

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the UCCI met at Dr. Ray Register's home in Nazareth on 26 April 1985.

Present: Rev. Ray Register (Chairman); Mr. Joe Haines (General Secretary); Rev. Charles Kopp (Assistant Secretary); Mrs. Bertha Swarr (UCCI News Editor); Rev. Robert Livingston (Recording Secretary); Mrs. Sallie Lanier (Treasurer); Rev. Seppo Norjanen; Mr. Suhail Ramadan; ~~Dr.~~ Rizik Srouji; Rev. Walter Riggans; Miss Janette Ross; Dr. Eleanor Walker.

Apologies were received from Mr. Shlomo Drori who was unable to attend.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by ^{Rizik Srouji} ~~Shlomo Drori~~. He chose Matthew 5:40-42 as his text. Shlomo reminded us that these are days of spiritual dryness and that it is good to go and help others. This is called "Others Therapy". When a person is in a depression the therapist tells him to go and help some other person. This is exactly what Jesus told us to do. Any person who has spiritual inertia needs to follow this principle. That person will then be lifted up.

85/19 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 28 FEBRUARY 1985

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 1985 were reviewed. The following changes were made in the minutes:

85/16 - 4A. Should be changed to read: Indigenous/expatriate relations.

85/16 - 4B. Bangkok Covenant should be Bangkok ~~covenant~~ ^{WCC Consensus of Bangkok}.

After these corrections the minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85/20 TREASURERS REPORT

The November and December ^{to April} treasurer's reports were reviewed. They were accepted as submitted.

The Home Bd Consultation costs were fees almost entirely covered by the paid by participants with 87.74 from Gen'l Fund.
Balance at end of April 15 was \$18,290.69

85/21 UCCI NEWS

Mrs. Swarr presented the Executive Committee with Edition No. 1 for 1985. She reported that due to lack of personnel this summer there will not be another issue of UCCI News until after the conference this fall.

85/22 COUNCIL STRUCTURE - The Council Structure Committee met on 16 April 1985. The discussed the following matters:

1. Mr. Alister Clewlow met with the Committee to discuss the application of the Holiness Army. His background was discussed as well as the nomenclature for the Holiness Army. Alister is not related to the Salvation Army...but hopefully that link can be established. They do have Amutah recognition. At present their work is basically with the Ethiopian Christian in West Jerusalem in English and through translation; and in ^{community} ~~Community~~ Nursing. They describe themselves as a denomination with three levels of membership. The Committee recommended that the application be processed and a vote taken at the Annual Conference.
2. An application has been received from the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada mission. At present they are working in three areas. Kibbutz Shalom has 170 young people on different kibbutzim. Campus Shalom

encourages Christian Students from abroad to come to study in Israel for one year. The administration of the Hebrew University has been pleased with this work. In August 1983 a congregation known as the Jerusalem Christian Assembly was started. They meet at the YMCA in West Jerusalem on Sunday evenings. They are an Amutah society. This application will be processed and a vote will be taken at the Annual Conference.

85/23 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - The Scholarship Committee met on 14 March 1985. Five (5) scholarships were approved totaling \$1,000.00

85/24 THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION - The Theological Commission met on 24 April 1985. The following six matters were discussed:

1. Due to so much activity this spring and summer it was decided not to initiate any seminars until later in the year.
2. There was a dialogue between Jewish and Christian scholars on Biblical interpretation. The American Jewish Committee also had a consultation to which Ray Register and Ole Kvarme were invited. Also the Israel Interfaith Committee had an open forum at which it was recognized that Christians are bound by the Great Commission... but the question was asked, "How can Jews believe in Jesus for whom they have suffered so much persecution?"
The Theological Commission will follow up on the consultation.
3. Mishkan - Issue No. 2 is out. Issue No. 3 is on the boards. Barry Segal has been approached concerning the publication of Mishkan. Issue No. 3 should be out in December. One article that it contains is the use of the Old Testament in the Book of Hebrews.
4. Subscriptions continue to come in. Presently there are 850 subscriptions.
5. Membership of the Theological Commission - Tim Butlin is leaving ~~XXX~~ Israel on 20 June 1985 and needs to be replaced. Two names are to be submitted to the Executive Committee. They are: ~~Dr.~~ ^{Rev.} Rizik Srouji and Mr. Naim Ateek.
6. Home Board Consultation - As a result of the Home Board Consultation five areas of consensus have developed:
 - A. Evangelism - All of those present on the final day, with the exception of one society, felt that evangelism is absolutely essential. However, some questions arose as to how this was to be done to individuals, communities and groups. Also the subject of servanthood was discussed on how to do this humbly.
 - B. What is the relationship of UCCI to the body in Israel? How do we relate to Jewish and Arab congregations? How are we to relate to the Oriental-Historical churches?
 - C. What is a good definition for the Body of Christ? What do we mean by this term? What are the doctrinal differences?
 - D. Training programs - There needs to be an examination of a joint program for training of foreign workers. Teaching this program is to be shared by various societies.
 - E. Various areas of cooperation -
 - (1.) How can we cooperate with video and book libraries?
 - (2.) Possible confidential information sheet for prayer.
 - (3.) What could be a common working relationship? When a new work is to be developed a consultation could be held before the project begins. There could be a standardization of wages for local staff.

The Theological Commission decided the following:

1. Put the above # B. and C. together as one topic.
2. The Theological Commission will subdivide. Gary Denlinger will take the responsibility for A. He will get as broad a group as possible with new and historic groups. Ole Kvarme will take B. & C. . He will get members and nonmembers together for discussions. Walter Riggins will

take D. and will plan for programs, etc. The UCCI Executive Committee will be responsible for E.

The Executive Committee approves of the subdividing of the Theological Commission with the understanding that there will be a progress report at the Annual Meeting. Charles Kopp was appointed to follow up on item E. (Library and video, etc.)

The Executive Committee accepted the nominations of Rizik Srouji and Naim Ateek.

He highlighted these by commenting on the very fruitful work following the 1977 admission legislation & initiatives in the area of religious freedom. He felt the UCCI had contributed to the cooperation of evangelism & church growth, and Christian education.

85/25 REPORT ON CONSULTATION WITH BISHOP QAFITY - The Consultation was held on 24 April 1985. Bishop Qafity is concerned about his ^{integrity of} clergy's thoughts about the UCCI. ^{in his present situation} He stated that there is one loaf and one body. He then reviewed some of the land marks in church history in the Middle East. He stated there were two streams - the Evangelical and the Ecumenical.

Naim Ateek gave a review of the UCCI. ^{well before} Up until 1948 there ^{was} a Regional Councils. In 1957 the first conference of the UCCI was held at the Baptist Village. He stated there were changes during the last 30 years in the Arab Episcopal Church. ^{has more recently} The leadership was active from 1956-1970. After 1967 the Arab Episcopal Church found itself in ^{a new situation} recession. In 1970 Israel recognized the Arab Episcopal Church and the rest of the churches were left stranded. ^{to sever} The Arab Episcopal Church reorganized and ^{middle} had a constitution. They ^{Eastern} then had a greater voice with the historical and ecumenical churches. ^{through} There ^{counts} was then a Palestinian identification problem. They felt the UCCI had betrayed the Arab Episcopal Church. They felt their church didn't receive equality on issue of justice and peace.

Ole Kvarme then gave the UCCI involvements in different areas in Israel. ^{has also been} The group from the Arab Episcopal Church felt that there is a need for a fellowship but not a need for the UCCI.

Two people from each group were appointed to follow up on the discussion. They are Ole Kvarme and Suhail Ramadan from the UCCI and Naim Ateek and Riah Abu Assal from the Arab Episcopal Church. Chuck Kopp will serve as the Recording Secretary for those meetings.

It was agreed to continue the discussions with the Arab Episcopal Church and that a report should be brought to the Annual Conference..

The Executive voiced its thanks and appreciation for the effort of Bishop Qafity in calling the consultation and for the opportunity to follow up.

In light of the above Consultation and our present constitution the Council Structure Committee was instructed to bring their recommendations about the two pending applications for membership. Attention was called to the ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ East Jerusalem address.

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85/26 CONFERENCE ON BIBLICAL PROPHECY - Colonel ~~Dolby~~ met with the Executive Committee to discuss the proposed Confernece on Biblical Prophecy. He told the Committee that a Rev. Clifford Hill from England had a meeting at Christ Church almost a month ago. A number of persons from israel attended this meeting. ~~Rev. Hill feels that we are entering into the last days adn that God is speaking through His prophets. These prophets should come together for a time of fasting and prayer to see what the Lord may have for them. This Confernece is to be held next Easter ('86). It will start on Mt. Carmel for a week to seek the face of the Lord. Then a general conference will be held in Jerusalem for people from all over the world. REv. Hill feels that if the UCCI would be prepared to invite people to come and attend that they would benefit from these men of the Lrod.~~

~~If the UCCI does cooperate then the Spiritual Life Committee would be in charge in order to invite people world wide. This confernece would be utterly different than any Christian Embassy function. However, three members of the team are members of the Chritian Embassy. Paul Swarr, as convenier of the~~

to Israel.

It was moved and seconded that the UCCI should decline the offer to represent this conference in any way what-so-ever. The motion was passed with five (5) for the motion; one (1) against the motion; and three (3) abstentions.

85/27 CLIPPING SERVICE - Barry Segal is interested in and has printed a second ^{issue} edition of the clipping service. He is bringing in a lot of new subscriptions. He took unilateral action and raised the fees for local subscriptions from \$12.00 to \$15.00 and overseas subscriptions from \$18.00 to \$20.00. The Executive Committee agrees with the raise in subscription fees. Even though we are still in a trial stage with Barry he has agreed to print the clipping service and Chuck Kopp will be in charge of the mailings. Barry is very concerned that the clipping service never is used as an anti-Jewish propoganda tool.

85/28 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - A letter was received stating that Dr. Art Glasser will be available to speak at our 1985 Annual Conference. Bob Livingston is to continue to correspond with Dr. Glasser about the final arrangements. The Executive Committee agreed to invite Shueil Ramadan as the ^{Thursday} evening speaker for the Confernece.

85/29 OTHER MATTERS

1. The Executive Committee was informed taht the Dutch Reformed Church will have a representative in the country in a few months.
2. The Executive Committee authorized the expenditure of \$500.00 to Yanetz Press for the printing of Love Unlimited in Arabic. This helps to subsidize the selling price of the book.
3. World Evangelical Fellowship requested some songs for an international song book. The request was turned over to David Loden.,
4. Eric Payne, a former missionary in Ethiopia is to have a meeting on 7 May 1985 from 1600-1800 hours to give a Christian background of Christians in Ethiopia. There will also be an open forum for questions after the meeting.
5. There is to be a Seminar at Stella Carmel from Friday evening to Sunday noon (3-5 May 1985). The seminar will be on the Shm'a and the Trinity.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Chuck Kopp.

Next Meeting: 11 JUNE at Chuck Kopp's home in Jerusalem.

Council Structure

3rd Director
S.A. member

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16 April 1985

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- A. Personal background, reasons for nomination
He is not related to Selection Army... but hopes
that link can be established.

They have Amutah recognition.

Work is basically Ethiopian Chr in w/fer.
in Eng & translation... Community Ministry.
They describe themselves as a denomination w/ 3 levels
of membership.

The Comm recommend that the application
be processed & vote taken at Annual Conf.

- B. Pentecostal Assembly of Canada

Kibbutz Shalom - 170 kids on kibbutz
Congreg " - Chr students

from abroad come to study in Israel
for 1 year. The Admin of the Union has
been pleased w/ this work.

Aug 1983 - Congregation ³⁰⁰ Jer. Chr. Assembly
YMCA west on Ben. evening
~~not am~~ They are an Amutah society.

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at Annual Conf.

Scholarship Comm.

Met on 14 March 1985

#5 Scholarship were approved totaling \$1,000.00

Theological Commission

6 notes

~~A.~~ Met 24 April 1985

- A. Decided ~~not to~~ ^{not to} ~~invite~~ any ~~on~~ ^{on} ~~Seminars~~ ^{Seminars} due to so much activity
- B. Dialogue of Jewish & Christian scholars on biblical interpretation. Amer. Jewish Committee had a consultation + which Rey and Ok were invited. Israel Intfaith Comm. had an open forum. They said Christians are bound by the Just Commission ... but how can Jews believe in Jesus for whom they have been persecuted.

The Theo. Comm will follow up on this consultation.

- C. Mishkan - Issue #2 is out, Issue #3 is on the board. Barry Segal has been approved for publication. Issue #3 should be out in December. One article is use of O.T. in

~~D.~~ Book of Hebrews.

D. Subscription continues to come in.

Presently, 850 subscribers.

- E. Membership of Theo. Comm. - Tim Butler is leaving ^{the country} ~~the country~~ 20 June 1985 & needs to be replaced. Two names are to be submitted to the Exe. Comm. - Ruzick & Irozi
Naim Atik

F. Home Board Consultation. - 5 areas of consensus.

(1) Evangelism - all of those present at the first day, with the exception of ourselves, & that we are all associated.

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- (A) How should we go about it?
 (B) Leadership - how do we do it better?
 (C) How do we do it to committee & group.

(2) UCCI & relationship to body in law
 (A) How do we relate to

(B) Our links w/ Districts - (Historical churches

(3) Body of Christ & definition - what do we mean - Do also doctrinal differences

(4) Training program

There needs to be an ~~new~~ ^{new} tier of a joint program for training of young workers. This is to be shared by different societies.

(5) Various areas of cooperation ① How are we to see video & book library

② Possible information sheet (confidential) for page

③ Common working relationships - development of new work - should we have a consultant to assist the most busy. Can be standardized wages

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men & historic groups.

He will take #2 & #3 - will get members
& non members together for discussion

Walter ^{took} will ~~take~~ plans for program etc.

Exec of UCCI #5 ~~the~~

The Exec Comm. approves of the sub dividing of
the Theo. Comm with to understand that a

Program report ^{will be given at the} Annual meeting:

Charles Kopp ^{was appointed to} will follow up on item #5 (library
& video etc)

The Exec accepted the nomination of
Reijck & Bair.

Ed. Dally
& 11 members
of Chi Emborg
have resigned.

Syria, Jordan
Israel

Report on Consultation with Bishop Qafiq

Met 24 April 1985

Qafiq is ^{over} 5 different countries of Middle East.

He is concerned about his clergy's thoughts of UCCF.

One loaf & one body - Last meal in church history of M. East

2 streams - Evangelical & Ecumenical.

Main - Reunion of UCCF to 1948

a Regional Council - 1957 1st Conv

of UCCF at Bapt. Village. ^{in Arab Episcopal Church}

Changes in last 30 years - Leadership was active 56-70 after 67 Epis Church found itself in union

1970 Israel recognized Arab Epis Church. & the rest of the churches were left stranded.

They reorganized & had a Constitution
brother union of historical & ecumenical churches

Qafiq's identification problem - They felt the UCCF had betrayed the Arab Epis Church.

They felt

The Arab Epis ^{didn't receive equal}
on issues of justice & peace

Ole Kvarnli - read his paper -
gave the different areas of UCCF involvement in Israel

The remedy:

① We do need a fellowship but not a VCCI

② 2 people from each side were granted
to continue for

Ole & Chuck

Suboit Ramadan

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2 names of them - Naim Atch & Bish Abu Assal

It was agreed to continue discussion
w/ the Arab Episc. Council & bring a report to
the Annual Conf.

The Episc. voiced ^{to thank &} appreciation ^{for} the effort of
Bishop Dufity in calling the consultation & for the
opportunities ^{to} follow up.

In light of the above Consultation / the Council
Structure Committee was instructed to bring their
survey recommendation about to apply two
pending applications for membership. in light
of the fact that of East Jerusalem address.
and our present constitution

Col Dolly - ^{Confer} Biblical Prophecy

No longer a member of the Chr Church of Eng.
11 of us in the same boat.

9 sr. staff

1 Board of Mgt.

1 Secretary

Clifford Hill - had mtg ~~at~~ Christ Church about
a month ago.

~~at~~ Bullman - Jer.

Alex Awadi

Joe Shulan

Kekish

Jim Cutler

Joseph Odai

John Avellany

It is felt by a group we are entering into last
days (Clifford Hill) God speaks in final time
through ^{the} prophets. Those who are real prophets
should come together in prayer & fasting, also
of Land may have for them. If what they say
for the Land they would fit together.

Next Easter '86. Start an Int Council
for a week to set the Land's face. Then have
Gen Camp for people from all over the
world. Many are not happy about that - so
C.H. may scrub the conf. of Benyamin. If
of the Land is giving them something, it needs
to be broadcast. Even 3,000 people can get the
message all over the world.

^{Jiffard}
C. Hill felt this was the case (no Conf.)
but meet brethren in Galesburg. He is to
come out on 18 May for 8/9 days -
a few days in juv but spend on mail
time on the com in Galesburg & share view
& hear what try will say. Don back to Lyon
27 May. He doesn't come out w/ a clear
cut way that this is the way to do it.

C.H. feels that if UCCI would be
prepared to invite people to come & attend &
benefit from some men of the land - Billy
Goshier & Arthur Blessed have been invited
but he didn't say they were coming.

C.H. is to meet w/ Epis Bishop. If UCCI
does cooperate then Spiritual Life Comm would
be a charge in order to invite people world wide.

This would be utterly different than any
Christian Embassy function. (Seamus, 3 members
of the ~~Team~~ Team & one member of the Chr Embassy.

Paul Swan, as convenor of Spiritual
Life Comm, is asked to meet w/ C.H.

Moved that UCCI should ~~decline the offer to~~
~~represent the conf. in any way whatsoever~~
~~to do this as a UCCI body.~~ Motion
The vote was:
5 for
1 against
3 abstain
declines the offer to
represent the conf.
in any way what-so-ever

Clipping Service

Bary Segal is interested & he has printed a second edition of the clipping service.

He is bringing in a lot of new subscribers. He took ~~unilaterally~~ ^{action for} a raise in fee
\$15 overseas to \$20
\$12 locally \$15

The Exec agree ~~that~~ the raise is absorbed in fee.

Bary met w/ Menachem Ben Taim, Chuck, ~~Joe~~ Joe.
Bary will ^{prepare} print the clipping service.

Chuck ^{is in charge of} mailing the clipping service.

We are still in a trial stage by using Bary as our printer.

Bary is very concerned that the clipping service ~~is~~ never is used as an anti-Israel propaganda tool.

Annual Conf.

A letter was received from World Peace Crusade

B.L. is to continue to

The Exec agreed to invite Suhail Ramadan as the evening speaker for the conference. ~~will be invited to speak at the Commemorative service.~~

Other

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- ② The Exec Committee authorized ^{to Janet Price} the expenditure of \$500.00 for the printing of Love Unlimited ^{in Arabic}. This helps to subsidize the selling price of 17 books.
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- ④ .7 May 1985 there is a meeting for ^{Christians background of Philadelphia} ~~at 1600~~ 1600-1800 Eric ~~Payne~~ ^{Payne} at mission for Ethiopia Beit Emmanuel. at 1800 there will be a supper break. If 1900-2000 will be a forum for questions & answers.
- ⑤ Seminar at Stella Carmel ^{7 Fri Supper - Sun lunch.} 3rd ^{week} end of May 3-5 on Shema & the Trinity. How to relate the Trinity to Jewish belief. Cost \$30/person for ~~transport~~.

Close in prayer by Chuck Koff