

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

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

**Friday, November 2, 2018 (Teleconference Call)**

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 1 p.m. until 1:41 p.m. (Eastern) on Friday, November 2, 2018 by teleconference call.

#### **Attendance**

**Voting Members:** Jim Allen, Nicole Beaudry, Richard Bott, Sue Brodrick, Graham Brownmiller, Jordan Cantwell, Paula Gale, Bev Kostichuk, Nora Sanders, Anna Stewart, Norma Thompson

**Regrets:** Sungmin Jung, Pauline Walker

#### **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 conféré par le quarante-troisième 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."

After constituting the meeting, the Moderator reflected on Leviticus 19:33-34.

*"When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. <sup>34</sup> The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."*

The Moderator asked that we take time to reflect so that all those who reside in the land feel loved.

#### **Procedural Motions**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Bev Kostichuk** **2018-11-02-226**

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary and Diane Bosman, Erik Mathiesen, Cynthia Gunn and Doug Goodwin 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: Graham Brownmiller/Jim Allen** **2018-11-02-227**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on September 24, 2018.

**Carried**

#### **GS 99 Manual Appendix – Holding a Meeting**

Cynthia Gunn introduced this motion, noting that this is the last step in updating *The Manual*. These are not substantive changes, mostly just changes in language. She did note that the Whole People's Covenant and Holy Manners had been added to the appendix. When the proposal was moved and seconded there was time for questions. One of the main questions was around reconsidering a motion. After some time of discussion the Moderator asked if the group felt more work needed to be done on section 3.6 Reconsidering a Motion. The group agreed that it could be looked at in the future if necessary.

**Motion: Sue Brodrick/Jim Allen**

**2018-11-02-228**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council adopt a motion approving the revised wording of the Rules of Debate and Order [renamed Procedures for Holding a Meeting and Decision-Making] appendix to *The Manual*, as appended to this proposal.

**Carried**

**GS 100 General Council Assumption of Maritime Conference Property and Mortgage**

Erik Mathiesen, Executive Minister for Finance, introduced this proposal including some background on the mortgage. He indicated that this had been initiated by the region.

**Motion: Sue Brodrick/Anna Stewart**

**2018-11-02-229**

That the General Council Sub-Executive approve the acquisition by the General Council of the Maritime Conference property in Sackville, New Brunswick, and the assumption of the responsibility to make payments for the mortgage on the property.

**Carried**

**GS 101 Compensation for Vancouver Japanese United Church**

Nora Sanders invited Doug Goodwin to introduce this proposal. Doug explained that the letter from the Vancouver Japanese United Church came out of several years of talks. The amount discussed is very close to what would have been realized from the sale of the property plus accrued interest. General Council and BC Conference will share in the compensation equally.

**Motion: Graham Brownmiller/Nicole Beaudry**

**2018-11-02-230**

That the Sub-Executive authorize the General Secretary to work with BC Conference:

- a) to finalize and pay mutually agreeable compensation to the Vancouver Japanese United Church;
- b) to determine an appropriate sharing of the responsibility to pay compensation between the Conference and the General Council; and
- c) to arrange for a suitable celebration and public recognition of the former apologies and payment of compensation.

**Carried**

**GS 102 Bridge Street United Church Foundation – Board Appointment**

Nora explained that the by-laws of the Bridge Street United Church Foundation call for appointments to be ratified by the Executive or sub-Executive of General Council.

**Motion: Norma Thompson/Jordan Cantwell**

**2018-11-02-231**

The General Secretary, General Council proposes that the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint David King as a director of Bridge Street United Church Foundation.

**Carried**

There being no further business, the Moderator closed the meeting at 1:41 p.m. with thanks.

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Richard Bott, Moderator

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Nora Sanders, General Secretary