

Executive Council Minutes
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MONDAY MORNING, 6/11/07

The morning was spent in committee.

MONDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting was called to order with a prayer by the Chair, Bishop Katharine Jefferts Schori. She called on the Secretary, Gregory Straub, to take the roll call. All present, unless otherwise noted.

The Most Reverend Katharine Jefferts Schori, Chair
Dr. Bonnie Anderson, Vice Chair

David Alvarez	Vicki Garvey	Dennis Stark
Tim Anderson	Del Glover	John Vanderstar
Rosalie Ballentine	Thomas Gossen	Winnie Varghese
Hisako Beasley	Joyce Hardy	Ted Yumoto
RPM Bowden	Bettye Jo Harris	Belton Zeigler
Jon Bruno	Mark Harris	
Kim Byham	Angela Helt	<u>DMFS Officers</u>
Lee Crawford	Josephine Hicks	N. Kurt Barnes
Sharon Denton	Julio Holguin	Gregory Straub
Ian Douglas	Gay Jennings	Linda Watt
Miguelina Espinal	Timothy Kimbrough	
- excused	Sandra McPhee	<u>Canadian Partner</u>
George Frazer –	Ted Mollegen	Michael Ingham -arrived late
arrived late	Wilfrido Ramos-Orench	
Dorothy Fuller	Terry Roberts	
Butch Gamarra –	Edward Rodman	
arrived late	Petero Sabune – arrived late	
Bruce Garner	Stacy Sauls	

Bishop Katharine presented the agenda and it was accepted. She asked for acceptance of the minutes from the March meeting in Portland. David Alvarez asked that the minutes be changed to reflect the fact that he was excused from the last meeting due to the death of a priest in his diocese. The minutes were approved as corrected.

REPORTS FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS

SANDRA MCPHEE – INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS

International Concerns have received the responses to the draft Anglican Covenant and plan to have a report by the end of the meeting. They will be meeting jointly with National Concerns to hear from Davis MacIyalla of Nigeria.

JOHN VANDERSTAR – NATIONAL CONCERNS

National Concerns discussed ways of addressing the concerns regarding membership in the RCRC. They will be dealing with anti-racism through slavery related resolutions, will discuss immigrants, refugees, new sanctuary movement and will hear staff reports.

JOSEPHINE HICKS – ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

A&F will review financial reports, and will hear from task force A&F 020 regarding the budget process and A&F 021 regarding balancing budget issues. Jim Lemler will report on the Constable Fund applications and there will be an update on the Archives.

TERRY ROBERTS – CONGREGATIONS IN MINISTRY

CIM will do an evaluation of ECIM and consider two resolutions – opportunities for persons with disabilities and anti-racism.

TASK FORCE UPDATES

Tom Gossen (On-line Donations) gave an update on the progress of the task force charged with researching the possibility of providing on-line giving opportunities. This group has reviewed the process that the ELCA employs and are looking into prospects for outsourcing.

Tim Anderson (A&F 021 – Balanced Budget) reported that his group, A&F 021, met with A&F for clarification of their charge and will be working with Linda Watt, Jim Lemler and Kurt Barnes.

Rosalie Ballentine (Draft Anglican Covenant) reported that the group has been overwhelmed by the response to the Short Study Guide to Respond to the Draft Anglican Covenant. INC will report later in the meeting.

Bonnie Anderson (EC 008) will report during private conversation.

Opening Remarks

Bonnie Anderson welcomed and introduced deputies from the Diocese of Newark – Diana Clark, Elizabeth Keaton, Lyn Headley-Deavors, Sandye Wilson, Louie Crew, Martha Gardner and Marge Christie. She gave a multi-media presentation which outlined her activities since the last meeting, including a trip to the TEAM (Towards Effective Anglican Mission) meeting in Boksburg, South Africa, and many other gatherings on Provincial, Diocesan and National levels, and planned future activities. She asked Rob Radtke to say a few words about ERD and the Nets for Life Program.

Linda Watt gave an update on operations at the Church Center and told the Executive Council that the staff are eagerly anticipating their visit to 815 Second Avenue tomorrow.

Katharine Jefferts Schori gave thanks to the Treasurer and his team for producing a clean audit. She announced the departure of Mike Carabine, Facilities Manager, saying that he was a wonderful person to work with. Carl Gerdau will leave at the end of September, and the new Canon to the Presiding Bishop, Chuck Robertson, will begin on August 15, 2007. Three bishops, Jim Kelsey, Frederick Putnam and Stephen Jecko died this week and she asked all to keep them in their prayers. Her recent activities included many diocesan visits, consecrations, and attendance at the Episcopal Conference for the Deaf, and she urged that close captioning be considered when looking at the issue of translation. Upcoming events on the Presiding Bishop's calendar include the Canadian General Synod, NECA in Jamestown, consecration of the new bishop in Connecticut, Union of Black Episcopalians, and visits to Columbia, Venezuela and Brazil.

At this point, visitors were asked to leave the room, and the meeting went into private conversation. Plenary recessed at 3:45 and the rest of the afternoon was spent in committee.

MONDAY EVENING

Dinner was preceded by presentations from Bishop Mark Beckwith, invited guests of the Diocese of Newark and representatives of Province II, Executive Council members Kim Byham and Petero Sabune.

TUESDAY, 6/14/07

The Executive Council traveled to New York for a visit to the Episcopal Church Center at 815 Second Avenue. The purpose of the trip was for the group to tour the newly renovated building and see the staff at work. Linda Watt welcomed the group and explained how the day would flow. There was time to visit the new bookstore/café, Catalyst, and then the group met in plenary in the Chapel. John Colón, Director of Human Resources, introduced the HR staff and gave the annual Equal Employment Opportunity Report. Hellen Wangusa, UN Anglican Observer, gave an overview of the work done by her office. Jim Lemler introduced Susan McCone, Mission Funding Coordinator. Susan spoke of the work she has begun on developing an infrastructure, establishing “best practices” and working to establish a system of tracking gifts.

After Holy Eucharist and lunch with 25 newly appointed missionaries, the Executive Council members broke into small groups and toured the building. This was followed by a demonstration of “Episcopal Communities” software by Rick Lamb, Technology Consultant, and a reception at the residence of the Presiding Bishop.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 6/15/07

The morning was spent in committee.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The first part of Wednesday afternoon was spent in committee, and the plenary session was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Petero Sabune reported on his experience as the Executive Council liaison to the Anglican Church of Canada. He noted that the main difference is that their entire meeting is held in plenary.

Michael Ingham, our liaison from the Anglican Church of Canada reported that this may not be his last meeting. The new representative may not be appointed until the fall meeting, and Bishop Ingham will recommend that they continue the relationship. The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada takes place next week (June 2007) and some of the matters on the agenda are the election of a new primate, governance issues, and human sexuality. The Episcopal Church will be represented by Katharine Jefferts Schori, Bonnie Anderson, Gregory Straub and Petero Sabune.

Victoria Garvey reported on her experience as liaison to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America. She commented that ECC staff member Tom Ferguson of Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations was very helpful in introducing her to people. The Lutherans spend their first day in committee and the rest of the meeting in plenary. They take great pride in who they are as Lutherans, and have a youth presence at every meeting.

John Vanderstar gave a follow-up on A123. He asked Council members to continue to ask what is being done in their diocese to address anti-racism and to keep him and Jayne Oasin informed.

John then introduced activist Davis MacIyalla of Nigeria. Mr. MacIyalla met with National Concerns and International Concerns jointly, and they asked him to speak in plenary. He spoke of his arrest and beating

after he publicly challenged the statement made by the Archbishop of Nigeria that there were no gay men or lesbians in Nigeria.

THURSDAY MORNING, 6/14/07

The meeting was called to order and committee reports began.

NATIONAL CONCERNS - JOHN VANDERSTAR

John Vanderstar, on behalf of National Concerns, drafted a letter to Bishop Gray regarding membership of The Episcopal Church in the RCRC (Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice). John explained that nothing has changed regarding this membership and his letter to Bishop Gray simply explains the position.

The committee met with Jayne Oasin to discuss anti-racism. We are in the second 9 year commitment to eliminate racism in the Church. This expires in 2009 and the time frame needs to be addressed. Jayne is developing a more advanced program and continues to train the trainers. She feels that she does not always have the support of diocesan bishops and urges Council members to explore ways that anti-racism can be increased in your diocese and province. The Diocese of Newark was cited as one that has an outstanding record of anti-racism training. There was some discussion about the parameters of the anti-racism training, and whether it should be expanded to include all types of racism, rather than being a black/white issue.

NAC 022 – *Adopted*

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on National Concerns
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: The New Sanctuary Movement

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church deplores raids carried out by the Immigration Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE) at work sites, community gatherings, and residences seeking undocumented workers, which result in separating families and leaving children parentless, and be it further

Resolved, That concerted effort be made to educate all levels and sectors of the Church to the plight of refugees, immigrants and migrants; to the need to offer them Christian hospitality; and to continue advocacy throughout the Church on behalf of immigration legislation which adheres to the principles espoused by the Church in resolution A017 (attached) adopted by General Convention in 2006, and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church encourages Episcopal clergy and lay persons to assist those seeking protection from deportation and detention by the provision of sanctuary which can include material, legal, and pastoral support, and those considering such action do so only after careful consideration and consultation with local experts on the legal implications of such actions.

Attachment to NAC 022:

GC2006 – A017

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of the Episcopal Church receive “The Alien Among You” in the Blue Book Report of the Standing Commission on Anglican and International Peace with Justice Concerns; and, while recognizing the duty and right of a sovereign nation to protect and defend its borders, adopt the following fundamental principles included in “The Alien Among You” as the policy of The Episcopal Church.

1. Undocumented aliens should have reasonable opportunity to pursue permanent residency.
2. Legal workers should be allowed to enter the United States to respond to recognized labor force needs.
3. Close family members should be allowed to reunite without undue delay with individuals lawfully present in the United States.
4. Fundamental U.S. principles of legal due process should be granted all persons.
5. Enforcement of national borders and immigration policies should be proportional and humane.

And be it further

Resolved, That the 75th General Convention of The Episcopal Church deplore any action by the Government of the United States which unduly emphasizes enforcement, including militarization of the border between the United States and Mexico, as the primary response to immigrants entering the United States to work; and be it further

Resolved, That The Episcopal Church undertake a campaign to educate Episcopalians as to the plight of refugees, immigrants, and migrants, which will include information about the root causes of migration; and be it further

Resolved, That this campaign call the church to commit to welcoming strangers as a matter of Christian responsibility, to advocate for their wellbeing and protection and to urge its members to resist legislation and actions which violate our fundamental beliefs as Christians, including the criminalization of persons providing humanitarian assistance to migrants.

There was a lively discussion both for and against when NAC 023 was presented, and Bishop Katharine asked that comments be limited to two minutes and that everyone be given the chance to be heard before someone can speak again.

An amendment was proposed to add the words “and Canons” after “Constitution” in the second and third Resolves. This amendment was adopted with one abstention, Julio Holguín.

When the vote was taken, the ayes outnumbered the nays and the Chair declared the motion carried.

NAC 023 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
 FROM: The Standing Committee on National Concerns
 DATE: June 14, 2007
 RE: Accession of Dioceses to the Constitution of The Episcopal Church

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, reminds the dioceses of The Episcopal Church that Article V, Section 1 of the Constitution of The Episcopal Church requires each Diocese to have a Constitution which shall include “an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of this Church;” and be it further

Resolved, That any amendment to a diocesan Constitution that purports in any way to limit or lessen an unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church is null and void; and be it further

Resolved, That the amendments passed to the Constitutions of the Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Ft. Worth, Quincy, and San Joaquin, which purport to limit or lessen the unqualified accession to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church are accordingly null and void and the Constitutions of those dioceses shall be as they were as if such amendments had not been passed.

EXPLANATION

Some dioceses of The Episcopal Church have purported to pass amendments to their diocesan Constitutions that repeal or limit the extent to which those dioceses are subject to the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church. The Dioceses of Pittsburgh, Ft. Worth, Quincy, and San Joaquin have

done so, and other dioceses have taken initial steps to do so. Because such actions violate the Constitution of The Episcopal Church as a whole, they can have no force or effect and must accordingly be considered as completely ineffective.

This concluded the report of National Concerns

INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS - SANDRA MCPHEE

International Concerns spent the bulk of their time wrestling with the responses to the Draft Anglican Covenant. They also heard from many staff members, discussed the possibility of inviting guests to the October meeting, discussed a proposal for an Anglican Mission Event, and discussed hospitality and how the church welcomes strangers. They would like this to be considered as a theme for General Convention.

On behalf of the committee formed to prepare the study guide to the Draft Anglican Covenant, Rosalie Ballentine reported that over 400 responses had been received from individuals and groups. Responses were received from:

201 Laity
100 Clergy
18 Bishops
27 Parishes
64 Groups

These responses are being turned over to the drafting group. Rosalie thanked her committee – Lee Alison Crawford, Ian Douglas, Josephine Hicks, Mark Harris, Julio Holguín and Catherine Roskam, and the General Convention Office staff for their help. The work of this group is now concluded.

INC 020 – *Adopted*

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: INC
RE: Appreciation for Responses received to “The Short Study Guide.”
DATE: June 14, 2007

Resolved, That the Executive Council extends its thanks and appreciation to the over four hundred individuals and groups that responded to “The Short Study Guide” in response to the Draft Anglican Covenant; *and be it further*

Resolved, That the Executive Council directs the office of the General Convention to express the Executive Council’s gratitude to those individuals and groups that responded, as is realistic and possible.

INC 021 – *Adopted*

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: INC
RE: Appointment of Covenant Response Drafting Group
DATE: June 14, 2007

Resolved, That the Presiding Officers of the Executive Council appoint a work group made up of members of the Executive Council to draft the Executive Council’s response to the Draft Anglican Covenant as prepared by the Covenant Design Group, *and be it further*

Resolved, That the work group will be limited in size while being as broadly representative as possible of the many constituencies and voices of our diverse church, *and be it further*

Resolved, That this work group prepare a proposed response of the Executive Council to the Draft Anglican Covenant to be considered at the October 2007 Executive Council meeting, *and be it further*

Resolved, That this work group remain throughout the triennium as a primary resource to “the International Concerns Standing Committee of the Executive Council and the Episcopal Church’s members of the Anglican Consultative Council to follow the development processes of an Anglican Covenant.” (Resolution 2006 A166)

INC 019 – *Adopted*

To: Executive Council
From: International Concerns Committee
Date: 13 June, 2007
Re: Appreciation to Missionaries in Training

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007 express its deep appreciation to the missionaries of The Episcopal Church, who, during their missionary training program, took time to meet with the Executive Council; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council offer its prayers and best wishes to these missionaries in training, and to all missionaries of The Episcopal Church, as Ambassadors of Christ and of this Church; and be it further

Resolved, That the General Convention Office communicate these prayers and sentiments to the missionaries with whom we met.

This concluded the report of International Concerns

ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE - JOSEPHINE HICKS

A&F spent time reviewing financial reports. Josephine thanked the Investment Committee, Kurt Barnes and his staff for their work.

There was a discussion about A&F 031, and an amendment to add “GC Secretary” in the second Resolve was proposed and adopted. There was a question about how this would affect the work of A&F 020, but the work of that group is done.

A&F 031 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: The AF-20 Task Force
DATE: May 24, 2007
RE: Proposed Resolution in Response to the Request for More Meaningful Input by Executive Council and its Standing Committees in the Formulation and Evaluation of Budget Requests, AF-20

Resolved, that no later than the October 2007 meeting of the Executive Council, the Presiding Officers shall appoint a Budget Committee to be chaired by the Chair of the Standing Committee on Administration and Finance.

Resolved, that the membership on this committee shall include one representative of each of the four Standing Committees of Executive Council, the Chief Operating Officer, the Director of Mission, the General Convention Secretary, the Treasurer and the Chair of the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget and Finance (or the Chair's designee).

Resolved, that the Budget Committee shall coordinate and oversee the work of the Executive Council and Standing Committees in preparing a budget for the 2010-2012 Triennium.

Resolved, that at the February 2008 meeting of the Executive Council, each Standing Committee will lead work sessions with appropriate Church Center staff and others to assess the needs and opportunities facing the ministry areas under that Committee's oversight and to identify the key goals and mission priorities for such ministry areas for the 2010-2012 Triennium.

Resolved, that each Standing Committee will report the needs, opportunities, goals and mission priorities of its ministry areas to the Budget Committee no later than March 15, 2008. The report shall be in a format to be determined by the Budget Committee.

Resolved, that at the June 2008 meeting of Executive Council, each Standing Committee will report on its work to Executive Council, and Executive Council will integrate the goals and mission priorities of each Standing Committee into overarching goals and mission priorities to guide preparation of the proposed budget for the 2009 Triennium.

Resolved, that following the June 2008 meeting of Executive Council, the Budget Committee will communicate the goals and mission priorities to Church Center Staff, CCABs and other budgetary units. The Budget Committee will solicit budget requests in formats to be determined by the Budget Committee. The deadline for submitting budget requests to Executive Council shall be September 15, 2008.

Resolved, that during the Executive Council meeting in October of 2008, each Standing Committee will meet with Church Center Staff, CCAB representatives and others to evaluate whether the budget requests appropriately reflect and address the mission priorities agreed by the EC in June 2008. Each Standing Committee will provide the Budget Committee with proposed budget requests for its ministry areas no later than November 15, 2008.

Resolved, that at the Executive Council meeting of February of 2009, the Budget Committee will present an integrated budget to A&F, which will then present a proposed budget to the Executive Council. The Executive Committee will consider that proposed budget for adoption and submission to the Joint Standing Committee on Program, Budget & Finance ("PB&F") for the 2009 General Convention.

Jim Lemler was asked to speak to A&F 032, and he gave some background information on the Mission Funding Initiative. Jim said that now is the time to regroup and have more input from Executive Council, and to that end, A&F 032 asks the Presiding Officers to appoint a task force.

A&F 032 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Administration and Finance
DATE: June 13, 2007
SUBJECT: Appoint Task Force to Review Implementation of AF-073 (2005)

Resolved, That Executive Council meeting June 11-14, 2007 in Parsippany, NJ requests the Presiding Officers appoint a Task Force for the purpose of:

1. Reviewing the progress made to date in living into the directives of AF-073 (adopted by Executive Council meeting February, 11-14, 2005);
2. Reporting to the Executive Council at its October, 2007 meeting regarding the organization, operation, and oversight of the Mission Funding Initiative; and
3. Assessing the advisability of the Mission Funding Initiative nurturing gifts for purposes under the control of groups not within the oversight of The Episcopal Church.

Resolved, that this task force include at least two members each of the Executive Council, PB&F, and the Standing Commission on Stewardship and Development supported by the Director of Mission.

Explanation

The Charter adopted for the Mission Funding Initiative sets forth that the organization and operation of the “Initiative shall be organized and operated as the Presiding Bishop shall designate...”, that “oversight of the work of the Initiative shall reside in the Executive Council.”

This Task Force is to outline and present a plan to formalize the organization and operation of the Initiative including representation by members of and reporting to the Executive Council.

The current case statement draft identifies The Fund for Future Leaders, which is administered by an entity not subject to the direction of the Executive Council. This raises questions that need to be addressed by this task force.

An editorial change in title was suggested and approved for A&F 033.

A&F 033 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
 FROM: The Standing Committee of Administration & Finance
 DATE: June 13, 2007
 RE: Title IV Review Task Force II

RESOLVED, That the operating budget of the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society for 2007 be amended to provide funding in the amount of \$10,000 to support the work of the Title IV Review Task Force II; *and be it further*

RESOLVED, That the \$16,000 which is currently appropriated for the expenses of the Investment Committee be used to fund this effort, with the understanding that the excess of \$6,000 will constitute a modest reserve for future unforeseen needs within the overall budget.

EXPLANATION

Funding for the study of continued work on Title IV revisions was not included in the budget for this triennium. In collaboration with the Office of the Presiding Bishop and the President of the House of Deputies, the Executive Council, on the advice of the Administration and Finance Committee, recommends this budget modification.

The earnings from the endowment are a proper source for the expenses of the Investment Committee. Therefore, the funds appropriated in the Domestic & Foreign Missionary Society budget are not necessary for this purpose. The funds in excess of the \$10,000 needed for Title IV work will constitute a modest reserve in the overall budget of DFMS for future unforeseen needs.

Other A&F business included the continuing work of the Archives Relocation Study and On-line Giving Task Forces.

This concluded the A&F report.

CONGREGATIONS IN MINISTRY - TERRY ROBERTS

CIM had a wonderful and exciting meeting, and members were struck by the excitement of the ECC staff as they talked about their work. Terry thanked Vice Chair Butch Gamarra, Secretary Joyce Hardy and the rest of the committee for their hard work. The committee spent much time discussing General Convention resolutions, had an in-depth discussion on Indigenous Ministries, and heard staff reports.

CIM 006 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Anglican Communion Response to Malaria and HIV/AIDS (Peace and Justice Unit, Officer of Government Relations) 29,000

A project to engage US congressional and religious leaders in learning and advocacy relating to Malaria and HIV/AIDS. A delegation would go to Zambia for this purpose. It would help to inform US policy and demonstrate solidarity with the mission of Zambian Anglicans. It builds on the recent international Anglican “Towards Effective Anglican Mission” (TEAM) Conference and gives expression to one of the major MDG’s.

CIM 007 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Black Clergy and lay Women’s Gathering – (Office of Black Ministries) 35,000

A series of four events aimed at gathering Black Episcopal clergy and lay women for conversation around challenging issues of ministry. The goal of the project is to develop gender specific sources of support

and empowerment for clergy and lay women, youth and young adults and will include mentoring and coaching partnerships

CIM 008 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

CCAB of Color Gathering – (Ethnic Congregational Development Unit) 10,000

The purpose of this project is to gather the ethnic members of the Commissions, Committees and Boards (CCABs) towards a practical and reflective experience of collegiality, collaboration and community. It will focus on the polity, structure and ethos of the Episcopal Church and the way in which communities of color or ethnic congregations are included or mainstreamed into the structure. Histories of struggle, suffering and hope as well as emerging values of radical hospitality and reconciling community will be shared with and among the missionaries and participants. The gathering is designed to be in sync with a meeting of the Executive Council.

CIM 009 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Cancionero: A New Songbook for Latino-Hispanic Episcopal Congregations (Office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries) 25,000

The purpose of this project is (1) to prepare an affordable and accessible Spanish-language songbook ready for presentation to a publisher or to be published by the office of Latino/Hispanic Ministries and (2) to provide electronic resources of every song in the *cancionero*, available on low-cost CDs or DVDs. Growing Latino ministries throughout the Episcopal Church are crying out for a common and popular congregational music book.

CIM 010 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Convocation of American Churches in Europe Education Events (Office of Ministry Development)
14,650

The Convocation of American Churches in Europe has begun a three part series of education and formation events entitled “Transformed by Stories.” This is the first educational venture of its kind in the Convocation. In sequence, the learning events focus on stories from our tradition, learning about personal faith stories and encouraging the ability to articulate them, and learning how to tell the Episcopal Anglican stories in the midst of the Convocation’s incredibly challenging multi-cultural and multi-lingual life.

CIM 011 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Creating the Global Conference (Stewardship Office) 11,000

“Generosity and Mission” is an international stewardship conference recently completed in England and co-sponsored by the Episcopal Church, the Church of England, the Anglican Church of Canada, and the Episcopal Network for Stewardship (TENS). This funding will allow editing of videos from this and a previous stewardship conference to be used as “classes” for a variety of organizations and communities. Study guides will also be prepared.

CIM 012 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Empowering Women Advocates (Office of Women’s Ministries) 29,000

The proposal aims to further empower Anglican women as advocates not only within their churches but in their communities as well. This project would help Anglican women to be more fully recognized as partners within the church and in civil society. Using the IAWN regional meeting in Burundi, a workshop on women’s MDG advocacy would be designed for the UNCSW meeting of 2008.

CIM 013 – Adopted

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Constable Fund

Resolved, That the Executive Council, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, recommend the following proposal for a Constable Fund grant:

Resourcing and Renewing Ecumenical and Interfaith Leadership (Ecumenical and Interfaith Affairs Office) 10,500

A 12-week online course introducing ecumenical and interfaith relations to the broader Episcopal Church. The course will include reading in primary and secondary sources, online discussion, an overview of ecumenical and interfaith “protocol,” and strategies for network building and engaging in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue in local communities. Two follow-up conferences will serve to reinforce the material covered.

CIM 014 was presented to Jerry Hames and *accepted by acclamation*.

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
RE: Jerrold Hames
DATE: June 13, 2007

Whereas, Jerrold Hames has served faithfully as editor of *Episcopal Life* since January 2, 1990, guiding the staff and the paper to receive numerous national, churchwide and ecumenical awards; and

Whereas his overall journalistic career of more than 43 years has been marked by what Presiding Bishop Edmond L. Browning in 1989 called “a tremendous sense of what it means to be part of the Anglican Communion”; and

Whereas Jerry Hames, before serving as *Episcopal Life’s* founding editor after the paper’s transition from its prior days as *The Episcopalian*, completed a 14-year tenure as editor of *The Canadian Churchman*, and previously as press and information officer for the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada; and

Whereas his commitment to balanced and accurate reporting began as a writer for two Ontario, Canada, newspapers following his graduation from the University of Windsor in 1964; and

Whereas his “international reputation for integrity,” cited by the late Sonia Francis, Episcopal Church Center Executive for Communications at the time of his hiring in New York, will be perpetuated by the Jerrold Hames Scholarship for Multicultural Communication in the Episcopal Church;

Be it resolved, That the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Jerrold Hames on the occasion of his retirement on June 30, 2007, as editor of *Episcopal Life*.

Resolution CIM 015 was the product of a subcommittee headed by Butch Gamarra. There was some discussion about this resolution and a proposal was made and accepted to discuss it further in private conversation at 11:50, directly before the lunch break. The report from CIM will continue in the afternoon session.

On behalf of the Audit Committee, Stacy Sauls presented EC 009.

EC 009 – *Adopted*

To: The Executive Council
From: The Audit Committee

Date: June 11, 2007
Re: Audited Financial Statements

Resolved, That the Executive Council accepts the Audited Financial Statements covering the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006.

Explanation

No significant deficiencies, irregularities, or illegal acts were identified during the audit by Grant Thornton, the Society's independent audit firm. The Audit Committee of the Executive Council accepted the audit report at its meeting on May 21, 2007.

In presenting EC 010, Bonnie Anderson explained that the EC 008 work group have completed their task and have acted on it. The initial presentation was made in private conversation. There was a move to defer EC 010, which was seconded and approved.

EC 011 – *Adopted*

To: Executive Council
From: EC008 Work Group
Date: June 14, 2007
Re: Commending the Report of the Communion Sub-Group
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(<http://www.anglicancommunion.org/acns/articles/42/25/acns4249.cfm>)

Resolved, The Executive Council welcomes the “Report of the Communion Sub-Group” of the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates’ Meeting and the Anglican Consultative Council” as a helpful evaluation of The 75th General Convention’s response to the Windsor Report, *and be it further*

Resolved, The Executive Council encourages the House of Bishops to consider the findings of the “Report of the Communion Sub-Group” as they prepare for the September 2007 meeting of the House of Bishops.

There was a request to speak in opposition of EC 012, and an amendment was proposed to ask the House of Bishops to reconsider their response. This substitute amendment was seconded, but failed.

EC 012 – *Adopted with one abstention*

To: Executive Council
From: EC008 Work Group
Date: June 14, 2007
Re: Executive Council’s response to the House of Bishops Mind of the House Resolution on the Proposed “Pastoral Scheme”

Resolved, The Executive Council concurs with the House of Bishops Mind of the House Resolution of March 20, 2007 that “the proposed Pastoral Scheme of the Dar es Salaam Communiqué of February 19, 2007 would be injurious to The Episcopal Church,” *and be it further*

Resolved, That the Executive Council finds that the requests made of The Episcopal Church contained in the “Key Recommendations” of the Dar es Salaam Communiqué, are properly directed to the General Convention of The Episcopal Church, *and be it further*

Resolved, That the Executive Council declines to participate in the proposed Pastoral Scheme and respectfully requests the Presiding Bishop to decline as well.

At this time, a vote was taken on EC 010.

EC 010 – *Adopted*

To: Executive Council
From: EC008 Work Group
Date: June 14, 2007
Re: Acceptance of “The Episcopal Church’s Commitment to Common Life in the Anglican Communion”

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Resolved, that the Executive Council receives and adopts the report of the EC008 Work Group entitled “The Episcopal Church’s Commitment to Common Life in the Anglican Communion.”

That concluded the work of the EC 008 Work Group.

Rosalie Ballentine gave an update on the group looking at the issue of Overseas Pensions. They met yesterday with Dennis Sullivan and Pat Collier of the Church Pension Fund and will meet again before October. There was some discussion about the working title of the group, as it is not truly representative of the target group. The emphasis is on Province IX, but is not limited to that province. A suggestion was made to look at changes made in the Philippines for a model.

Gregory Straub presented EC 013, which was *accepted by acclamation*.

TO: The Executive Council
RE: Retirement of Carlson Gerdau
DATE: June 14, 2007

Whereas, that the Executive Council of The Episcopal Church, meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11th to June 14th, 2007, recognizes with gratitude the work and ministry of The Rev’d Canon Carlson Gerdau upon the occasion of this Council meeting, his last before retiring in September 2007.

Whereas, in his capacity as Canon to the Presiding Bishop and Primate since 1997, Canon Gerdau has exercised a considerable influence, often gentle, on every aspect of the church’s governmental, legislative and diplomatic life, and

Whereas, his intimate acquaintance with the life and work of the House of Bishops, his deft assistance with appointments of bishops to the Councils of the Church, his role as Registrar of Consecrations, his oversight of consecrations of bishops and his hand in the everyday activities of the Presiding Bishop’s office have made his ministry significant and valued in the life of the church, and

Whereas, those privileged to have known him closely are familiar with a man whose sometimes gruff exterior inadequately conceals a soul of extraordinary kindness, wisdom and humor, a soul deeply in love with the Church of his entire life, and wide enough to embrace everyone from those in high places to those in need, unknown and unacknowledged and known only to him and to them, and

Whereas, he is a man equally at home in the remote corners of the Upper Peninsula of Michigan and at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York City, he is a formidable presence, affectionately known as “Carlito”, and therefore be it

Resolved, That The Executive Council joins with those in many places on many continents whose lives Carl has touched; his former parishioners in Michigan, his friends in Missouri, his colleagues in Chicago, Presiding Bishops, Presidents of the House of Deputies, Executive Officers, the Chancellor to the Presiding Bishop, the Bishop for Pastoral Development, the management team and all the staff at The church Center, in wishing him Godspeed, good health and all the blessings of a long and enjoyable life in retirement.

The Consent Calendar was called and adopted.

A&F 023 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Draw from Trust Fund 544, Bequest of Miss Ethel Bingham (1942)

Resolved, That a total of \$13,375 be disbursed from Trust Fund #544 to support the one-time cost of providing access for every DFMS department to upgraded accounting software.

EXPLANATION

Ethel Bingham was employed by the DFMS from 1929 until her untimely death in 1942. For most of that time, she worked as the secretary to the Treasurer. Ms. Bingham had an annuity with the DFMS that paid a death benefit during active service. Having no immediate relatives, Ms. Bingham had named the DFMS as the beneficiary. She died while in active service.

The National Council resolved to create a trust from this bequest, “the income from which shall be paid to the ‘Treasurer’s Discretionary Fund,’ to be used primarily for special needs not covered by the budget.” Historically, the income has been reinvested.

We are proposing to use the accumulated appreciation and dividends to finance the one-time cost of the software upgrade, which benefits the entire DFMS staff and its work. One software installation will be provided to each budgetary department; multiple installations will be charged to the requesting department.

Counsel agree that this use is a “special need” not covered by the budgets of the departments.

A&F 024 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Iglesia Episcopal de Honduras Draw from Trust Fund #872

Resolved, That a total of \$110,000 be withdrawn from Trust Fund #872 (Endowment Fund for the Episcopate, Diocese of Honduras) and be remitted to the Episcopal Church of Honduras (IEH) upon receipt of properly executed request from the Bishop and Standing Committee of the IEH to assist the diocese to make pension contributions that are in arrears.

Explanation:

This request for assistance comes from The Rt. Rev. Lloyd E. Allen, Bishop of the Episcopal Church of Honduras.

Trust Fund #767 was established in 1983 to enable the Diocese of Honduras’ efforts to be self-supporting. Dividend income has been regularly paid to the IEH. Bishop Allen has asked that this withdrawal be structured as a borrowing (loan) repayable by the IEH over a period of five years. The funds will be used to satisfy past due payments due to the Church Pension Fund for clergy pension contributions.

A&F 025 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
 FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
 DATE: June 14, 2007
 RE: Episcopal Church of Liberia Draw from
 Trust Funds 1, 91, 351, 421, 423.02, 555 and 868

Resolved, That a total of \$100,000 be withdrawn from the following trust funds upon receipt of properly executed request from the Bishop and Standing Committee of the Episcopal Church of Liberia (ECL)

- Trust Fund #1 (Jane Bohlen Fund [1857])	\$68,000
- Trust Fund #91 (Phillips Brooks Memorial Church Fund ([1894])	\$20,000
- Trust Fund #555 (Missionary District of Liberia Church Endowment Fund [1943])	\$12,000

and be remitted to the ECL to fund a diocesan Special Convention and costs associated with an episcopal transition in 2007.

EXPLANATION

This request for assistance comes from The Right Reverend Edward Neufville, Bishop of ECL, and the President of the ECL Standing Committee. The ECL intends to use the moneys to fund a diocesan Special Convention and costs associated with an episcopal transition (the present bishop’s retirement and installation of his successor).

These draws are consistent with the language of the trust documents.

The ECL currently receives a block grant of approximately \$220,000 annually through the DFMS budget. The ECL annual budget did not make provision, however, for these unusual transition expenditures, which are detailed below.

ECL Transition Budget	
Nominating Committee	\$ 1,800
Special Convention -- Transportation, accommodation, supplies	\$ 14,800
Bishop Elect staff	\$ 4,500
Bishop Elect vehicle	\$ 45,000
Bishop and successor overseas travel -- to Province of West Africa, DFMS and companion dioceses	\$ 15,000
Consecration and Enthronement -- accommodation, catering, transportation	\$ 22,500
Contingency at 10%	\$ 10,360
	\$ 113,960

A&F 026 – *Adopted*

TO: The Executive Council
 FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
 DATE: June 14, 2007
 RE: Amendment to Trust Fund #1008 Emma Lou Benignus (2005)

Resolved, that the description of Trust Fund # 1008, the Benignus, Emma Lou Estate, established for use solely by the Women in Mission and Ministry program or its successor, be amended to remove the word “principal” in the second sentence so that it reads: Income to be used solely by the Women in Mission and Ministry program or its successor.

EXPLANATION

Trust Fund # 1008 Benignus, Emma Lou, Estate (2005)

This fund was established with \$30,000 from the Benignus Remainder Unitrust Estate. Resolution 3.6 of the 2007-2009 Budget for The Episcopal Church states that “[d]esignated bequests and legacies received during the budgetary period shall be set aside in specific funds of which only the income shall be used for the purposes so designated.” Removal of the word “principal” will conform the trust fund description to the resolution.

A&F 027 – *Adopted*

TO: The Executive Council
 FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
 DATE: June 14, 2007
 RE: Trust Fund #992.00 - Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida, Inc

Resolved, that the name be changed on Trust Fund # 992.00 from Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation Inc. to Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida, Inc., Palm Beach Gardens, FL.

EXPLANATION

Trust Fund # 992.00 Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida, Inc (2002)

This fund was established to hold and invest funds from the entity then called Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation Inc., Diocese of Southeast Florida. The owner has notified the DFMS in writing that it has legally changed its name to Episcopal Charities of Southeast Florida, Inc., and has asked the DFMS to change the name of the trust accordingly. This is a custodial-type trust fund, meaning that DFMS is not trustee for these funds but is providing the owner (Southeast Florida Episcopal Foundation, Inc.) with access to investment management through DFMS. The owner may add or withdraw

income and principal funds at its discretion based upon DFMS regulations for trust fund withdrawals.

A&F 028 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf

Resolved, that Trust Fund #1012 be established to hold and invest funds from St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf, Kirkwood, MO.

EXPLANATION

Trust Fund # 1012 St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf (2007)

This fund was established with \$443,205.88 as an investment account by St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf. Principal and/or income may be withdrawn upon request. This is a custodial-type trust fund, meaning that DFMS is not trustee for these funds but is simply providing the owner (St. Thomas Episcopal Church for the Deaf) with access to investment management through DFMS endowment. The owner may add to or withdraw principal funds at its discretion based upon DFMS regulations for trust fund withdrawals.

A&F 029 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Trust Fund #1013 Margery Hall Fawcett

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1013, Fawcett, Margery Hall, be established, income and accumulated appreciation only to be used by the Society solely for work among North American Indians.

EXPLANATION

Trust Fund # 1013 Fawcett, Margery Hall (2007)

This fund was established with \$40,000 bequest from the 2nd Amendment to the Revocable Trust of Margery H. Fawcett. The fund is to be “invested and reinvested and the income only to be used for work among North American Indians”, such use to be at the discretion of the Director of Ethnic Congregational Development, the Missioner for Native American Ministries, and the Director of Mission after consultation with the Treasurer.

A&F 030 – Adopted

TO: The Executive Council
FROM: The Standing Committee on Administration & Finance
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Trust Fund #1014 Frederick M. Pedersen

Resolved, that Trust Fund # 1014, Pedersen, Frederick M., be established for mission work in China or Japan.

EXPLANATION

Trust Fund # 1014 Pedersen, Frederick M. (2007)

This fund was established with a \$12,004.36 bequest from the Estate of Frederick M. Pedersen. Income and accumulated appreciation are ‘to be used for missions in China or Japan’, such use to be determined each year at the discretion of the Director of Anglican and Global Relations, and the Director of Mission after consultation with the Treasurer.

CIM 004 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Establishing a Minimum Time Length for Anti Racism Training

Resolved, That the Executive Council meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, establish a minimum requirement of fourteen (14) hours of anti-racism training that is called for in Resolution GC2000-B049 and GC2003-A010.

Explanation

1. Racism is so deeply entrenched in both the Church and society that it is impossible to make an impact even at the Awareness level in fewer than fourteen hours.
2. The current national Anti-Racism training program, “Seeing the Face of God in Each Other” is based on the National Dialogue on Anti-Racism methodology which was designed for twenty (20) hours in dialogue and interaction.
3. The eradication of racism in individuals, groups, and institutions is a lifetime endeavor; indeed there is no quick fix. Often, a great deal of time is consumed working through various forms of resistance to the work. Consequently, this suggested minimum time length of training is a bare minimum, and it is in accordance with sound training theory and practice which suggests that for the gradual development and understanding of a topic through the use of both the mind and heart, a longer period of time is required. Fourteen hours of training would increase the probability that knowledge and insights gained in the first day (seven hours) of training would be reinforced on the second day.
4. In order for the full impact of anti-racism training to be experienced and perpetuated, this suggested minimum length of training is strongly urged.

Completes Resolution B025 of GC2006.

CIM 005 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Standing Committee on Congregations in Ministry
DATE: June 14, 2007
RE: Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities

Resolved, That the Executive Council meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007, reaffirms resolution 1985-A087 and urges dioceses to convene committees on disability concerns to

comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act affording access for persons with disabilities to all church properties; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council urges all congregations to designate a person or persons to be particularly responsible for disability concerns; and be it further

Resolved, That the Executive Council urges all churches, affiliated organizations, and institutions of The Episcopal Church to use only facilities which are accessible to all persons.

Explanation

The Episcopal Disability Network reports that less than half of all dioceses have provided disability and contact information. Additionally, since the first resolution authorizing a Disability Task Force in 1985 there have been several significant resolutions dealing with disability concerns that have been passed at General Convention, but have not become widely known. If we are to achieve full participation of all disabled persons into the life of the church, we need a framework of responsible individuals who can work together in the local, Diocesan, National and Worldwide communities. Reaffirming 1985-A087 and urging Diocesan and Parish involvement will breathe new life into all issues dealing with Disability Concerns.

The completes GC 2006-D070

INC 018 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: International Concerns Committee
DATE: June 8, 2007
RE: NEW COMPANION DIOCESE RELATIONSHIP

Resolved, That the Executive Council meeting in Parsippany, New Jersey from June 11-14, 2007 vote to recognize a new Companion Diocese Relationship between the Diocese of Utah and the Diocese of Mexico in the Anglican Church of Mexico, until such time as this relationship is terminated by mutual consent.

NAC 021 – *Adopted*

TO: Executive Council
FROM: Jubilee Ministries
DATE: May 4, 2007
SUBJECT: **New/Reaffirmed Jubilee Programs
being reviewed by Executive Council**

Here is a list of Jubilee Programs to be reviewed by Executive Council on June 11-14, 2007 in Parsippany, New Jersey.

New

1. Medical Lending Closet
Grace Episcopal Church
525 A Avenue NE
Cedar Rapids, IA 52402

Sarah Thompson
Diocese of Iowa

2. NOAH Neighbors Organized
Against Hunger
Holy Family Episcopal Church
1500 E. Cotati Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928
The Rev. Gail Cafferata
Diocese of Northern California

3. Family Promise of Lubbock, Inc.
P.O. Box 1258
Lubbock, TX 79408
Connie Hindman
Diocese of Northwest Texas

Reaffirmation

4. St. John's Jubilee Center, Carlisle
P.O. Box 612
Carlisle, PA 17013
The Rev. Mark Scheneman
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

10. Shelter Care Ministries
412 N. Church Street
Rockford, IL 61103
Robert Parker
Diocese of Chicago

5. St. John's Jubilee Center, Lancaster
321 West Chestnut Street
Lancaster, PA 17607
The Rev. John Morris
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

11. St. Margarets
2555 East 73rd Street
Chicago, IL 60649
The Rev. Primitivo Racimo
Diocese of Chicago

6. St. Mark's Jubilee Center
21 South Main Street
Lewiston, PA 17044
The Rev. Ronald Guy
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

12. Trinity Jubilee Center
218 East Benton
Aurora, IL 60505
Ms. Linda Barber
Diocese of Chicago

7. Trinity Episcopal Church Jubilee
Center
P.O. Box 206
Renovo, PA 17764
The Rev. Dolores Calhoun
Diocese of Central Pennsylvania

13. Caring Ministries of Morgan County
420 East Railroad Avenue
Fort Morgan, CO 80701
Bobbi Meng
Diocese of Colorado

8. Chicago Anti-Hunger Federation
4345 W. Division
Chicago, IL 60651
Daniel Gibbons
Diocese of Chicago

14. Cooperating Ministry of Logan
County
230 North Tenth Avenue
Sterling, CO 80751-2856
Mr. Michael Sperber
Diocese of Colorado

9. Primo Center for Women
4241 West Washington Blvd.
P.O. Box 24337
Chicago, IL 60624
Dollie Williams
Diocese of Chicago

15. Metro Care Ring
1100 E. 18th Avenue
Denver, CO 80203

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| | John Holmer
Diocese of Colorado | P.O. Box 200
Bronx, N.Y. 10451
The Rev. Bertram Bennett
Diocese of New York |
| 16. | St. James Episcopal Church
76 Federal Street
New London, CT 06320
The Rev. Michael Belt
Diocese of Connecticut | 18. St. Lawrence Place
2400 Waites Road
Columbia, SC 29204
Scarlett Benjamin
Diocese of Upper South Carolina |
| 17. | St. David's Episcopal Church
384 East 160 th Street | |

End of consent calendar

Terry Roberts announced that CIM 015 has been withdrawn.

Ed Rodman, Kim Byham and Sally Johnson have agreed to be liaisons for the study of Fair Employment Practices in the Episcopal Church. This is an unfunded group, so the Church Pension Group has provided a place to meet. The first step is a census and Council is asked to encourage lay employees to fill it out. The survey will be mailed and is also available on line.

Next, Gregory Straub conducted a real time evaluation:

Real Time Evaluation of Executive Council's Meeting in Parsippany

- 1. This meeting was a four day meeting. What benefits did we receive, having a longer meeting?**
 - Opportunity to see the renovated headquarters in New York
 - Just a more relaxed atmosphere in which to interact – might have more Eucharists and more brainstorming time
 - More committee time in which to do work
 - More time for subcommittees to get a head start on their work

- 2. Are there elements from this meeting that need to be considered by the Agenda Committee when planning another four day meeting? How about a three day meeting?**
 - Liked idea of starting the meeting with committees instead of plenary
 - Three-day meeting plus a visit and social time following – visit to 815 was valuable and recommend in future triennia that this be done early on (do a video-like a tour and include Episcopal tenant agencies)
 - Liked to go out and dine – good for community building (let's do it in Quito)
 - Starting a three-day meeting with committee time

- 3. Executive Council next meets over a weekend in Dearborn, MI. Do you have suggestions of what might be included in that meeting to make the best use of time?**
 - Standing resolution from GC (B002) to make significant statement and evaluation of the church's imprint in creating carbon emissions and global warming – could we make this part of the next meeting

- Might be a good thing to do interfaith experience with their large Islamic community
 - Ask for a report from the Congregational Development staff since 2006 data will be out and create vitality and growth in the Church that is needed (Fulton and Hadaway)
- 4. Do you have comments or criticisms of this present meeting that ought to be considered by the Agenda Committee as they plan for future meetings?**
- Humane air control – meeting rooms were freezing
 - When we get call to meeting letter, can we get the end time so we can plan for travel?
 - If we can work at breakfast, can we work it into the hotel package? A lot of breakfast meetings took place – a lot of time could have been saved if the breakfast was included with our room rate
 - Would like more translation head phones so English speakers can participate more fully for INC

REFLECTIONS FROM VICE CHAIR AND CHAIR

Vice Chair Bonnie Anderson reflected that it was bittersweet saying good-bye to Michael Ingham, Carl Gerdau and Jerry Hames. She was impressed by the level of work done at this meeting and feels that the new class has really come up to speed. She expressed thanks to the General Convention Office staff for their efforts.

Chair Katharine Jefferts Schori was thankful and delighted about the range of things addressed at this meeting. She expressed gratitude for the way the group functioned together and noted that sometimes there are better ways to work than through legislation. She offered blessings on the journey home.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

