

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL
MINUTES
Monday, June 11, 2018 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1 p.m. until 1:53 p.m. (Eastern) on Monday, June 11, 2018 by teleconference call.

Attendance

Voting Members: Jim Allen, Nicole Beaudry, Sue Brodrick, Graham Brownmiller, Jordan Cantwell, Paula Gale, Bev Kostichuk, Gary Paterson, Nora Sanders, Norma Thompson

Regrets: Sungmin Jung, Anna Stewart, Pauline Walker

Welcome

The Moderator, Jordan Cantwell, welcomed those on the call and began the meeting with a moment of silence.

Constituting the Meeting

The Moderator constituted the meeting: "Au nom de Notre Seigneur, Jésus-Christ, seul chef souverain de l'Église, et par l'autorité qui m'a été conférée par le quarante-deuxième Conseil général, 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/Gary Paterson **2018-06-11-208**

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary and Erik Mathiesen and Michael Blair be resource staff for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Motion: Norma Thompson/Paula Gale **2018-06-11-209**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on May 17, 2018.

Carried

GS 90 – Appointment to the Sub-Executive

In order to fill the vacancies on the sub-executive, the representatives from Montreal and Ottawa Conference and French Ministries were contacted to assess their willingness to serve on the sub-executive. As the two groups reached consensus between themselves, their names are being presented for appointment by the General Secretary.

Motion: Graham Brownmiller/Bev Kostichuk **2018-06-11-210**

That Jim Allen, Montreal and Ottawa Conference, and Nicole Beaudry, Francophone Ministries, be appointed as members of the Sub-Executive until December 31, 2018.

Carried

Abstentions: Jim Allen, Nicole Beaudry

GS 91 – Approval of Financial Statements

Erik Mathiesen introduced this motion highlighting the fact that the KAIROS statements are included with the national United Church statements, and the strong position of the United Church Reserves. He then responded to questions. Nora expressed her thanks to Erik and the staff for the smoothness of the audit process this year.

Motion: Sue Brodrick/Graham Brownmiller

2018-06-11-211

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the 2017 audited financial statements of the National Accounts of The United Church of Canada which include KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives (statements appended).

Carried

GS 92 – Canadian Foodgrains Bank

Michael Blair provided background on this motion, explaining that the delegates were requesting some leeway in the decision-making dependant on the conversations at the meeting later this week. Some questions that they are hoping to clarify are whether The United Church of Canada will still be able to raise funds for relief efforts separate from what the UCC contributes to the Foodgrains Bank; and what about responses that are not food related (as the Canadian Foodgrains Bank responses are). There was further question for clarification about matching grants and whether that would only be within the Humanitarian Coalition. Part of this motion is for a report back about the answers to these questions.

Motion: Jim Allen/Gary Paterson

2018-06-11-212

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

- a. Authorize the United Church of Canada's delegates – Margaret Tuz-King and Michael Blair – to evaluate the best approach during the discussions at the Canadian Foodgrains Bank Annual Meeting, supporting in principle the Foodgrains Bank's participation in the Humanitarian Coalition, and to either support the Executive of the Foodgrains Bank to negotiate the final agreement with the Humanitarian Coalition; or to abstain or oppose the Foodgrains Bank's participation in the Humanitarian Coalition as they think best in the interests of The United Church of Canada;
- b. Direct Michael Blair and Margaret Tuz-King to provide a report to the General Secretary to be shared with the Executive of the General Council on the outcome of those negotiations and the final position taken by the United Church, and to
- c. Support the continued advocacy with the Federal government in the area of Global Humanitarian and Development Response.

Carried

GS 93 – Responsible Investment Reference Group Statement

A statement on Responsible Investment has been developed by the Responsible Investment Reference Group, and ratified by the Investment Committees of the Pension Board, United Church Foundation, and the Treasury Fund. It was reviewed by the Permanent Committee on Finance last week and their Chair indicates that the Committee is supportive of it as well. After a brief introduction by Nora Sanders and Erik Mathiesen, the Moderator asked for questions. There were no questions but there were expressions of appreciation for the clarity of the document.

Motion: Graham Brownmiller/Bev Kostichuk**2018-06-11-213**

That the sub-Executive of the Executive of the General Council receives with approval the statement (attached) of the Responsible Investment Reference Group and recognizes it as a helpful document for guiding investment decisions of The United Church of Canada.

Carried**Abstention: Nicole Beaudry**

The Moderator closed the meeting at 1:30 p.m. with thanks and a blessing on the day.

Jordan Cantwell, Moderator

Nora Sanders, General Secretary