

TEC: EC

World Mission Notes

Noreen L. Duncan [Secretary]

February 26, 2016

- **Present:** Karen Longenecker [Chair], Coromoto Jimenez de Salazar, [Vice-chair], Bsp Lloyd Allen, Nathaniel Pierce, Marion Luckey, PHOD Vice-president Byron Rushing, Jim Simons, PHOD Pres. Gay Jennings, Peter Wall, Noreen Duncan [Secretary], Brian Sellers-Petersen, Margaret Rose, Chuck Robertson, Dinorah Padro [Interpreter], Russell Randle, PB Michael Curry, Michael Barlowe
- **Chairing, Opening Remarks:** Chair **Karen Longenecker**
- Those present introduced themselves and indicated as asked what energy they brought into the work and mission
- **Minutes from November 2015**
 - ✓ Motion to approve: Marion Luckey
 - ✓ Minutes approved
- Chair Longenecker reviewed the **meeting agenda** [posted earlier to members on Extranet]
 - ✓ See attached
 - ✓ **Ecumenical and Interreligious Update [Executive Council - February 26, 2016]** Orientation and Briefing by **Margaret Rose** and **Chuck Robertson** See attached report posted by Chair Longenecker
 - ✓ Pres. Jennings read and reviewed resolution C045 [2009]
 - Pres. Jennings reviewed the Transparency requirements across TEC
 - Pres. Jennings spoke to Canonical laws relating to how the Executive Council elects [names] members of ecumenical [dialog bodies?] bodies/entities

- ✓ There ensued a discussion on the progress/process of proposals on ecumenical issues to General Convention
- ✓ TEC has been in conversation with what used to be referred to COCU
- ✓ TEC is working to improve its image in these ecumenical discussions
- ✓ Racial Reconciliation, as Presiding Bishop Curry has instructed TEC, is an important aspect of TEC's ecumenical work/mission
- ✓ This work is relational e.g. participation in World Council of Churches meetings
- ✓ 90% of Dioceses report to have an ecumenical officer
- ✓ Recommendation: WM can be a real partner in interreligious work and this is vital to Racial Reconciliation initiatives
- ✓ There was a Report on the Marrakesh Declaration that looks at the rights of religious minorities in Islamic countries
- **Presiding Bishop Curry and Pres. Gay Jennings: Primates' Meeting**
 - ✓ A Discussion on the Primates' Meeting report presented by PB Curry earlier in the day
 - ✓ Chair Longenecker asked the PB and PHOD what WM could do to support their efforts in the next months before the June meeting as they prepare for the Anglican Consultative Council's meeting and others meetings
- **Discussion on UTO and UTO grants: Marion Lucky reporting**
 - ✓ See attached
 - ✓ At the November meeting, WM discussed the two ways for applying for UTO grants
 - Young adults
 - Seminarians
 - New initiative?
 - Each grant = \$2,500.00
 - ✓ The difference between last year's process and this year's is that there has been a significant increase in applications
 - ✓ GC's 2015 in-gathering was set aside for seminarians' grants

- ✓ At the June meeting, WM will be asked to approve the recipients for the applications for the “traditional” applicants as well the language for the focus on criteria.
 - See cover letter
 - ✓ It was suggested that the information and application process should be disseminated in both English and Spanish, particularly for prospective applicants in Province IX
 - ✓ If the initiative were more widely broadcast, the pool of applicants would be wider and more robust
 - ✓ WM decided to respond affirmatively to the UTO Board’s request for the grants’ approvals.
 - ✓ The WM Board voted to approve the request as communicated in the letter from UTO.
 - ✓ The language for the resolution will be communicated to the committee.
- **Announcements**
 - ✓ The Chair announced that two (2) documents to prepare for Saturday’s meeting have been posted to Extranet and committee members were asked to read those before the meeting.
 - ✓ The Chair adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM

Faithfully recorded,

Noreen Duncan,

Secretary to the World Mission Committee of Executive Council

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February 27, 2016 Morning Session

- **Present:** Brian Sellers- Petersen, Karen Longenecker [chairing], David Copley, Chuck Robertson, Dinorah Padro [translating Spanish], Coromoto Jimenez de Salazar [vice-chair], Bsp Lloyd Allen, Nathaniel Pierce, Marion Luckey, Byron Rushing [Vice President, HOD], Jim Simons, Peter Wall, Kurt Barnes, Noreen Duncan
- **Chairing/Agenda:** Karen Longenecker
- **Proposed Budget Changes:** Kurt Barnes
 - See attached
- **ERD:** Brian Sellers-Petersen [reporting for Ron]
 - Thanked TEC for support and funds from 75th anniversary program
 - Strategic Plan
 - Commented on recent development trip to Ghana
 - ✓ TEC received a Gates Challenge Grant for a “donkey plough project”
 - Church in Myanmar is one of our “outstanding” partners – Rob just returned from a trip to Myanmar
 - PB Michael Curry and PHOD Gay Jennings are planning a trip to Myanmar
 - Bsp. Allen reported on ERD and Honduras’ Micro-savings initiative:
 - ✓ Diocese of Honduras has developed a good relationship with ERD, particularly the *Savings with Education* program which supports women in Honduras and teaches savings and budgeting strategies.
 - ✓ Brian commented: ERD has had a long fruitful relationship with Honduras
- **Operating Budget of TEC:** Karen Longenecker

- ✓ See Current Budget:
 - Karen directed committee members to lines 247 []
 - Last Triennium = \$250K per year
 - ✓ = (750k) loss
 - ERD's anticipated loss has been because of a decrease in financial support – their budgeting is multi-year ergo the allocations for certain programs have been decreased
 - There was some discussion about the movements of funds allocated to ERD to other line items in 2015 GC budget
- **Trip to Ghana:** Bishop Ed., Jane Cicylus, Karen Longenecker
 - ✓ Donkey Plough Project
 - ✓ ERD work made real and practical
 - Trip organized so that TEC has a chance to observe the work of the Church on the ground
 - “Racial Justice Component?”
 - Bsp Ed spoke to the value of the trip in TEC racial reconciliation journey
- **Future of ERD**
 - ✓ Discussion on the strategies WM may consider in advocacy of funding sources in TEC budget, perhaps in the next triennium
 - ✓ Committee members expressed support for continued negotiations for ERD because there have been reductions in funding for ERD.
 - ✓ New Chair of ERD: Neel Lane
 - ✓ Cuba: ERD has been mentioned as a potential member of committee proposed in the Resolution that will be part of the planning for TEC work in Cuba
 - Abigail Nelson of ERD has been spending time in Cuba
- Meeting adjourned at 12:30 PM to be resumed at 1:30 PM
- Meeting was adjourned for lunch

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Secretary, World Mission of the Executive Council

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Joint Standing Committee on World Mission

Noreen L. Duncan, Secretary

February 27, 2016 [afternoon meeting]

Present: Brian Sellers- Petersen, Karen Longenecker [chairing], David Copley, Chuck Robertson, Dinorah Padro [translating Spanish], Coromoto Jimenez de Salazar [vice-chair], Bsp Lloyd Allen, Nathaniel Pierce, Marion Luckey, Jim Simons, Peter Wall, Noreen Duncan

Chairing/Agenda: Karen Longenecker

- ✓ See suggested Agenda

Global Partnerships Team: David Copley and Chuck Robertson

(See Report – sent earlier this week)

- ✓ Young Adult Service Corps = Discernment Retreat completed – 19 candidates participated; 9 selected
- ✓ Approx. 20 young adults will be sent out this year
- ✓ Range of applicants
- ✓ Concerns about the number of applicants; still a strong healthy program
- ✓ Hesitant to make appointments of older adults
- ✓ Haiti is going to be a focus, especially in the area of agriculture
- ✓ Honduras is also going to be a focus
- ✓ Brothers of the Holy Cross in South Africa, Kenya and Tanzania are also candidates
- ✓ First candidate from Europe this year – promising
- ✓ Committee was directed to the line item in the budget for YASC
- ✓ Galatians 6/2 Conference [African nations] 2017, Dar es Salaam, discussed and possible outcomes explained
 - Reflects the current relationships with African churches

- ✓ *Anglican Bishops in Dialogue* [Canadian initiative] will occur in May in Ghana; TEC will be present; the PB Curry and other primates will also be present
- ✓ Province IX Sustainability Overview
 - Latin America is being considered as a whole
 - DR, Honduras and El Salvador
 - Bsp. Allen suggested that the Diocese of Honduras be readied by being sent documentation, information and agenda notifications
 - Coromoto asked where in these dioceses are there plans to meet – no plans yet for how all will be done
 - If a Task Force is set-up, it is strongly suggested that members of WM be part of this process
 - There was a discussion about Spanish language facility and the need for translators to accompany members of TEC: EC and others
 - Funding amounts announced
 - UN Commission on the Status of Women in NYC, March 2016
 - There was a discussion about budgetary support for and benefits of CONCSW
 - There was some discussion about Mexico's funding [block grant] which will expire in 2019 as listed in the budget for 2016?
 - How can WM and TEC support Province IX, in terms of evangelism, etc., there must be some conversation on the Diocese of Mexico
 - Chuck announced the forthcoming Good Friday Offering which supports the ministries of the dioceses of the Middle East, particularly Jerusalem.
 - Global Admissions Conference in Ponce, Puerto Rico in May [18-20] focusing on Immigration = approximately 18-19 young missionaries will be in attendance

- Some block grants within the Anglican community support the Conference of Anglican Provinces in Africa
- In Haiti – 2 young missionaries in the North, Cap Haitienne and 2 others; agriculture ministry in the long term will be sustainable

✓ **Covenant Relationships**

- PHILLIPINES: Jim Simons
 - Posted relevant documents to Extranet
 - Scheduled January meeting postponed because of snow storm in Baltimore
 - Reported: allotted budget = \$14,000 for meeting expenses;
 - No line item *per se* for the Philippines in TEC budget
 - Modest grant = \$45,000 to maintain offices, etc.
- Chuck Robertson reported that the relationships between IFI (Philippine Episcopal Church) and ECF (Episcopal Church of the Philippines) is strained at present

✓ **Meeting dates:**

- IARCA – In Guatemala: April 4 -7, 2016
- ACCA – In Lusaka: April 8 – 20, 2016
- Philippines Covenant Committee: November 3 -4, 2016

✓ **Covenant Committee for Brazil: Coromoto**

- Only 2 participants in January, 2016
- Coromoto sent documents from the committee meeting to the Extranet
- Participants reviewed documents since last meeting
- Resources for Mission, Justice and Climate were submitted
- Face-to-face meeting tentatively scheduled for November 2017
- The relationship is developing well
- Budget: \$16,000 per meeting
- Therefore, because of budget restraints, only one meeting appears possible
- There are issues with continuity, formality, clarity and consistent reporting for those who serve on Covenant Committees
- To whom do Covenant Committees report?

- It was suggested that there be more formal guidelines for Covenant Committees
- There were also suggestions about frequency [teleconference, e.g.] of meetings and this scheduling may assist with continuity and best practices
- It was suggested that a committee focus on racial justice – something that should have existed some time ago.
- ✓ **Covenant Committee on Liberia:** Nathaniel Pierce
 - His report, the Covenant with Liberia, was posted to *Extranet*
 - Highlights and related issues were reported
- ✓ **Covenant Committee on Mexico:** Karen
- ✓ **Block Grants for Covenant Committees**
 - What should be WM's response were a rationale for block grants be asked
 - It was suggested that the purpose of those covenants is the heart of The Episcopal Church and must be honored
 - Historical examination of block grants was cited
 - It should be the commitment of WM to oversee the mandate of block grants and all members should be committed to these promises
 - World Mission is the only entity in TEC that should oversee the monetary responsibilities of Covenant Committees
- ✓ **Budgetary Issues**
 - The Committee reviewed the 2016 Budget Workbook
 - Why are the Latino/Hispanic Ministries separate from the larger TEC?
- ✓ **Concern about the Inclusion of Province IX**
 - The committee examined the proposed budget for the Evangelism Initiative and was concerned about Province IX and other parts of the Episcopal Church that are not represented or apparently considered in the budget.
 - Committee members remarked that they have brought these issues to TEC over several years, but feel that they are not heard.
 - It was suggested that WM be the conduit for the concerns of Province IX.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Faithfully submitted

Noreen Duncan

Secretary of World Mission