

Executive Committee of Executive Council
Meeting Minutes
March 30, 2023

Attending: Kent Anker, Kurt Barnes, Jane Cisluycis, Michael Curry, Mark Goodman, Charles Graves, Julia Ayala Harris, Scott Hayashi, Andrea McKellar, Diane Pollard, Sarah Stonesifer-Boylan

Staff and Invited Guests: Betsey Bell, Mike Glass, Molly James, Mary Kostel, Chuck Robertson

Vice Chair Julia Ayala Harris called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. She explained the agenda was being rearranged to accommodate a member attending a memorial service.

The June Executive Council Agenda draft was shared, and the Vice Chair asked Sarah Stonesifer-Boylan to walk the committee through the proposed agenda. The four Joint Standing Committee (JSC) Chairs considered the feedback, and their own committee debriefs when developing the draft, and allowed for additional time with Zena Link.

A subcommittee with two members from each JSC will be appointed to this group to continue the work of dismantling racism. Each chair will provide two names and Scott Hayashi will serve as chair. The hope is the subcommittee can arrive in Providence a day early to begin their work. Scott will work with the General Convention Office (GCO) on these arrangements. He will also work with Zena Link on the possibility of a field trip, and he will work with the GCO to coordinate with the visit with the Bishop of Rhode Island.

It was proposed that the meeting end at noon, instead of 3pm. After some discussion, it was agreed that we could end at noon as long as the meeting invite clarified that people could not leave earlier than a 3pm flight.

There was discussion about hearing a report from our ACC representatives. The chairs of Mission Within and Mission Beyond agreed to have a joint session during the meeting to hear from our representatives via Zoom.

While there are some details to be worked out, the Vice Chair moved that the agenda be approved, which was seconded and adopted.

The GCO requested JSC chairs confirm in-person DFMS staff invitations to Council be made 6 weeks prior to the meeting, allowing the GCO time to make any adjustments to the room block and other arrangements.

The Vice Chair led a discussion on the call for an Executive Council chaplain. Following the discussion, it was decided that the Presiding Officers would appoint a chaplain who would not only be available

to members for support before, during and after meetings, but who would also chair the worship committee.

There were two ECEC resolutions posted to the committee in advance of the meeting. Andrea McKellar, chair of FIN, moved ECEC 005 and Chief Financial Officer, Kurt Barnes spoke to it.

ECEC005 Walking the Way of Love Legacy Campaign

Resolved, that a fundraising campaign honoring the legacy of The Most Reverend Michael B. Curry is hereby authorized.

Explanation

The Executive Council Finance Committee has proposed establishing a trust fund that will honor and continue the legacy of Presiding Bishop Curry. He has agreed but wants it to be focused on his work in The Way of Love. The Office of Development have discussed some basic parameters of a campaign and is working on details with its committee of advisors.

ECEC 005 was adopted.

ECEC 006 was moved.

ECEC 006 Conant Grants March 2023

Resolved, That the Executive Committee of Executive Council, meeting March 30, 2023 via Zoom approve and authorize the following, as recommended by the Conant Grant Review Committee.

The nineteen grants listed below total \$142,942.00.

1. Sheryl Kujawa-Holbrook, Bloy House 5,933.00

Dismantling White Christian Nationalism: A Christian Formation Perspective

2. Ruth Meyers, Church Divinity School of the Pacific 14,022.00

Worship in Multiracial Congregations

3. Jennifer Snow, Church Divinity School of the Pacific 8,230.00

Exploring Chinese Christianity

4. Richard Cogill, School of Theology, University of the South-Sewanee 14,298.00

Leadership in the Public Square

5. James Tengtenga, School of Theology, University of the South-Sewanee 7,535.00

Mission in Context: Inculturation in The Anglican Church in Malawi

6. Hilary Bogert-Winkler, School of Theology, University of the South-Sewanee 9,000.00

"The Free National Church of Ireland": Responses to the 1647 Proscription of the Book of Common Prayer

7. Romulus Stefanut, School of Theology, University of the South-Sewanee 5,430.00

Philo of Alexandria: Recent Reception and History of Effects

8. Andrew Thompson, School of Theology, University of the South-Sewanee 7,251.00

The Tree at the End of the World: The Tree of Peace

9. Awa Jangha, Seminary of the Southwest 9,675.00

An Exploration of Narratives for Use in Teaching and Advising

10. Claire Colombo, Seminary of the Southwest 8,750.00

Theological Discourse in the Seminary Contexts of Gerard Manley Hopkins

11. Steve Bishop, Seminary of the Southwest 3,756.00

Reception History of the Penitential Psalms

12. Robert Heaney, Virginia Theological Seminary 3,300.00

Conflict in Modernities

13. Sharon Heaney, Virginia Theological Seminary 3,000.00

In Conversation with Latino/a Theologies: On Ireland and on Women

14. Marty Wheeler Burnett, Virginia Theological Seminary 6,000.00

Book Project: Shapers of The Hymnal 1982

15. John Yieh, Virginia Theological Seminary 15,000.00

Biblical Interpretation in the Anglican/Episcopal Seminaries in Taiwan and in Japan

16. Ross Kane, Virginia Theological Seminary 4,500.00

Building Public Scholarship on Christian Politics

17. John Knight, Virginia Theological Seminary 6,632.00

Original Sin: Perspectives from New Research on Self- Deception

18. Rode Molla, Virginia Theological Seminary 2,600.00

A Postcolonial Practical Theology of Children: Nurturing the Spirituality of Children and Families in the 21st Century

19. Melody Knowles, Virginia Theological Seminary 8,000.00

Book: How to Read a Psalm

Diane Pollard shared that she had reached out to the chair, Anne Kitch, regarding demographics of the recipients and shared that there were no demographics available for these grants. The pool of applicants is only seminary faculty, and therefore no demographics are asked for on the application. Diane suggested that demographic information be collected with every grant application.

With no further discussion, ECEC 006 was adopted.

With no further business, the Vice Chair asked for a motion to adjourn and asked the Chair to pray.

The Chair closed the meeting with prayer.