

MANITOU CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE MEETING

Via Adobe Connect
December 16, 2016

MONDAY, December 12, 2016

Attendance	Will Kunder, Stewart Walker, Maxine McVey, Cindy Desilets, Rick Thorne, Dave Le Grand
Ministry Personnel	
Laity	Janice Brownlee, Barb Cunnington, Marguerite Hayes, Judy Biondi
Staff support	Susan Whitehead, minute-taker
Regrets	Erin Todd, Kathie Smith, Bill Rowe, Mary-Jo Tracy
Welcome and Prayer	The President welcomed Executive to the meeting, recognized Traditional Territories and led with a brief prayer.
Minutes of the Meeting of:	Executive reviewed the minutes of the September 29-30, 2016 meeting.
• September 29-30, 2016	MOTION 15-17 #26: Will Kunder/Dave Le Grand That the minutes of September 29-30, 2016 meeting of Executive be approved as printed. CARRIED
Minutes of the Meeting of:	Executive reviewed the minutes of the November 2, 2016 Adobe Connect meeting.
• November 2, 2016 via Adobe Connect	MOTION 15-17 #27: Will Kunder/Barb Cunnington That the minutes of November 2, 2016 Adobe Connect meeting of Executive be approved as printed. CARRIED
Minutes of the Meeting of:	Executive reviewed the minutes of the December 12, 2016 Sub-Executive email poll.
• December 12, 2016 email poll of Sub-Executive	MOTION 15-17 #28: Will Kunder/Maxine McVey That the minutes of December 12, 2016 email poll of the Sub-Executive be approved as printed. CARRIED
Conference Office update	Will informed Executive that staff toured the site yesterday and a lot has happened this week. Probable move-in date is in January 2017.
Right Relations Home Group Proposal	Executive reviewed the Proposed Protocol for the Relocation of

Manitou First Nations Art Collection (*see Appendix A*).

Question was asked as to how ownership/oversight of The Manitou Collection will be dealt with if our structures change. Executive was reminded that The Collection has been designated as "Major Property" of Manitou Conference - as such, the paintings are held in trust for The United Church of Canada. In the event that Manitou ceases to exist, The Collection will come under the oversight of the new governing body. Like all assets, there will be motions placed before the Conference transferring assets to the subsequent body.

**Motion 15-17 #29: Rick Thorne/Dave Le Grand
That Executive approve the Proposed Protocol for the
Relocation of Manitou First Nations Art Collection.
CARRIED**

Congregational Learning
Grants

No further funding for Congregational Learning Grants will be forthcoming from the General Council. Our grant for 2016 was \$4,700. At this time, there is less than \$100 in the fund.

The Executive Secretary proposed that the approximate \$7,000 unused ECL Restricted Fund be transferred to enable continued individual requests in 2017.

**Motion 15-17 #30: Will Kunder/Rick Thorne
That the Education for Church Leadership (ECL) Restricted
Fund be eliminated and the funds be transferred to the
Congregational Learning Grant to enable grant distribution.
CARRIED**

500th Anniversary of the
Reformation

The President shared information about the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation event being held next summer in Sudbury.

As a member of the planning committee, Stewart questioned if Manitou is willing/able to give financially to the event.

It was noted that there will be a focus on The Reformation as it affected First Nation peoples. It was suggested that Executive encourage the Right Relations Home Group to be involved.

**Motion 15-17 #31: Rick Thorne/Barb Cunnington
That Manitou Conference financially support the "500 North"
Symposium in September 21-22, 2017 by giving \$1,500.
CARRIED**

Presbytery discussion re:
Manitou's location within

- London
Conference's
Invitation

Executive reviewed London Conference's letter of invitation to Conferences, Speakers and Presidents of Ontario (*Appendix B*).

There was consensus that this invitation is welcome and that Manitou would like to participate and possibly help plan.

Further discussion by Executive indicated that it would be desirable for at least one representative from each Presbytery to attend this event.

The Executive Secretary indicated that it would be the hope that by GM 2017, that we could seek the consensus of the Conference about its place in any new structure. Several questions will be provided for Presbytery discussion before the General Meeting.

The Executive Secretary will work with the three Presbytery chairs around possible questions for the Presbyteries to engage in.

Looking ahead:

- February 17, 2017 – Adobe Connect at 9:30 a.m.
- April 20-21, 2017 – Villa Loyola, Sudbury
- June 2-4, 2017 – General Meeting – Spirit Dancing – Location TBA

Adjournment

Having completed the business before Executive, the President adjourned the meeting at 10:50 a.m.

President, Stewart Walker

Recording Secretary, Susan Whitehead

Executive Secretary, Rev. Will Kunder

Appendix A

Proposed Protocol for the Relocation of Manitou First Nations Art Collection

Background: Occasionally a painting from the Manitou First Nations Art Collection needs to be relocated due to church closure. The following criteria will determine a new location.

1. A congregation wanting the painting **does not** already have one from the collection.
2. The painting will be hung in a prominent and secure location. i.e. the sanctuary.
3. The painting will serve as a catalyst for congregational engagement in Right Relations with Indigenous People. i.e. recognition of Traditional Territory in the life and work of the congregation, use of the Minute for Right Relations, engage in other educational and relationship building activities.
4. Adhere to existing Manitou Conference policies regarding the Manitou Art Collection. I.e the paintings cannot be sold.
5. The availability of a painting looking for a new home will be announced through the conference networks.
6. Having met the above criteria, a congregation will be randomly selected. I.e if there is more than one congregation meeting the criteria, pull the name of the congregation from a hat.

Appendix B



November 23, 2016

Dear Presidents/Leading Elders and Executive Secretaries/Speaker of Conferences in Ontario:


We know that there will be change in our future either because Remit 1 passes or because operating grants from the General Council to the Conferences cease in 2018. A likely outcome of these changes is that current Conference boundaries will shift.

The Executive of London Conference is aware of the anxiety of our northern presbytery, Algoma, who are concerned changes might further distance them from Conference/Regional connections. We understand that some conversations between Conferences have already started. London Conference Executive wondered if it might be helpful for all of us to gather to discuss what makes a Conference/Region: ministry context, financial viability, geography, capacity, etc.

On the Executive's instruction, we are writing to inquire if there is interest in gathering on March 28th, possibly into the 29th, to start this conversation. We understand that the Caretakers are already working with All Native Circle Conference and Aboriginal Ministries Circle. We want to ensure all are aware of it and welcome to attend this gathering.

Please advise Cheryl-Ann at c-a@londonconference.ca if you are interested. We are asking for suggested locations and confirmation of the proposed date. While Toronto is easy to reach, being in the northern Ontario context would inform and inspire our visioning. We would recommend that travel costs be pooled and divided among the participating conferences with each covering their own accommodation and meals.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Peace,

Rev. Kenji Marui
President


Rev. Cheryl-Ann ~~Stadelbauer-Sampa~~
Executive Secretary