

**THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
TORONTO CONFERENCE**

**Minutes of the meeting of
the Executive of Toronto Conference
Monday, March 15, 2010**

The Executive of Toronto Conference met by conference call on Monday, March 15, 2010 to consider two items. The meeting began at 10:32 a.m. A quorum was present.

Members present

Marg Walker (president elect), Anne Shirley Sutherland (acting executive secretary), Linda Thompson (Northern Waters), Paget Blaza (Toronto Southeast), Ron Coughlin (South West), Kevin Logie (Living Waters), Brian Goodings (Northern Waters), Carol McKinley (Living Waters), Ralph Schmidt (Northern Waters), Tom Clarke (Toronto Southeast), Don Laing (South West)

Regrets

Carol Gierak (president), David Allen (executive secretary), Linda Parsons (Living Waters), Karen Williams (South West)

Constituting the meeting

President-elect Marg Walker welcomed people to the call, constituted the meeting in the name of Jesus Christ to conduct such business as should properly come before it, and led in prayer.

She noted that the president and executive secretary had absented themselves from the meeting because of a personal friendship with one of the parties involved in one of the matters before the Executive.

Formal Hearing

In accordance with the procedures laid out in the United Church's policy on sexual abuse, South West Presbytery has requested that Toronto Conference hold a Formal Hearing. The president-elect and acting executive secretary had contacted a number of people to see whether they would be willing to serve on the hearing panel.

MOTION by Linda Thompson/Kevin Logie that Toronto Conference appoint a Formal Hearing committee with the following terms of reference:

- a) the hearing shall be identified as FH-2010-01;
- b) the committee shall consist of Jack Ground, chair, and members Rev. Linda Butler, Rev. Chris Miller, Rev. John Brown; and one to be added.

- c) the issues to be considered are those raised in a sexual abuse complaint;
- d) the committee shall have the authority of the Presbytery and the Conference;
- e) the budget shall be \$500 with additional provision for the costs of legal counsel in consultation with the acting executive secretary;
- f) the hearing shall be held by May 30, 2010;
- g) the committee shall report by June 15, 2010; and
- h) Marg Walker and Anne Shirley Sutherland be authorized to fill any vacancies on the Formal Hearing committee and to name the secretary.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Incorporated Ministries – Fred Victor Centre

Fred Victor Centre, an Incorporated Ministry in accordance with Section 429 of *The Manual (2007)*, and Fred Victor Community Homes, which is incorporated but not supervised by the Conference, wish to amalgamate. Because Fred Victor Centre is supervised by the Conference, Conference permission is required. The amalgamation documents have been reviewed by both General Council and Conference legal counsel. General Council requires that the by-laws of the amalgamated corporation include all of the United Church clauses as outlined in the *Section 429 Guidelines for Incorporated Ministries* handbook published by the General Council.

MOTION by Ron Coughlin/Tom Clarke that Toronto Conference give its permission to Fred Victor Centre, an Incorporated Ministry, to amalgamate with Fred Victor Community Homes with the requirement that the by-laws of the corporation be in compliance with the requirements of The United Church of Canada as per Section 429 of *The Manual (2007)* and the *Section 429 Guidelines for Incorporated Ministries* handbook published by the General Council.

MOTION

CARRIED.

Adjournment

The business of the meeting completed, the president-elect declared the meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.

Marg Walker
President-elect

Anne Shirley Sutherland
Acting Executive Secretary



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