

**ASSEMBLY COUNCIL EXECUTIVE**  
**September 11, 2023**

The Assembly Council Executive met by video conference on Monday, September 11, 2023. C. Inksetter, convener, opened the meeting with a prayer by Thomas Merton.

**LAND  
ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
1/23E

The convener acknowledged the traditional lands of Indigenous people and the church's role in colonization. The church's commitment to healing and reconciliation was expressed.

**PRESENT**  
2/23E

The Rev. Cherie A. Inksetter (convener), the Rev. Jennifer L. Cameron, the Rev. Jinsook Khang, Mr. Peter A. Kinch, the Rev. Ian Ross-McDonald, Mr. James Waddell, the Rev. Victor S.J. Kim (secretary), Ms. Terrie-Lee Hamilton (recording secretary).

**AGENDA**  
3/23E

The agenda for the meeting was presented.

**300 BLOOR STREET  
MOVE**  
4/23E

An update on the move to 300 Bloor Street was provided by V. Kim.

Over the summer, the staff committee met with the architects for the planning of the 3,500 feet of space for our denomination. The leasing documents are expected to be signed soon.

At 50 Wynford Drive, staff are preparing for the move. Initial steps include: downsizing equipment/furnishings and implementing the management of files/information (digitally), all to ensure an efficient transition to the new location.

**MANAGEMENT  
TEAM**  
5/23E

I. Ross-McDonald reported for the Management Team. Work at the office during summer focused on coordination of addressing the General Assembly decisions, staff's flexibility as they assist with various staffing transitions, and maintaining regular activities.

**Interim CFO/Treasurer**  
6/23E

J. Waddell shared aspects of his work and the Finance Department, noting that the focus is on maintaining and creating the right technology and responsibilities in order to be efficient and effective.

There have been staff transitions, along with revisions of responsibilities for staff in the Finance Department. Jason Leung is acting in the role of the controller and there is a search for a new Senior Administrator.

J. Waddell reviewed procedures within the department and new ones are being implemented.

**INTERCULTURAL  
LIAISON**  
7/23E

The Assembly Council is responsible for the search for the Intercultural Liaison. The call for nominations was sent to presbyteries, colleges and other denominations. The deadline for nominations is January 15, 2024.

The Executive proposed that the search committee be comprised of about 6–7 members, representing the church at large (some from the special committee) and two representatives, each appointed by the Assembly Council and the Life and Mission Agency.

C. Inksetter, V. Kim and I. Ross-McDonald will prepare a list of suggested members for the Executive to consider in order to present a recommendation for the November Council meeting.

<b>MENTORING FUND FOR NON-EURO CANADIAN CLERGY</b> 8/23E	The group preparing the terms of reference for the Mentoring Fund for Non-Euro Canadian Clergy will have a proposal for the Council in November.
<b>REAL ESTATE CONSULTATION GROUP</b> 9/23E	The Real Estate Consultation group has not met. A staff group at the national office is discussing possible uses of property within the denomination. Ideas coming from this group can be shared with the consultation group.
<b>PROPHETIC ROLE OF COUNCIL</b> 10/23E	<p>A summary of the “Narratives of Hope and Possibility” conversations that were held at the General Assembly was circulated. The Executive wants to ensure that the Council, in its prophetic role, continues to seriously look at the narratives for our church.</p> <p>The November meeting will include time to continue this conversation. In the meantime, V. Kim, along with C. Inksetter, will consult with some people about what next steps are required in proceeding with this conversation.</p>
<b>GA REFERRALS</b> 11/23E	The Executive reviewed the referrals from the 2023 General Assembly.
<b>Renewed Apology re Colonization and Residential Schools</b> 12/23E	<p>National Indigenous Ministries Council (NIMC) Rec. ASC-002 re developing a renewed apology (A&amp;P 2023, p. 222, 28). A working group will be named to work on an apology. The Council will appoint two people. The convener will approach those who have been suggested, with the appointments being confirmed by Council in November.</p> <p>The convener will approach the individuals.</p>
<b>Providing Translation</b> 13/23E	Special Committee re Listening, Confession and Associations Additional Motion re translation (A&P 2023, p. 35). It was decided to place this item on the November meeting agenda with a focus to discern what this motion encompasses and the expectations of carrying out its directive.
<b>Book of Forms</b> 14/23E	The Principal Clerk indicated there is an opportunity for the Book of Forms to be translated into Korean. Funds for this translation can come from project accounts that are available within the General Assembly Office.
<b>Intercultural Liaison position</b> 15/23E	Assembly Council Rec. ASC-001 re the search for Intercultural Liaison (A&P 2023, p. 51, 29). The discussion on this referral was held earlier in the meeting. (see above, p. 1554)
<b>2024 Budget</b> 16/23E	Assembly Council Rec. ASC-005 re 2024 budget (A&P 2023, p. 51, 29). The Assembly approved the budget.
<b>Indigenous Artefacts</b> 17/23E	National Indigenous Ministries Council (NIMC) Rec. NIM-001 re Indigenous artefacts that may be held by courts and groups within the denomination. The Assembly Council does not hold any artefacts. The Executive is aware that groups, such as the Archives and the Museum, are checking their holdings.
<b>APPOINTMENTS: Executive and Nominate</b> 18/23E	<p>The Executive has the responsibility to make appointments. The following people will be approached to serve:</p> <p>Executive: Cindy Perks Nominating Committee: Shalini Rajack-Sankarlal</p>

**SEARCH  
COMMITTEE RE  
CFO/TREASURER**  
19/23E

Currently the search for the CFO/Treasurer position is on hold. During this time, James Waddell is filling this position as Interim. It was suggested that the search committee be dissolved.

AGREED, that the Search Committee for the CFO/Treasurer be disbanded with thanks.

**NEXT MEETING**  
20/23E

The Executive will next meet at the call of the convener.

**ADJOURNMENT**  
21/23E

There being no further business, the Executive adjourned with prayer led by J. Cameron.

The Rev. Cherie Inksetter  
Convener

The Rev. Victor Kim  
Secretary