

Highlights of meetings of the Toronto Conference Executive November 16 and 23, 2011

The Executive of Toronto Conference met at the Toronto Southeast Presbytery office on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 and had a brief conference call on November 23. Note the Executive's mandate from its policy handbook:

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

To fulfill that mission, the Conference Executive will:

1. Make the best use of the human and financial resources available.
2. Ensure oversight and compliance within the polity of The United Church of Canada
3. Provide resources in the Presbyteries to promote the work in the following areas – program, property, personnel and public witness, with further support from the staff in the central Conference office.

The Executive fulfills its mandate by establishing policies, monitoring the work of the executive secretary, and taking actions as required by the polity of The United Church of Canada.

The Executive made the following decisions:

Recruitment of Ministry Personnel: The Executive approved the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to support an event being organized to recruit new Ministry Personnel for the church. The event, to be held June 8-9, 2012 will provide an opportunity for people aged 15-30 to learn about the various kinds of ministry within the United Church. The event will be for up to 100 people, including sponsors and/or support persons.

Asbestos: The Executive agreed that it will play a role in providing education and financial support to congregations dealing with asbestos issues. A decision will be made at the February, 2012 Executive meeting regarding the support to be offered.

Policies: The Executive adopted a policy to become compliant with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act.

Actions required by the church's polity: The Executive authorized sacramental privileges for three ministers, approved the boards of directors of a number of Incorporated Ministries, authorized the sale of two church properties, approved one person to begin the Admissions process and approved one person as an Interim Minister.

Copies of the minutes and all related material for the November meetings can be found on the Conference's website www.torontoconference.ca. The Executive's next regularly scheduled meeting is February 8, 2012. Material for that meeting will be posted on the website by February 1.