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**MANITOU CONFERENCE SUB-EXECUTIVE MEETING**

E-Vote via Email Poll  
July 6, 2017

**THURSDAY, July 6, 2017**

**Attendance** Will Kunder, Stewart Walker, Cindy Desilets  
Ministry Personnel

Laity Kathie Smith, Janice Brownlee

Staff support Susan Whitehead, minute-taker

Emergency The Conference Executive Secretary forwarded information to the Sub-  
Compassionate Executive seeking support for a provincial "Forward Movement"  
Assistance campaign (*Attached as Appendix A*).

**MOTION: Sub-Executive 17-19 #1: Will Kunder/Janice Brownlee  
That Manitou Conference endorse the Forward Movement campaign  
and communicate this decision to Conference and to the province  
of Ontario.  
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President, Kathie Smith

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Recording Secretary, Susan Whitehead

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Executive Secretary, Rev. Will Kunder

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**Appendix A**  
**Email from Will Kunder to Sub-Executive**  
**July 6, 2017**

Good morning, members of the Conference Sub-Executive.  
I'm hoping that by now you've each received the communication about the remit voting.  
I was a little surprised by the % in favour of each remit. I thought that a couple would have been much closer.

I'm forwarding some information that was received the day of our Conference General Meeting, seeking support for a provincial "Forward Movement" campaign.

I wonder if you might wish to deal with the matter as a sub-Executive?

All of the information is available at [www.TheForwardMovement.ca](http://www.TheForwardMovement.ca)

Essentially, the campaign is calling for a change to what we have always seen as the handicap access logo.

Rather than a passive symbol, the proposed one has a wheelchair, clearly, in motion.

The campaign calls for the "grandparenting" of all locations that display the current logo, but encourage new sites to post the new logo.

Toronto, Bay of Quinte, and Hamilton Executives or sub-Executives have given their approvals to the campaign.

If you prefer to wait until our conference call on August 18th, I am fine with that.

If willing to deal with the matter now, I would move:

***That Manitou Conference endorse the Forward Movement campaign and communicate this decision to conference and to the province of Ontario.***

Thanks,  
Will

Rev. Will Kunder  
Executive Secretary

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:**Re: Endorsements Still Welcome?

**Date:**Thu, 06 Jul 2017 10:22:45 -0400

**From:**The Forward Movement <[dylan@theforwardmovement.ca](mailto:dylan@theforwardmovement.ca)>

**To:**Will Kunder <[wkunder@manitouconference.ca](mailto:wkunder@manitouconference.ca)>

Hi Dr Kunder,

Thanks for getting back to me. It is never too late for an endorsement! Be keep us updated on the progress!

Best,

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On Thu, Jul 6, 2017 at 9:22 AM, Will Kunder <[wkunder@manitouconference.ca](mailto:wkunder@manitouconference.ca)> wrote:

Good morning, Dylan.

Manitou Conference, which provides support to the United Churches in northeaster Ontario has not had a chance to review your request.

Our Executive does not meet now until the end of September.

I can't imagine that we would not be in favour of your initiative.

Would our endorsement still be welcome at that time?

Will

Rev. Dr. Will Kunder  
Executive Secretary  
Manitou Conference  
The United Church of Canada  
[705 474 3350](tel:7054743350)

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Dylan Itzikowitz

*"Let's legislate the dynamic symbol of access in Ontario"*

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