

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Sub-Executive of Toronto Conference
Wednesday, June 13, 2018**

The sub-Executive of Toronto Conference met on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 at the Northern Waters Presbytery Office. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. A quorum was present.

Present

Audrey Brown (President), Jody Maltby (Executive Secretary), Angus MacLennan (Living Waters), Henry MacLeod (South West), Lawrence Nyarko (Diversity Representative)

Corresponding Members

Carol Hancock (reviewer), Larry Flint, Dave Robertson (Inglewood Pastoral Charge), Ross Leckie, Fran Ota (Northern Waters Presbytery)

Regrets

Sharon Aylsworth (Toronto Southeast), Bryan Ransom (Past-President), Thérèse Samuel (Northern Waters)

Preparation for discussion of review

The sub-Executive met at 9:30 a.m. to identify questions it wished to ask of the various parties involved in the review of Inglewood Pastoral Charge. The President offered prayer.

Opening

At 10:00 a.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.

Adoption of Agenda

MOTION by Angus MacLennan/Henry MacLeod that the agenda be adopted.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Minutes

MOTION by Henry MacLeod/Angus MacLennan that the sub-Executive approve the minutes of January 17, 2018 and April 9/11/17, 2018.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Corresponding members

MOTION by Angus MacLennan/Henry MacLeod that the corresponding members of this meeting be Carol Hancock, reviewer, and those making presentations on behalf of Inglewood 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 Inglewood Pastoral Charge.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Correspondence

MOTION by Lawrence Nyarko/Henry MacLeod that the sub-Executive receive as correspondence the following emails: May 24, 2018 from David Robertson; June 6, 2018 from Felicia Urbanski, forwarded by Carol Hancock on June 7, 2018 (Appendix B)

MOTION

CARRIED.

Discussion with Carol Hancock

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

Review – response from Inglewood Pastoral Charge

Dave Robertson and Larry Flint provided a response to the report prepared by Carol Hancock (Appendix C). Sub-Executive members asked questions. The President thanked the representatives from Inglewood and they left the meeting.

Review – response from Northern Waters Presbytery

Fran Ota and Ross Leckie provided a response to the report prepared by Carol Hancock. Sub-Executive members asked questions. The President thanked the Northern Waters representatives and they left the meeting.

Deliberations

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

The sub-Executive asked the Executive Secretary to seek a legal opinion with respect to the Property Titles and Quit Claim, a better understanding of public worship and an understanding of the options that might be available to continue as a community of faith rather than a pastoral charge or mission. With this knowledge we will find a way forward and explore options.

Review of Mark Winger – update

The Executive Secretary provided a report from the Conference Personnel Minister that Mark Winger has successfully completed his remedial work and recommends that he be eligible to accept a call or appointment as of July 1, 2018.

MOTION by Lawrence Nyarko/Henry MacLeod that the sub-Executive accepts the report of the Conference Personnel Minister (Appendix D) and confirms that, having successfully completed his remedial work, Mark Winger is eligible to accept a call or appointment as of July 1, 2018.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Rev. Dr. Colin MacDonald and Central United Church Council

The Executive Secretary reported that a request has been received from Living Waters Presbytery to conduct a review of Rev. Dr. Colin MacDonald and a formal complaint regarding the conduct of all Council members of the former Central United Church, from January 2015 to August, 31, 2017, as well as any who continue to act on behalf of Central United Church as well as all Trustees of the congregation (Appendix E).

The sub-Executive discussed the request for a review. While acknowledging that a mistake was made with respect to polity and process, but measuring that against this person's long career absent a pattern of similar behavior, the sub-Executive does not believe that the standard of review has been met.

MOTION by Henry MacLeod/Lawrence Nyarko that no review of the ministry of Rev. Dr. Colin MacDonald be conducted under section J.9 of *The Manual*; and that

Rev. MacDonald be required to take the Boundaries Refresher Course on Finance and Gifts before accepting another call, appointment or acting as a pastoral charge supervisor;

and that Rev. MacDonald write a letter to the Executive of Living Waters Presbytery acknowledging their concerns that he did not recognize the authority of presbytery and offering an apology.

MOTION

CARRIED.

The sub-Executive talked about the challenges in pursuing individual members for a decision made by the Council as an official court of the church, particularly given the congregation has closed. The remainder of the funds have been returned to the Conference which will take the advice of the presbytery in dispersing those funds.

It was noted that there were also questions about some of the actions of both the Conference and the presbytery in this matter. The presbytery has already developed a set of best practices to share with the new regional council.

MOTION by Lawrence Nyarko/Henry MacLeod that the sub-Executive of Toronto Conference take no action with regard to the formal complaint under Section J.11.2 of *The Manual*, regarding the conduct of all Council members of the former Central United Church as well as any who continue to act on behalf of Central United Church as well as all Trustees of the congregation.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Adjournment

The sub-Executive AGREED to adjourn the meeting and reconvene at the call of the President.

The President offered a blessing. The meeting adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Audrey Brown
President

Jody Maltby
Executive Secretary