

ASSEMBLY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**January 15, 2008**

The Assembly Council Executive met on Tuesday, January 15, 2008, within 50 Wynford Drive, Toronto, Ontario, and by telephone conference call. L. Duncan opened the meeting with prayer.

PRESENT
88/08E

Ms. L. Duncan (convener), Rev. K. Barlow, Ms. L. Forbes Rev. B. Vancook, Rev. R. Fee, Mr. S. Roche, Rev. S. Kendall (secretary), Ms. T. Hamilton (recording secretary).

REGRETS
89/08E

Rev. W. Middleton

AGENDA
90/08E

It was moved by L. Forbes, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the agenda as printed be adopted with the following changes:

- time of meeting from "10:00" to "10:30"
- Council minutes from "November 26-27, 2008" to "November 25-27, 2007".

MINUTES
Executive
91/08E

It was moved by B. Vancook, duly seconded and

AGREED, that the Executive minutes of September 18, 2007 be adopted with the following corrections:

1. Min.Ref. 28/07E: change "There" to "Three".

Council
92/08E

AGREED, that the Council minutes of March 25-27, 2007 be received for information, noting the following change:

1. Adjournment: change "L. Duncan" to "H. Kouwenberg".

CORRESPONDENCE
Experimental Fund
93/08E

An email from received from the Experimental Fund requesting that John Anderson be appointed as a director to the committee.

It was moved by L. Forbes, duly seconded and

AGREED, that John Anderson be appointed as a director of the Experimental Fund.

BIENNIAL GENERAL
ASSEMBLIES
94/08E

The letter to presbyteries asking for their input about biennial General Assemblies was circulated in December. The deadline for responses is March 1, 2008. B. Vancook, K. Barlow and S. Kendall will review the responses and prepare a report for the March meeting.

LONG RANGE
PLANNING
COMMITTEE
95/08E

L. Forbes gave a verbal report on the status of the long range planning inquiry process. She noted that the committee, in light of concerns for the budget and desiring the best consultation process, will be presenting a revised proposal for the inquiry process that will involve plans for an initial national event rather than meeting in presbytery groups.

CCC EMERGENCY
PLANNING GROUP
96/08E

D. Muir has been representing the denomination on the Canadian Council of Churches National Advisory Group on Emergency Planning. Information about its work was shared with the Executive.

AGREED, that D. Muir be asked to present on the National Advisory Group on Emergency Planning at the March meeting.

WORKING GROUPS
97/08E

The membership for the working groups has been finalised as outlined below.

- Third Party Contracts [B. Bleakney, P. Coutts, S. Shaffer, S. Kendall]
- Korean Translation [C. Park, V. Kim, R. Fee, S. Kendall]

- Proposals for use of monies from Settlement Fund [Management Team, S. Allen, L. Ransom]
- Energy Audits [Church Architecture Committee, Wes D., E. Heath]

**LIFE AND MISSION
AGENCY**
98/08E

R. Fee announced the opening of the "Vine Helpline: Connecting people, places and programs".

SUPPORT SERVICES
99/08E

S. Roche reported that the year end and audit process has begun. The Management Team is also working on the 2009 budget initial draft.

Currently, *Presbyterians Sharing...* is about \$100,000 behind compared to last year, however, there was a bequest of \$112,000 received.

MARCH MEETING
100/08E

The Executive noted the following items for the planning of the March meeting:

- Healing and Reconciliation - L. Ransom
- The Vine Helpline - D. Henderson
- National Emergency Planning - D. Muir
- Long Range Planning re strategic planning

NEXT MEETINGS
101/08E

The next meetings will be:

- Council: March 30-April 1, 2008
- Executive: May 7, 2008 at 10:30 am (ET)

PEI HUMAN RIGHTS
102/08E

S. Kendall reported that the human rights and legal cases in the Presbytery of Prince Edward Island have been settled.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Executive adjourned. K. Barlow closed with prayer.

Ms. L. Duncan
Convener

Rev. S. Kendall
Secretary