuliano, Fannie Hudson, Heather Leffler, Paul Reed, Nora Sanders, Chuck Scott, Peter Short

**Regrets:** Cindy Désilets, Amber Ing, Allan Sinclair

**CONSTITUTING THE MEETING**

The Moderator invited the members to listen to the sounds around them followed by prayer. He 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/Debra Bowman** **2008-05-22-305**

That Ian Fraser be a corresponding member for this meeting, and that Joan MacGillivray be the recording secretary for this meeting of the Sub-Executive.

**Carried**

**Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Fannie Hudson** **2008-05-22-306**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on April 17, 2008.

**Carried**

**40th General Council 2009 Update**

The General Secretary, General Council gave an update and background (Appendix A).

**Motion: Debra Bowman/Anne-Marie Carmoy** **2008-05-22-307**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the change of site of the 40th General Council 2009 from Kamloops to Kelowna with the same host presbytery (Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery).

**Carried**

**Executive of the General Council November 2008 Meeting (Appendix B)**

Discussion on the proposal talked about the need to consult with the presbytery and the local congregations including any expectations of them. Other suggestions included:

- include adequate time for the intercultural experience with the Francophone/Anglophone community
- possibly to add an extra day
- consultation with Aboriginal communities

**Motion: Debra Bowman/Anne-Marie Carmoy** **2008-05-22-308**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve, in principle, the change of site for the meeting of the Executive of the General Council scheduled for November 15 to 17, 2008 to Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy, Quebec City.

**Carried**

**Resignation - Conference Executive Secretary (Appendix C)**

The General Secretary, General Council read the letter of resignation from Bob Campbell, Conference Executive Secretary, Saskatchewan Conference, effective September 1, 2008. She noted that Carol Hancock will be meeting with the Conference and the Conference will establish a search committee for the position of Conference Executive Secretary.

Dwaine Dornan left the conference call.

**Nominations Committee (Appendix D)**

**Motion: Heather Leffler/Chuck Scott** **2008-05-22-309**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint the following members to the

**GCE Working Group on issues and next steps for the General Council and its Executive (August 2009)**

- Mary-Beth Moriarity (OM Mar)
- Stéphane Vermette (OM BQ)
- Donald Hunter (Lay Tor)
- Martha Joan ter Kuile (OM Tor)
- Dwaine Dornan (Lay Sask)

**PC PMM Intercultural Ministries Task Group (December 2010)**

- Victor Kitigawa (Lay Tor)
- Herb Russell (Lay BC)

**Carried**

The Moderator thanked the members for their time and adjourned the meeting at 12:50 p.m.

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Moderator, David Giuliano

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General Secretary, Nora Sanders

## **Appendix A**

### **40th General Council 2009 Update**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Sub-Executive approve the change of site of the 40th General Council 2009 from Kamloops to Kelowna with the same host presbytery (Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery).

#### **Source**

General Secretary

Upon research and recommendation of Janet McDonald

#### **Background**

“In April 2006, the Executive of the General Council accepted the invitation of Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery in British Columbia Conference to host the 40th General Council 2009 at Thompson Rivers University in Kamloops, British Columbia. I have attended the meetings of Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery in Princeton, Winfield, Revelstoke and Summerland in order to build relationships with those who will assist with local arrangements and to keep them abreast of the General Council meeting. There is good energy and spirit in that Presbytery for the work of hosting the General Council.

In the fall of 2007, I visited Kamloops to see facilities that were under construction in 2006 – the City of Kamloops Fieldhouse on the university campus and the new residences which were impressive and excellent for the meeting of the General Council. In January of 2008, the university was notified that the City of Kamloops Fieldhouse had been booked for a national sporting event and subsequently offered the university gymnasium as the alternative meeting space. Subsequently, the university notified me that the gymnasium would not be available in August 2009 and other venues in the area were being explored. Off campus meeting venues would require daily transportation and alternative meal arrangements. With many gestures of good will but with no contract, I began considering other possibilities

In April, I made contact with the University of British Columbia – Okanagan – in Kelowna, to see what they might be able to offer. On May 9th, I did a site visit. The good news is that UBC – Okanagan in Kelowna has a large gymnasium – more than adequate for our gathering, new accommodations for 550 people and adequate facilities for catering meals on their campus. The bad news is that the university is a total construction zone at the moment so I did not see some of

the accommodations and the new food services facility (under construction). I have requested information from the university Aboriginal Affairs Office in order that we make contact with the Aboriginal people on whose land we might gather. Ironically, the travel to Kelowna is probably a good news story. Westjet, Air Canada, Horizon and Coastal service the Kelowna airport which is two kilometres from the campus. The university is holding the dates of August 9 to 15, 2009 and preparing a contract at this time. Please visit the UBC website [www.okanagan.ubcconferences.com](http://www.okanagan.ubcconferences.com)

Michelle Slater, Chairperson of the Agenda and Planning Committee has been informed of this recommendation. Kim MacMillan, BC Conference staff person for Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery has been informed of this situation and will share this information when the presbytery meets this weekend during the meeting of British Columbia Conference. Fred Duck, Presbytery Chairperson has been informed of this recommendation by e-mail. Karen Medland of Kelowna, a member of the Local Arrangements Committee, who recommended the Kamloops site in 2006 has visited the Kelowna site and agrees that Kelowna is a more suitable site than the off campus option in Kamloops. The Agenda and Planning Committee will meet on site in Kelowna in June.

## **Appendix B**

### **Meeting of the Executive of the General Council November 2008**

#### **Recommendation**

That the Sub-Executive approve the change of site for the meeting of the Executive of the General Council on November 15 to 17, 2008 to Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy, Quebec City

#### **Source**

General Secretary

Upon recommendation of Stéphane Vermette, Executive of the General Council, French Constituency Representative

#### **Background**

The Executive has met at various locations away from Toronto (example – April 2005 in Vancouver and April 2002 in Halifax). The invitation to meet near Quebec City during the celebration of its 400th birthday is a possibility. As we strive to become an intercultural church, this location affords an exceptional opportunity.

Although travel costs are considerably higher, the meals and accommodations at Campus Notre-Dame-de-Foy are very reasonable. Accommodations are single rooms with private washrooms.

The 2008 budget for two meetings of the Executive is \$160,000. The costs for the meeting in May are not all in but it appears that we will be under the \$80,000 for this meeting because of the absence of 5 members and no extra guests at the meeting. For the meeting in Quebec City, it is estimated to cost about \$16,000 more than is budgeted (\$80,000). Best guess at this point in time is that we will be on budget for 2008 with respect to these two meetings.

**Appendix C****Resignation – Conference Executive Secretary****Background**

It has been the practice of the Executive of the General Council to authorize searches for positions of Conference Executive Secretary. A review of current Human Resources Policies does not require this action for these positions.

Therefore, for information, I bring you the news of the resignation of XX effective September 1, 2008 and there is work within the conference to establish a search committee for the position of Conference Executive Secretary.

**Appendix D****Nominations Committee Recommendations for Appointments****Background**

GCE working group: at the request of the Executive, the Nominations Committee met via conference call to recommend members for this working group. Nine members – all suitably gifted – were willing to undertake this project. In making this recommendation, the Nominations Committee considered a range of voices and perspectives, as well as the gifts to serve. Any members of the Nominations Committee who were being considered for appointment to this working group absented themselves from the meeting.

Intercultural Ministries Task Group: In order to fill an unexpected vacancy left by one of the appointed Ethnic Minority members, the Nominations Committee discerned from among the many gifted members who had expressed their interest in this appointment in November, but had not been appointed at the time. The recommended member has confirmed that he still feels called to this work and would be willing to serve if appointed.

In order to fill a vacancy left by one of the appointed Aboriginal members, recruitment was conducted through the BC Native Ministries communities. There were no un-appointed Aboriginal members from the November recruitment. Recruitment was focused through BC Native Ministries in order to provide greater diversity in the Aboriginal communities represented on the task group. The Nominations Committee is confirming a member for this appointment.