

Executive Committee of Executive Council  
Meeting Minutes  
July 13, 2023

Attending: Kent Anker, Michael Barlowe, Kurt Barnes, Jane Cislucyis, 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, Fiona Nieman

Chair Michael Curry called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer.

Kurt Barnes shared ECEC 010 which was moved, seconded, and adopted.

**ECEC 010 Clergy Housing Allowance**

*Resolved*, that a portion of the total compensation paid to each clergy employee for calendar year 2023 shall be designated to be a housing allowance; and be it further

*Resolved*, that the Executive Council designates as a tax-deductible housing allowance for 2023 those allowances requested and presented by clergy employees of the DFMS to the Treasurer as indicated in the attached list; and be it further

*Resolved*, that these allowances will be made pursuant to Internal Revenue Code Section 107 and Internal Revenue Service Regulations S1.107 up to 100% of the annual cash salary of such clergy.

Michael Barlowe led a discussion on the agenda for the October Council meeting in Panama City, Panama. He shared information received from Bishop Julio and Glenda McQueen, who offered some suggestions of things Council could do while in Panama. There was enthusiasm about a tour of the Panama Canal followed by a presentation about Creation Care by Bishop Julio, as well as worshipping with the local community. The GCO will work with Glenda McQueen to coordinate timing and it will be incorporated into the draft agenda.

There was a call for another plenary on Norms, led by the Presiding Officers. This should happen on the first day following the normal organizing agenda items. There should also be a large amount of time dedicated to Zena Link and the ongoing work on racism.

There was a recommendation to make sure days are not too long or too heavy. A draft will be shared for comment in the next week or so.

The deadline for guests attending the meeting is Labor Day. Chairs were encouraged to only add staff that must be onsite to participate.

With no further business, the Chair asked for a motion to adjourn and asked the Vice Chair to close the meeting with prayer.