

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

### 2<sup>ND</sup> SITTING OF THE 41<sup>ST</sup> GENERAL COUNCIL

#### Draft Minutes

November 16, 2013

A special meeting, the 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 of The United Church of Canada met on Saturday November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the General Council Offices, Etobicoke, Ontario. The Moderator, Gary Paterson presided.

#### Attendance

##### In Person at General Council Office: 43

Anne Beattie-Stokes, Nicole Beaudry, Adam Brown, Susan Cameron, Jessica Cobb, Brian Cornelius, Thom Davies, Ruth Denton, Helmut Enns, Laura Fohse, Ivan Gregan, Anja Guignon, Cathy Hamilton, Andrea Harrison, Lorraine Hill, John Hurst, Heather Joy James, Raymond Jones, Cordelia Karpenko, Donna Kennedy, Beverly Kostichuk, Steven Lowden, Marie-Claude Manga, Angus MacLennan, Charles McMillan, Peter McNaughton, Doug Martindale, Tracy Murton, Linda Parsons, Gary Paterson, Maxine Reid, Florence Sanna, Michael Shewburg, Nora Sanders, Anna Stewart, Norma Thompson, Irene Ty, Pauline Walker, Roy West, Linda Wheler, Jim White, Doug Wright, John H. Young,

##### By Adobe Connect: 113

Mead Baldwin, Rick Balson, Ed Bardock, Ross Bartlett, Megan Belki, Mary Best, Wayne Blackwood, Arlen John Bonnar, Alan Boyd, Sally Boyle, John Bullas, Ruth Brady, Carolyn Brannen, Harry Brown, Ruth Brown, Teresa Burnett-Cole, Elaine Butler, Catherine Collins-Barker, Nova Joyce Cook, Nancy Corrigan, Alfreda Dianne Crewe, Doreen Daley, Allison David, Cindy Desilets, Oliver Dingwell, Emily Duggan, Mary-Jo Eckert Tracy, Henry Ellsworth, Elise Feltrin, Scott Gale, Sheila-Mae Gidney, Lynda J Godfrey, Wilson Gonese, Patricia Greig, Eric Thomas Hamlyn, Ann Harbridge, Ted Harrison, Daniel Hayward, Susan Hertell, Karen Hilfman-Millson, Richard Hollingsworth, Tom Holmes, Armand Houle, Don Hunter, Jim Jackson, Hugh Johnson, Beth Johnston, Janet Jones, Moses Kanhai, Dianne Kempt, James Kenney, Elizabeth Kerr, Brenda J. Kersell, Meggin King, Donna Krucik, John Lawson, Joelle Leduc, Eileen Leslie, Nancy Lester, John Lockhead, Steve Longmoore, Margaret Martin, Hillary MacDonald, Alice MacAskill, Robert (R. G.) Madziya, Cheryl Kinney Matheson, Guy Matthews, Linda McLaren, Glenda McMillan, Joan K McMurtry, Helen McIntosh, Rick McKinley, Brenda McLay, Ryan McNally, Linda McKelvie, Karen Medland, Katharine Moore, Brenda Nesbitt, Margie Patterson, Angelika Piché, Barry Pridham, James Ravenscroft, Daniel Reed, Paul Reed, Darrell A. Reine, Ingrid Remkins, Keith Reynolds, Jeffrey Rock, Donna Rumpel, Lori Beth Sheffield-Bowles, Linda Scherzinger, Arlyce Schiebout, William Sheaves, Krystal Sheremeta, Tom Sherwood, Leanne Shiels, Keith Simmonds, Leigh Sinclair, Greg Smith-Young, Gord Spence, Miriam Spies, Catherine Stewart Savage, Leslie Stirling, Stewart Walker, Mary Anne Silverthorn, Piotr Strzelecki, Susan White, Patricia Whitton, Robin Wilkie, Christine Williams, Donalee Williams, Carolyn Woodall, Lyn Workman.

**By Phone: 23**

Lloyd Baker, Diane Blanchard, Beverly Brazier, John H. Brown, Jeff Cook , Pat Edmonds, Elizabeth Fox, Bonnie Ann Fraser, F. Sheila Gallant, Ian Harrison, R Gerald Hobbs, Janet Jones, Christine Kempster, Lark Kim, Marlene Lightening, Cathy Larmond, Helen McMullen, Anne Montgomery, Christina Paradela, Lorna Standing ready, Diana R. Stewart, Gayle Wensley, Sybil Wilson.

**For a total of 179 participants**

The Moderator welcomed all to the special meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> sitting of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013. The attendance was comprised of: twenty-six (26) members of the Executive of General Council who are Commissioners, an additional seventeen (17) Commissioners who attended in person at the General Council office, one-hundred and thirteen (113) who joined remotely by Adobe Connect (some individually, and some in seven different small groups of two or three, and twenty-three (23) remotely by telephone. This is a first.

The Moderator noted that any gathering of General Council must begin with worship and include a celebration of communion. The Moderator invited all into worship. This is our time to be ready. One-hundred and ninety-three people plus observers and friends are held in the embrace of God.

**Worship**

Worship was led by Martha Martin, Michael Shewburg and Marie-Claude Manga. Scripture readings from; Micah 6:8 and Isaiah 43: 15-21 were read in both languages. Communion was co-presided by Moderator Gary Paterson and Martha Martin.

Nora Sanders introduced the procedural motions.

**Procedural Motions**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Adam Brown**

**GC 41 SM2nd Sitting 2013-001**

**Bounds of Council**

That the bounds of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 be the second floor meeting rooms of the General Council Office and the connections through Adobe Connect and the telephone to this meeting space.

**Corresponding Members**

That the following persons who are in attendance be corresponding members of the Special Meeting, the second sitting of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council and as such, be entitled to speak but not to move motions or to vote:

- Those who have been requested by the General Secretary, General Council to serve as resource persons to the Council
- Members of the Business Committee who are not Commissioners
- General Council Officers, Executive Ministers, Executive Officers, and Conference Executive Secretaries and Speaker.

### **Business Committee Membership**

That the Business Committee for the Special Meeting, the second sitting of the 41st General Council 2013 be:

- Shirley Cleave, Chair
- Will Kunder
- Ivan Gregan
- Bev Kostichuk
- Gary Paterson, Moderator
- Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council
- Karen Smart, Staff Resource to the Business Committee
- Cynthia Gunn, resource to the Business Committee

### **Scrutineers**

That the Scrutineers for the Special Meeting, the second sitting 41st General Council be:

- Will Kunder (Chief Scrutineer)
- Peter Hartmans
- Cheryl Jourdain
- Lynn Maki
- Shannon McCarthy
- Bill Smith

### **Minute Secretary**

That the Minute Secretary for the Special Meeting, the second sitting 41st General Council be Susan Fortner.

### **Business before the 41st General Council 2013**

That the Business before the Special Meeting, the second sitting of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council be the following three proposals:

- GS 32 Authorization of Remit for SK3 – Ordination/Commissioning Dependent Upon Settlement or Call Only
- GS 33 Categorization of Remit for TOR4 – Election of General Council Commissioners – President-Elect/Leading Elder
- GS 34 Categorization of Remit for TOR5 – Election of General Council Commissioners Designated Lay Ministers Section 423(a)i. of The Manual

### **Business Procedures**

That the business procedures be the same as the first sitting of the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 in Ottawa.

### **CARRIED**

### **GS 32 Authorization of Remit for SK3 – Ordination/Commissioning Dependent upon Settlement or Call Only**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Thom Davies**

**GC 41 SM2nd Sitting 2013-002**

The General Secretary, General Council proposes:

That the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 authorize a Category 2 remit for the policy adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2012 that the transfer / settlement / first call process of The United Church of Canada be redefined so that the only two alternatives available to Ordinands or Commissionands are ‘Settlement’ or ‘Call’.

**CARRIED**

**GS33 Categorization of Remit for TOR4 – Election of General Council Commissioners – President-Elect/Leading Elder**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Bev Kostichuk**

**GC 41 SM2nd Sitting 2013-003**

The General Secretary, General Council proposes:

That the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 authorize a Category 2 remit for the policy adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2012 that the membership of the General Council include the “President or President-Elect or the Leading Elder or Leading Elder-Elect” instead of the “President or Leading Elder” as currently provided in 8.3.1 of the Basis of Union.

**CARRIED**

**GS 34 Categorization of Remit for TOR5 – Election of General Council Commissioners Designated Lay Ministers Section 423(a)i. of *The Manual***

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Graham Brownmiller**

**GC 41 SM2nd Sitting 2013-004**

The General Secretary, General Council proposes:

That the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2013 authorize a Category 2 remit for the policy adopted by the 41<sup>st</sup> General Council 2012 that the membership of the General Council include members of the Order of Ministry and Designated Lay Ministers elected by the Conference, but without the requirement of “the proportion of each being determined by their numbers” as currently provided in 7.6.8 and 8.11 of the Basis of Union.

**CARRIED**

**Closing Procedural Motions**

**Motion: Nora Sanders/Marie-Claude Manga**

**GC 41 SM2nd Sitting 2013-005**

**Adjournment**

That the Special Meeting, the second sitting 41st meeting of the General Council 2013 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

The Moderator closed the meeting.