

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Executive of Toronto Conference
Wednesday, July 13, 2016**

The Executive of Toronto Conference met by conference call on Wednesday, July 13, 2016 to conduct one item of business. The meeting began at 1:35 p.m. A quorum was present.

Members present

Audrey Brown (President), David Allen (Executive Secretary), Sungmin Jung (South West), Lawrence Nyarko (diversity), Thérèse Samuel (Northern Waters), Martha Wood (diversity)

Regrets

Betty Lou McNabb (Living Waters), Bryan Ransom (Past President), Hans van Nie (South West)

Absent

- (Northern Waters), - (Northern Waters) Sharon Aylsworth (Toronto Southeast), Anne Hepburn (Toronto Southeast), Eiko Hosaka (diversity), Roger Hutchinson (Toronto Southeast), Angus MacLennan (Living Waters), Catherine Smith (South West), Marg Smith (Living Waters)

Constituting the Court, agenda and prayer

President Audrey Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting, and constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ to conduct the business properly brought before it. She indicated that there was only one item of business to be considered. Approval of minutes will take place at the September Executive meeting. She offered prayer.

Renovations to the Living Waters Presbytery office

On November 20, 2015 the Executive had authorized the Executive Secretary to proceed with renovations at the Living Waters Presbytery office at a cost of up to \$200,000. Subsequently, Conference was approached by the Dalston-Crown Hill Pastoral Charge regarding a partnership on the renovations. Discussions took place through the early part of 2016.

At its June 8, 2016 meeting, the Executive received a letter from the Executive of Living Waters Presbytery expressing concern about the cost of the project in light of the

uncertainty caused by the current remit on a three-council model of church governance. The Executive decided that it would like to make the decision regarding potential renovations to the Living Waters Presbytery office in Guthrie.

Correspondence received from Dalston-Crown Hill on July 12, 2016 indicated that the pastoral charge would like to make a decision in the fall of 2016 after an interim minister had been appointed (Appendix A). This would delay potential construction to the winter or spring of 2017.

Executive members recognized that a major factor in moving forward is the timing of the current remit on the three-council model of church governance. The results will be known shortly after June 30, 2017 and at that point there will be clarity on whether the Conference and presbyteries have a long-term or short-term future.

MOTION by Lawrence Nyarko/Thérèse Samuel that a decision regarding renovations at the Living Waters Presbytery office be postponed until the results of the remit on the three-council model are known.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Closing

With the business completed, the President declared the meeting ended at 1:39 p.m. The President offered a blessing.

Audrey Brown
President

David W. Allen
Executive Secretary