

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Sub-Executive of Toronto Conference
Monday, April 9, 2018,
Wednesday, April 11, 2018 and
Tuesday, April 17, 2018**

The sub-Executive of Toronto Conference met on Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Northern Waters Presbytery office. The meeting began at 2:00 p.m. A quorum was present.

Present

Audrey Brown (President), Jody Maltby (Executive Secretary), Sharon Aylsworth (Toronto Southeast), Angus MacLennan (Living Waters), Henry MacLeod (South West)

Corresponding Members

Shawn Ankenmann, Patty Evans (reviewer), Barb Henry, Sharon Wickens (Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge), Ann Harbridge, Ross Leckie (Northern Waters Presbytery)

Guests

David Shearman (support person for Shawn Ankenmann)

Regrets

Lawrence Nyarko (diversity), Thérèse Samuel (Northern Waters)

Preparation for discussion of review

The sub-Executive met at 1:00 p.m. to identify questions it wished to ask of the various parties involved in the review of the Rev. Shawn Ankenman. The President offered prayer.

The Executive Secretary advised that there had previously been a review of Rev. Ankenmann under section 333 of *The Manual* in 2007. If the sub-Executive determines that the findings of the current review are supported by the evidence, the sub-Executive may determine whether they wish to see the previous review report and the decisions coming out of it. The Executive Secretary informed Mr. Ankenmann of this possibility and that, if the sub-Executive does ask to see the previous review report, he will be given an opportunity to speak to the report either in person or by written submission.

Opening

At 2:00 p.m. President, Audrey Brown, welcomed everyone to the meeting, and called the meeting to order in the name of Jesus Christ. She asked people to introduce themselves and offered prayer.

Corresponding members

MOTION by Sharon Aylsworth/Henry MacLeod that the corresponding members of this meeting be Patty Evans, reviewer, Shawn Ankenmann and those making presentations on behalf of Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge and Northern Waters Presbytery.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Receipt of report

MOTION by Henry MacLeod/Angus MacLennan that the sub-Executive receive the report (Appendix A) of the review of the Rev. Shawn Ankenmann.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Correspondence

There was no additional correspondence.

Discussion with Patty Evans

The sub-Executive heard from the reviewer, Patty Evans. Sub-Executive members asked questions of Patty. The President thanked Patty for her work, and Patty Evans left the meeting.

Review – response from Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge

Barb Henry and Sharon Wickens provided a written response (Appendix B) to the report prepared by Patty Evans. Sub-Executive members asked questions, and the President thanked the Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge representatives.

Review – response from Northern Waters Presbytery

Ann Harbridge and Ross Leckie, provided a written response (Appendix C) to the report prepared by Patty Evans. Sub-Executive members asked questions; the President thanked the Northern Waters representatives.

The Executive Secretary explained the decision-making process. The sub-Executive will continue to meet and make their final decisions. These will be communicated by the

Executive Secretary or her designate to Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge during a congregational meeting. The president offered a blessing and representatives of Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge and Northern Waters Presbytery left the meeting.

Review – response from Shawn Ankenmann

Shawn Ankenmann provided an oral response to the report prepared by Patty Evans. Sub-Executive members asked questions; the President thanked Mr. Ankenmann.

The president offered a blessing and Mr. Ankenmann left the meeting.

Deliberations

The President offered prayer. Having heard from the various parties, the sub-Executive began its deliberations.

Adjournment

The sub-Executive agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene on April 11, 2018 following the meeting of the Executive.

The President expressed appreciation to members of the sub-Executive and the staff for their work to date. She offered a blessing. The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

Reconvening and Deliberations

The sub-Executive reconvened April 11, 2018 beginning at 2:42 p.m. The President offered prayer. The sub-Executive continued its deliberations.

Review of Inglewood Pastoral Charge

The sub-Executive considered the request from the Congregational Life Commission of Northern Waters Presbytery that a review be conducted of Inglewood Pastoral Charge.

MOTION by Sharon Aylsworth /Henry MacLeod

that the sub-Executive of Toronto Conference...

1. agree to conduct a review of the state of Inglewood Pastoral Charge in accordance with Section J8 of *The Manual*; and
2. appoint Carol Hancock to conduct the review.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Adjournment

The sub-Executive agreed to adjourn the meeting and reconvene by conference call on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7 p.m. The President offered a blessing and the meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17, 2018

Reconvening and Decisions

The sub-Executive reconvened by conference call on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 at 7:10 p.m. The President offered prayer.

Having considered the report of the reviewer, heard from the Rev. Shawn Ankenmann, the pastoral charge and the presbytery that the pastoral relationship is winding down and that all the parties wish to end the relationship in a way that is healthy and appropriate to the needs of all involved, and after prayerful consideration, the sub-Executive made the following decisions.

Regarding the Pastoral Relationship

MOTION by Henry MacLeod/Sharon Aylsworth that the sub-Executive of Toronto Conference...

- 1) direct that Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge, Shawn Ankenmann and Northern Waters Presbytery determine the best time to end the pastoral relationship with an end date no later than December 31, 2018.
- 2) encourage Flesherton-Eugenia Pastoral Charge, Shawn Ankenmann and Northern Waters Presbytery work on an appropriate time to say goodbye; and
- 3) request Northern Waters Presbytery to ensure that pastoral support is available for Shawn Ankenmann during this time of transition.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Remedial Work

MOTION by Henry MacLeod/Angus MacLennan that the sub-Executive of Toronto Conference...

- 1) direct that, by June 1, 2019, Shawn Ankenmann shall complete a program in anger management, such program to be selected in consultation with, and approved by, the Conference Personnel Minister along with the two Boundaries Refresher Courses in Social Media and Finance and Gifts that are offered by the United Church;

- 2) that the Conference Personnel Minister, in consultation with Rev. Ankenmann, name a mentor for a period of one year to work with Rev. Ankenmann in reflecting on professional and ethical standards, and that Rev. Ankenmann and the mentor meet at least six times with self-study in-between; and
- 3) that Rev. Ankenmann review and adhere to the *Toronto Conference Best Practices for Ending a Pastoral Relationship*;
- 4) that the Conference Personnel Minister shall decide on or before June 1, 2019 whether the remedial work shall be considered to be completed effectively, shall continue or be declared ineffective and terminated;
- 5) that the period for the remedial work may be extended by a maximum of two months upon recommendation of the Conference Personnel Minister;
- 6) upon completing the remedial work to the satisfaction of the Conference Personnel Minister in consultation with the sub-Executive, that Shawn Ankenmann be eligible for a call or appointment and that he is eligible to do pulpit supply and weddings while completing his remedial work; and
- 7) that Toronto Conference provide the funds necessary for the remedial work as approved by the Conference Personnel Minister in consultation with the Executive Secretary.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Closing

With the business of the meeting completed, the President declared the meeting ended at 7:20 p.m. She offered a blessing.

Audrey Brown
President

Jody Maltby
Executive Secretary