

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

MEETING OF THE SUB-EXECUTIVE OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL MINUTES

Monday, April 15, 2019 (Teleconference Call)

The Sub-Executive of the General Council of The United Church of Canada met from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. (Eastern) on Monday, April 15, 2019 by teleconference call.

Attendance

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

Regrets: Nora Sanders

Corresponding: Diane Bosman, Cynthia Gunn, Cathy Hamilton, Alan Hall, Bev Oag

Opening

The Moderator welcomed everyone to this meeting of the Sub-Executive. He shared that he had attended the funeral of Jack Best, husband of former Moderator, Marion Best, over the weekend. He 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: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Deb Hinksman

2019-04-15-012

That Shirley Welch be appointed recording secretary, and that Diane Bosman, Alan Hall, Cynthia Gunn and Bev Oag 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: Teresa Burnett-Cole /Jordan Cantwell

2019-04-15-013

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the minutes of the Sub-Executive of the General Council meeting held on March 12, 2019.

Carried

NOM 02 Recommendations for Appointment

The Moderator welcomed Cathy Hamilton, chair of the Nominations Committee, who had joined the meeting for this agenda item. Jordan Cantwell absented herself for this item. Cathy provided background information on the recommendations of the Nominations Committee.

Motion: Deb Hinksman/Teresa Burnett-Cole**2019-04-15-014**

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

Task Group on a Just Peace (May 2019-November 2019)

- Martha ter Kuile
- Jim Cairney
- Brenna Baker
- Jordan Cantwell

General Council Planning Committee: Business Coordinator (May 2019-December 2021)

- Allan Buckingham

General Council Planning Committee: Youth Forum Coordinator (May 2019-November 2021)

- Katie Vardy

Pension Board (June 2019-June 2022)

On the joint recommendation of the Pension Board and the Nominations Committee

- Marcus Robertson, chairperson
- Douglas Greaves, specialist, 3rd term
- Dave Gilliland, specialist, 3rd term

Pension Plan Advisory Committee

On the joint recommendation of the Pension Board and the Nominations Committee

- Audrey Forbes, specialist
- Jacques Tremblay, specialist, 2nd term

The Moderator thanked Cathy and the Nominations Committee.

GS 10 Sale of Blackfalds United Church Property (Chinook Winds Regional Council)

Cynthia Gunn provided background information on the sale of this property. Title of this property is held by the United Church rather than locally, which is why the (Sub) Executive needs to approve the sale.

Motion: Jordan Cantwell/Teresa Burnett-Cole**2019-04-15-015**

That the General Council Sub-Executive approve the sale of the property located at 4707 Broadway Ave, Blackfalds, Alberta, for a sale price of Five Hundred and Fifty Thousand (\$550,000) Dollars on an all-cash basis to Lacombe Free Reformed Church, and on such other terms as may be acceptable to the trustees of Blackfalds United Church and Chinook Winds Regional Council.

Pension Board Proposals

Alan Hall provided background information on the next two proposals from the Pension Board. One of the main purposes was to update the language to be more easily understandable. Alan explained that the Pension Board particularly considered the statement of beliefs in great detail, including whether to reduce the number of years of service needed before receiving a full pension, to whether millennials will have access to a pension, to responsible investment becoming an expected practice rather than something to be hoped for.

GS 13 Statement of Beliefs and Guiding Principles

Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Jordan Cantwell

2019-04-15-016

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the revised Statement of Beliefs and Guiding Principles for the Pension Plan of The United Church of Canada.

GS 11 Revised Pension Board Terms of Reference

Motion: Deb Hinksman/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2019-04-15-017

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council approve the revised Terms of Reference for the Pension Board of the Pension Fund of The United Church of Canada.

The Moderator expressed his thanks to the Pension Board for their work.

GS 12 United Church of Canada GO Project Incorporation

Bev Oag provided background information regarding the incorporation of the GO Project.

Motion: Jordan Cantwell/Teresa Burnett-Cole

2019-04-15-018

That the Sub-Executive of the General Council:

- (a) approve the incorporation of the United Church of Canada GO Project as an incorporated ministry of the United Church; and
- (b) assign oversight of this incorporated ministry to Shining Waters Regional Council.

The Moderator thanked Bev for her work in bringing this item forward.

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

Richard Bott, Moderator

Alan Hall, (Acting General Secretary)