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April 2010

To: All Participants of Toronto Conference

From: Carol Gierak, President of Conference

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this year's annual meeting of Conference! I look forward to seeing you all and for us to engage in a new kind of annual meeting this year. You will see from the agenda that, as directed by last year's annual meeting, we have made some significant changes in our usual routine. "Business" will be kept to a minimum in contrast to our past few years where it has taken most of our time.

This year, our attention will be focused on considering care for creation, our role as stewards of creation and building up the community of saints. Leadership will be provided by our Moderator Mardi Tindal. We will also be joined by others who give leadership in our wider community: the Rt. Rev. Bob Smith, our former moderator and guest, Alana Mitchell among others.

Our theme this year is taken from the book of the minor prophet, Haggai chapter 2: verse 19b, "From this day on, I will bless you".

We expect to have an inspiring time together in the beautiful city of Orillia.

I look forward to our times of worship, singing, learning and fellowship. I hope you do, too.

Blessings,

Carol

The mission of Toronto Conference is to strengthen Congregations, Pastoral Charges, Outreach Ministries, and Missions to be faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

TORONTO CONFERENCE 86th ANNUAL MEETING (2010) AGENDA

Friday, May 28		Saturday, May 29		Sunday, May 30	
		8:45 a.m. Gathering music 9:00 a.m. Worship Hearing from ministry candidates Voting on ministry candidates Honouring of retirees 10:30 a.m. Break 11:15 a.m. Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive accountability report and budget • Executive Secretary accountability report Other business 12:00 p.m. <i>In memoriam</i>			Worship with local congregations Lunch on your own
2:00-4:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	Gathering of General Council Commissioners Registration	12:15 p.m. Lunch Celebration of Ministries service rehearsal Choir rehearsal 1:45 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Gathering music Afternoon worship Theme: creation – Moderator Mardi Tindal Caring for creation - dialogue with people in the church and outside the church (part 1) 3:30-4:00 p.m. Break 4:00-5:30 p.m. Caring for creation - dialogue with people in the church and outside the church (part 2)		2:00 p.m. Celebration of Ministries service Reception	
5:30 p.m.	Dinner	5:30 p.m.	Dinner		
6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gathering music Constituting the Court/Opening Actions Conference theme: "From this day on I will bless you" (Haggai 2:19) Worship and theme: soul Moderator Mardi Tindal	6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Gathering music Evening worship Theme: community Very Rev. Robert (Bob) Smith, former moderator Moderator Mardi Tindal		
9:00 p.m.	Deadline for new business Close	9:00 p.m.	Close		

PROCEDURES AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Voting

Voting is done by showing voting cards. In Toronto Conference ballots for ordinands, those to be received as Designated Lay Ministers, and those applying for admission are conducted by secret ballot.

PROCEDURES ON PROPOSALS

Definition

A "Proposal" is a formal request for specific action within the jurisdiction of the Court to which it is directed (*The Manual*, Section 001).

Proposals (yellow pages)

See Section 099 of *The Manual* (2007). Proposals are the method for one part of the church to ask another part of the church to do something. Proposals can be initiated by church members, a Session/Official Board/Church Board/Church Council, a Presbytery, a Conference or a committee of a church Court.

Proposals for action by Toronto Conference

A brief presentation will be made on the content of the Proposal, followed by discussion and discernment. Suggestions for changes to the wording can be made if the Court is in agreement. When the president determines that the Court is ready, she will ask whether the Proposal can be turned into a motion.

The Conference then chooses whether to do what the Proposal is suggesting. The annual meeting has five options for dealing with the Proposal:

- i.) adopt the Proposal as it stands
- ii.) adopt the Proposal with amendments
- iii.) take a different action than the one in the Proposal but on the same subject matter
- iv.) refer the Proposal
- v.) receive the Proposal but take no action.

For Proposals which did not originate within the Conference's structure, the executive secretary and the president-elect will offer a positively-worded motion that the Conference adopt the Proposal.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES

Motion	Interrupt Member on the floor?	Seconder required?	Debatable?	Can it be amended ?	What motions apply to it?	Can it be re-considered ?	Subject to closure ?	Can it be tabled ?	Can it be referred?	Vote Required
1. Adjourn/Recess	No	Yes	No	No	None	No	No	No	No	Simple Majority
2. Privilege	Yes	No	see note #1	No	None	No	No	No	No	decision by chair; see #9
3. Appeal of the Chair's Ruling	Yes; see note #2	Yes	No; see note #3	No	5, 1, 2, 13	Yes	n/a	Yes	No	Simple Majority
4. Point of Order	Yes	No	No	No	3	No	No	No	No	decision by the chair
5. Motion to Table	No	Yes	No	No	None	No	No	n/a	No	Simple Majority
6. To extend or limit debate	No	Yes	No; see note #4	see note #5	13	Yes	n/a	No	No	2/3
7. Postpone definitely	No	Yes	No; see note #6	Yes (time)	10	Yes	Yes	see note #7	No	Simple Majority
8. To call for an immediate vote	Yes	Yes	No	No	None	No	No	No	No	2/3's Majority
9. Motion to refer	No	Yes	see note #6	Yes; see note #8	6, 10, 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	n/a	Simple Majority
10. Amend	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	5, 6, 7, 9, 13	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Simple Majority
11. Postpone indefinitely	No	Yes	see note #6	No	6, 13	Yes	Yes	No	No	Simple Majority
12. Main Motion	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	All	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Simple Majority
13. Motion to reconsider	No	Yes	Yes; see note #10	No	see note #10	no; see note #10	no	yes	yes	2/3's if in the same meeting; majority if at another meeting; see note #12
14. Motion to Lift from the Table	No	Yes	Yes	No						

Notes:

1. No debate is permitted on a question of privilege but the member raising the question may explain the reasons and in turn the chair may give reasons for its ruling.
2. An appeal is not in order unless made immediately following the decision of the chair.
3. An appeal is not debatable except that the appellant may give reasons for so doing and the chair may state reasons before putting the question.
4. The main question is not debatable but the reasons for moving the previous question or limiting debate may be given.
5. A motion to limit debate may be amended with respect to time and/or number of speakers permitted.
6. A motion to postpone or refer is not debatable except that debate may be permitted on the advisability or propriety of postponing or referring the question.
7. A motion to table is in order but would have little effect on the outcome of a motion to postpone to a definite time.
8. A motion to refer can be amended as to the method of disposition, size of committee or other similar instructions.
9. But subject to appeal against ruling of the chair.
10. Procedure on Motion to Reconsider:
 - a) A motion to reconsider may be made at any time when the floor is vacant but the actual reconsideration has only the same priority as the motion to be reconsidered.
 - b) A motion to reconsider must be moved by a member who voted with the majority. Any member may second.
 - c) If a motion to reconsider is dealt with at the same meeting in which the original motion was adopted, it will fail, unless two-thirds (2/3) of those voting are in favour thereof. If a motion to reconsider is dealt with at a subsequent meeting of the Court, a majority of those voting determines the question.
 - d) When any motion to reconsider has been duly seconded, all action on the original motion is suspended until the motion to reconsider has been disposed of. No motion to reconsider can be entertained by the Court where action has already been taken under the original motion.
 - e) A motion cannot be reconsidered twice unless materially changed on the first reconsideration. If a motion to reconsider has been lost, it cannot be repeated.
 - f) A motion to reconsider is debatable only when the motion to be reconsidered is debatable. It cannot be amended, postponed indefinitely, or committed.

11. The following incidental motions must be seconded:
 - a) *to close nominations*, cannot be debated, can be amended and must be passed by a 2/3's majority;
 - b) *to re-open nominations* is not open to debate, can be amended and passes by a simple majority;
 - c) *to withdraw a motion* cannot be debated, can be amended and passes by a simple majority;
 - d) *method of voting* may not be debated, can be amended and a vote is not necessary.
12. "Meeting" shall mean the time from the constitution of the meeting to the motion to adjourn the meeting.
13. When a motion has been duly tabled (see #5 on chart), it may be lifted from the table by another motion, duly seconded, and carried. The motion to life from the table may be made at any time when there is no business before the Court and the original motion returns for consideration in exactly the form in which it was tabled.

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**EVALUATION OF THE 86th ANNUAL MEETING OF TORONTO
CONFERENCE**

1. Please offer your comments on this year's annual meeting.

2. Please offer your suggestions for improvement of future annual meetings.

Your name (optional) _____