

PROCEDURAL MOTIONS

Motion: Roy West/Nora Sanders

GC 42 2015 - 001

Bounds of Council

That the bounds of Commons for the 42nd General Council 2015 be the arena 1 floor at the numbered tables at Grenfell Campus of Memorial University, Corner Brook, Newfoundland/Labrador excluding the visitor seating and unnumbered tables.

The bounds of the court when the Commissions are in Session will be: Canada House, Meeting Location 2; Civic Centre Conference Room 2 and the arena 1 floor at the numbered tables at Grenfell Campus of Memorial University, Corner Brook, Newfoundland/Labrador excluding the visitor seating and unnumbered tables.;

Corresponding Members

That the following persons who are in attendance be corresponding members of the 42nd General Council 2015 and as such, be entitled to speak but not to move motions or to vote:

- Moderators: The Very Reverend David Giuliano, Dr. Marion Best, The Very Reverend Lois Wilson, The Very Reverend Stanley McKay, The Very Reverend Marion Parry, The Very Reverend William Phipps, The Very Reverend Peter Short;
- Global partner representatives, ecumenical, inter-faith and official guests of the Council
- The Youth Forum participants and leaders who are not Commissioners;
- Participants and leaders of the Children and Young Teens;
- ~~Those who have been requested by the General Secretary, General Council to serve as resource persons to the Council;~~
- Members of the Business Committee who are not Commissioners;
- General Council Officers, Executive Ministers, Executive Officers, and Conference Executive Secretaries and Speaker;
- Guests appointed by the Executive of the General Council.
- Connie Budd.

Resource People: ~~That the following persons and such other people as the General Secretary, General Council, may designate, be named as Resource People, who may be called upon to speak as needed to support the business of the Council:~~ Kevin Barnes, Perry Bellegarde, Russel Burns, Adele Halliday, Adrian Jacobs, Jamie Scott and Marie Wilson.

Business Committee Membership

- Fred Monteith, Chair
- Gary Paterson, Moderator
- Nora Sanders, General Secretary, General Council
- Shirley Cleave, Chair of the Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda
- Karen Smart, Staff Resource to the Business Committee
- Cynthia Gunn, resource to the Business Committee and Parliamentarian
- David Allen, Parliamentarian
- Peter Hartmans – Conference Executive Secretary

Parliamentarians

That the parliamentarians for the 42nd General Council be Cynthia Gunn and David Allen.

Friends in Council

That the Friends in Council of the 42nd General Council 2015 be Roy West, Kathy Brett and Rosemary Lambie.

Scrutineers

That the Scrutineers for the 42nd General Council 2015 be:

- Norma Thompson (Chief Scrutineer)
- Robyn Green
- Tim Crouch Charles McMillan
- Ted Harrison
- Annette Taylor
- Mead Baldwin

Reference and Counsel

That the Commons Reference and Counsel of the 42nd General Council 2015 be Katharine Moore, Don Stiles and Nancy Knox.

Business before the 42nd General Council 2015

That the reports and proposals printed in the Work Books, including online additions, along with any change pages, and any new business received by the deadline for new business, be received for consideration by the 42nd General Council 2015.

New Business

All notices of new business will be presented, in writing, to the Business Committee. The Business Committee will from time to time report items of new business and recommendations for incorporation into the agenda, unless the court otherwise determines in the case of a specific item.

New business received, in writing by the Business Committee, prior to 9 a.m., Friday, August 14, 2015 will be incorporated into the approved agenda, unless the court determines otherwise.

Items of New Business will be ordered:

1. Not on a first come-first presented basis, but with preference to items that:
 - a. Arise unexpectedly in response to the meeting of the Council; and
 - b. Arise in response to global or national matters that occur during the meeting of the Council.

New Business not able to be dealt with due to time limitations will be dealt with by a motion to refer. Referral may be made to the General Secretary, General Council or to the Executive of the General Council. The presenter of the proposal will be allowed to speak to the proposal.

Business Procedures

The Moderator will assume responsibility for chairing the meeting, making any rulings necessary and ensuring that there is full opportunity for discussion and decision making. The Moderator will apply the rules Rules of Debate and Order (*The Manual Appendix*) and as approved herein in the Opening Resolutions for this 42nd General Council 2015. “*Bourinot’s Rules of Order*” will be used as the authority should a question arise which is not answered by the Appendix.

- Speakers will:
 - Speak from designated microphones in the court;
 - Be recognized by the Moderator prior to speaking;
 - Begin comments by identifying themselves by name, role, and Conference (or position as appropriate);
 - Only speak once to a given proposal except at the discretion of the Moderator;
 - Each new speaker should offer a new perspective or information
 - Speak for no longer than 90 seconds except at the discretion of the Moderator;
 - Use the designated procedural floor microphone to raise a point of order, that is to raise a specific question of procedure with the Moderator;
 - Use the floor microphones to raise points of personal privilege which will be understood to be limited to comments noting that the individual raising the point has been insulted or maligned in the current debate.

Note: Points of general privilege (inability to hear, temperature of the room, missing documentation) will be made to the Friends in Council, Roy West, Kathy Brett or Rosemary Lambie, who will determine how the concern will be addressed. Concerns for the well-being of individuals, celebrations of birthdays, etc. will be made to the Friends in Council who will coordinate these for “community moments”.

Prioritizing Work:

The 42nd General Council (2015): will prioritize its work in the following manner:

1st Priority

Proposals are those that deal directly with the Comprehensive Review Task Group report and recommendations and all related Proposals and Response forms. These will receive priority attention at the 42nd General Council (2015). They will be referred to a Sessional Committee that will bring its recommendations to full court for decision.

2nd Priority

Proposals are those, other than those outlined in Category 1, which contemplate substantive changes to the Basis of Union that affect denominational identity and would require the 42nd General Council (2015) to authorize a Category 3 Remit. They will be brought before the full court for decision.

3rd Priority

Proposals are those calling the church to take a time-bound stand on national or global issues and/or on an issue for which the church does not have an existing policy or statement. They will be referred to a Commission for decision.

4th Priority

Proposals are those which contemplate changes to existing General Council policies and procedures, or those which more properly fall within the purview of another court of the church. They will be referred to the Business Committee for prioritization and may be referred to the full court, a Commission, the General Council Executive, or to the court which has responsibility, for decision.

5th Priority

Proposals are those calling the church to broader support for existing statements, policies, or procedures of the General Council. They will be referred to the General Council Executive for decision or the General Secretary General Council for action.

Procedure for Withdrawing Proposals from an Omnibus or Consent Motion

The 42nd General Council adopt the following procedure in the event that a Commissioner desires that a Proposal be withdrawn from an omnibus or consent motion and/or that a Proposal be assigned to a body other than that recommended by the Business Committee:

- 1) The Commissioner making such a request will have one minute to make their request and provide their rationale for their request.
- 2) The Moderator or his designate will ask, having heard the request and rationale, “Are there twenty Commissioners who support the request? Please indicate your support of this position by using your electronic voting device.
- 3) If there are not twenty Commissioners who support the request, then the request is denied.
- 4) If there are twenty Commissioners who support the request then the Moderator will direct the Business Committee to find a place for the work consistent with the request.

Although not required, advance notice to the Business Table would be helpful.

Procedure for Addressing the Work of the Comprehensive Review

1. The report and recommendations of the Comprehensive Review Task Group and related Response Sheets and Proposals have been referred to a Sessional Committee of the 42nd General Council (2015);
2. The role of the Sessional Committee is to consider said material with a view to bringing recommendations to the full court for consideration and decision.
3. Said Sessional Committee is comprised of one Commissioner from each Conference, two co-chairs named by The Business Committee, two Commissioners named by the Business Committee to ensure participant balance. In addition there is one Youth Forum Delegate who is a corresponding member. They are as follows:

Co-Chairs: Larry Doyle and Jean Brown

Members: ANCC – TBD, Sharon Aylsworth, Ross Bartlett, Nicole Beaudry, Katelyn Cody, Dwaine Dornan, Janet Gear, Hannah Lee, Regina Madimbu, Ryan McNally, Barb Miller, Greg Smith-Young, Erin Todd, Carey Wagner and Paul Douglas Walfall

Corresponding Member: Ethan Evans

Election of Moderator

That the following be approved as the process for nominations and election of the 40th Moderator of The United Church of Canada:

1. Nominations may be made from the floor up to 5 pm on Sunday August 9. There must be a mover and a seconder, and the nominee must indicate willingness to stand. The Moderator will call for any further nominations just before 5 pm. Advance notice to the business table of any intended nominations is not essential but will be appreciated.
2. Nominations from the floor of the Council will be declared closed at 5 p.m., Sunday August 9, 2015.
3. The nominees will be introduced to the Council and presented with their nominee stoles after the supper break on Sunday August 9th, 2015.
4. Candidates will address the Council, individually, on Monday, August 10th, 2015.
5. Voting will be by ballot and take place on Thursday, August 13, 2015.
6. A candidate will be declared elected as the 42nd Moderator upon attaining 50% plus one of the votes cast.
7. If there are ten or more names on the ballot, four with the least number of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; if there are seven or more and fewer than ten names on the ballot, three with the least number of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; if there are more than four and fewer than eight names on the ballot, two with the lowest number of votes cast in their favour will be released from the subsequent ballots; with four or fewer names, the one with the lowest number of votes will be released from subsequent ballots.
8. When there are seven or more names on the ballot and there is a tie in the number of votes cast for the candidates with the least number of votes in their favour as set out in the preceding paragraph, the candidates who are tied will be released from subsequent ballots. This could mean that more than the specified number of candidates could be released from a ballot as set out in the preceding paragraph.
9. Announcements of the results of the ballots will take place at times determined by the Moderator with advice from the Business Committee.
10. Tallies of votes will not be announced.

Minutes of the 41st General Council 2012

That the minutes of the 41st General Council 2012 be approved.

Minute Secretary

That the Minute Secretary for the 42nd General Council 2015 be Susan Fortner.

Accountability Reports

That the 42nd General Council 2015 accept the accountability report of The Executive of the General Council.

That the 42nd General Council 2015 receive for information the following reports:

- Moderator's Accountability Report
- Moderator's Advisory Committee Report
- Accountability Report of the General Secretary, General Council
- A Journey to Full Communion
- Mission and Ministry with Migrant Churches
- Mutual Recognition of Ministries with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea
- Mutual Recognition with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines
- Aboriginal Ministries Council Report
- Newfoundland and Labrador Conference Report
- Maritime Conference Report
- Synode Montreal & Ottawa Conference
- Bay of Quinte Conference Report
- Toronto Conference Report
- Hamilton Conference Report
- London Conference Report
- Manitou Conference Report
- All Native Circle Conference Report
- Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Report
- Saskatchewan Conference Report
- Alberta and Northwest Conference Report
- British Columbia Conference Report
- Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools Report
- Effective Leadership Report
- Candidacy Pathways Report
- Judicial Committee Report
- The Conference Records Report
- The Manual Committee Report
- The Archives Committee Report
- The United Church Foundation Report
- The Nominations Committee Report
- The Comprehensive Review Task Group Report

- Rulings and Opinions of The General Secretary, General Council – July 2012 to June 2015
- Minutes of the Executive of the General Council – June 2012 to June 2015
- Actions of the Executive – Summary Report

Establish Commissions

That the 42nd General Council 2015 establish three Commissions to meet Tuesday, August 11, 2015 to complete the work assigned to them by the 42nd General Council.

Voting Privileges in Commissions

That the Commissioners of the General Council have voting privileges in the Commission to which their membership has been assigned; that Corresponding members of General Council have privilege of voice but no vote, in Commissions; and that the Moderator and the General Secretary are ex-officio members of all Commissions.

Business Assigned to Red - Partridgeberry Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 assign to Red - Partridgeberry Commission the items of business as reported in the Workbook and such other work as may be referred by the 42nd General Council.

Membership of the Red - Partridge Berry Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 appoint the membership of Red - Partridgeberry Commission as assigned in the Workbook.

Leadership of the Red - Partridgeberry Commission

That Adam Hanley and Sue Broderick be the Co-Chairs and that Shirley Welch be the Minute Secretary of the Red- Partridge Berry Commission.

That the Reference and Counsel of the Red - Partridgeberry Commission be Don Stiles, Jean Bethune, Sean Handcock and Stephen Hershey.

Business Assigned to Yellow – Bakeapple Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 assign to the Yellow – Bakeapple Commission the items of business as assigned in the Workbook and such other work as may be referred by the 42nd General Council.

Membership of Yellow – Bakeapple Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 appoint the membership of the Yellow – Bakeapple Commission as assigned in the Workbook.

Leadership of Yellow – Bakeapple Commission

That Shirley Cleave and Paula Gale be the Co-Chairs and that Susan Whitehead is the Minute Secretary of the Yellow – Bakeapple Commission.

That the Reference and Counsel of the Yellow - Bakeapple Commission be Katharine Moore, Kate Crawford, Dale Skinner, and Paul Stott.

Business Assigned to the Blue - Blueberry Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 assign to the Blue - Blueberry Commission the items of business as reported in the Workbook and such other work as may be referred by the 42nd General Council.

Membership of the Blue - Blueberry Commission

That the 42nd General Council 2015 appoint the membership of the Blue - Blueberry Commission as assigned in the Workbook.

Leadership of the Blue - Blueberry Commission

That Graham Brownmiller and Bev Kostichuk be the Co-Chairs and the Stefanie Uyesugi be the Minute Secretary of to the Blue - Blueberry Commission.

That the Reference and Counsel of the Blue - Blueberry Commission be Nancy Knox, Matthew Fillier, Ralph Hayman and Betty Kelly.

Agenda

That the 42nd General Council 2015 accept, as its agenda, the agenda as circulated and approved on the understanding that the agenda may be changed, as necessary, by the action of the General Council, on the recommendation of the Business Committee.

Unfinished Business

Unfinished business will be referred to the Executive of the General Council.