

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Tuesday, March 12, 2019 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 11 a.m. until 11:31 a.m. (Eastern) on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 by teleconference call.

Attendance

Voting Members: Richard Bott, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Jordan Cantwell, Deb Hinksman, Nora Sanders

Corresponding: Diane Bosman, Cathy Hamilton, Terry Harrison

Opening

The Moderator welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Sub-Executive and began the meeting with a short prayer.

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."

Procedural Motions

Motion: Nora Sanders/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2019-03-12-004

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary, Diane Bosman and Terry Harrison be resource staff, and Cathy Hamilton be allowed speaking privileges as Chair of the Nominations Committee for this meeting of the Sub-Executive of the General Council.

Carried

Minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council

Motion: Nora Sanders/Jordan Cantwell

2019-03-12-005

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on December 13, 2018.

Carried

GS 05 Pacific Mountain Region Borrowing Resolution

Background on this proposal was provided by Terry Harrison of the Pacific Mountain Region. Terry noted that while all the projects of the British Columbia Conference Property Development Council are mixed use projects incorporating affordable housing and church space, this project is a heritage site and the building will be rehabilitated.

Motion: Deb Hinksman/Teresa Burnett-Cole**2019-03-12-006**

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the borrowing by British Columbia Conference Property Development Council of The United Church of Canada from BC Housing of up to eight hundred thousand dollars (\$800,000) to include First Metropolitan United Church (Victoria) Congregational Property in the portfolio of congregational redevelopment projects within Pacific Mountain Region.

The Moderator thanked Terry for being on the call.

NOM 01 Recommendations for Appointment

Background on this proposal was provided by Cathy Hamilton, Chair of the Nominations Committee. There was a question about the process around confirming names for the Regional Council Transition Commissions. It was explained by Nora and Diane Bosman that the original names for the Commissions were confirmed by General Council. Any subsequent changes have been confirmed by the (Sub-)Executive.

Motion: Jordan Cantwell/Deb Hinksman**2019-03-12-007**

The Nominations Committee proposes that the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint the following members to serve with terms as noted:

Academic Awards Committee (March 2019- March 2022)

- A. H. Harry Oussoren
- Grace EunKyung Lee

Pension Board, Member at Large (April 2019-April 2022)

- Hae-Bin Jung

Roman Catholic – United Church Dialogue (March 2019- March 2022)

- Elisabeth Jones

Regional Council #2 Transitional Commission

As recommended by Northern Spirit Regional Council

- Marilyn Carroll
- Shauna Scott

The Moderator thanked Cathy for her time.

GS 06 Appointment of Regional Executive Minister, Pacific Mountain and Chinook Winds

Nora provided background this proposal. After an outline of the process and number of people interviewed, Nora shared the unanimous recommendation of the interview committee. She asked that the name of the new Executive Minister be kept confidential until the appointee had signed back the letter of offer, at which point an announcement would be made.

Motion: Nora Sanders/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2019-03-12-008

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council appoint Treena Duncan to the position of Regional Executive Minister of Pacific Mountain and Chinook Winds regional councils, with a start date of June 24, 2019.

Reports for Information

Background on the following two reports was provided by Nora, who explained that previously these items would have been included in the report of the Permanent Committee, Ministry and Employment Policies and Services. Both of these items are determined by formulae. The Moderator asked how questions about the formula could be addressed. Nora advised that if the Executive wished a review of the formula a proposal could be brought through the General Secretary or by any member of the Executive.

GS 07 Report: Annual Economic Adjustment for 2020

Motion: Deb Hinksman/Jordan Cantwell

2019-03-12-009

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive for information the report on the Annual Economic Adjustment for 2020.

GS 08 Report: Travel Rate for 2020

Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Jordan Cantwell

2019-03-12-010

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council receive for information the report on the Travel Rate for 2020.

GS 09 Site Recommendation: GC44

Background on this item was provided by Nora. There were questions about the ability to have a sacred fire (yes that is one of the items on our checklist) and whether the move from August dates was permanent (no long term decisions made, but the earlier dates allow for more immediate follow up work after the meeting) . It was also noted that the explanation in the proposal about the move away from a university campus to a conference centre was important and would be useful to share with others.

Motion: Jordan Cantwell/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2019-03-12-011

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

- a) Approve the dates of July 20-25, 2021 for the 44th General Council; and
- b) Authorize the General Secretary, in consultation with the GC44 Planning Committee chair and the GC Staff Coordinator to finalize the venue based on an analysis of cost and logistics; and
- c) Direct the General Secretary to communicate the dates and venue for the 44th General Council broadly across the Church as soon as the decision is finalized.

Next Meeting:

There will be another meeting of the Sub-Executive prior to the in-person visioning meeting in April. Suggested dates are: Friday April 5, Monday April 15 or Wednesday April 16 (even though

these two are during Holy Week). The group agreed to meet **Monday, April 15 at 11 a.m.** by Zoom.

There being no further business, the Moderator closed the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

Richard Bott, Moderator

Nora Sanders, General Secretary