

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the UCCI met at Chuck Kopp's home, Jerusalem on 11 June 1985.

Present: Joe Haines (General Secretary); Rev. Charles Kopp (Assistant Secretary); Rev. Robert Livingston (Recording Secretary); Mrs. Sallie Lanier (Treas.); Mr. Shlomo Drori; Mr. Suhail Ramadan; Rev. Walter Riggans; Miss Janette Ross.

Apologies: Rev. Ray Register (Chairman); Mrs. Bertha Swarr (UCCI News Editor); Mr. Rizik Srouji; Dr. Eleanor Walker.

The meeting was opened with a devotional by Joe Haines. He drew our attention to a sequence of events in Peter's life as recorded in Matthew 16:17ff. There was a blessing and a promise to Peter, of which, we need to be reminded...Christ will build His Church in spite of all the difficulties we encounter. Jesus then talked of His coming sufferings. Peter spoke up but Jesus rebuked him. A blessing-a promise-a rebuke-and now this teaching of the cross. Jesus builds His Church by way of the cross. Next comes an experience on another mountain. Peter wants to build three tabernacles to preserve this event. We in turn want to preserve our work...but this time Jesus ignored Peter's words.

We then prayed for God's direction on our meeting; for the on going of the UCCI this summer; and Roy Kreiter's physical condition.

85/13 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON 26 APRIL 1985

The minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 1985 were reviewed. the following changes were made in the minutes:

- 85/24 2. The first sentence of this paragraph should be deleted.
- 85/24 5. Dr. Srouji should be Mr. Srouji and Rev. Ateek should be Dr. Ateek.
- 85/24-6-B the word 'body' should be spelled with a capital B.
- 85/25 In the last paragraph the word constitution should have a capital C.
- 85/27 In the last sentence the word 'be' should be substituted for the word 'it'.
- 85/30 This paragraph was not included in the minutes but should be a part of that record.

RESIGNATION-A resignation was received from Rev. Seppo Norjanen due to his return to his homeland. With regrets the Executive Committee received Rev. Norjanen's resignation and thanked him for all the work he has done for the UCCI.

After these corrections the minutes were accepted as a correct record and were signed by the General Secretary due to the absence of the Chairman.

85/32 MATTERS ARISING - The next meeting of the Consultation Committee with Bishop Qafity will be on Friday, 28 June 1985 at St. George's.

85/33 TREASURER'S REPORT-Due to a computer failure a bank statement was not available to prepare a Treasurer's report. The report will be prepared and sent out to the Executive Committee.

85/34 COUNCIL STRUCTURE-The Council Structure Committee met and recommended a proposed change in the By-Laws of the UCCI.

The following By-Law proposal is recommended to the Executive for consideration.

12. ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP

Christian Churches, assemblies and organizations who desire to relate in fellowship may be admitted as Associate Members. The same procedure for application to membership will apply to these. Associate Members may be represented at the General Meeting with observer status, will pay reduced membership fees, but not have voting rights.

Some points for discussion are:

1. The Committee recommends that processing of applications for membership be suspended during period of self study.
2. The Committee recommends the Executive seriously look at possibility of change of name, e.g. Evangelical Fellowship of Israel.

It was moved to accept this By-Law proposal concerning Associate Membership.
MOTION PASSED.

The General Secretary was instructed to send out the proposal to all member bodies after the September Executive meeting.

In point 1. above the self study means the analysis of how we view ourselves and how we are meeting our goals.

There are already two organizations (Holiness Army and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada) who have applied for full membership. Therefore, their application for membership will not be suspended. After more discussion the Executive voted to reject point 1. above

It was moved and seconded that; "As soon as possible the General Secretary will contact the leaders of the Holiness Army and the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada and explain to them the discussion of the Executive. The Executive will present their application to the Annual Conference and a vote will be taken, MOTION PASSED."

The General Secretary was also instructed to remind these two organizations they can only attend the Annual Conference as observers.

If there is to be a name change the Committee recommended the name of The Evangelical Fellowship of Israel. The Executive Committee discussed this recommendation. A letter was received from the World Evangelical Fellowship. In the letter we found that this name would fit in with the guidelines that they give. The General Secretary is to send out a statement that this recommendation will be discussed at the Annual Conference.

85/35 SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE - Since two scholarship candidates will be in Israel during the summer vacation we will give them their money then. The other two will receive their money with a foreign currency check.

85/36 THEOLOGICAL COMMISSION

- A. The Theological Commission is following up on the Home Board Consultation. The Committee is waiting to hear from Rizik Srouji as to whether he will be able to serve on the Theological Commission. They also reported that all sub-committees were operative.
- B. MISHKAN - The Executive Committee was informed that we now have a new publisher for the Mishkan. The publisher is Barry Segal Int'l. All the materials are in for Issue #3 which should be published and distributed in July. At present Mishkan is approximately \$1,000.00 in debt, but Ole Kvarme is hoping to raise enough money to pay off that debt. Subscriptions continue to come into Mishkan with a total near 800. Issue #4 of Mishkan should be published and distributed in January 1986.

Due to Ole Kvarme's expected departure from Israel in December 1985 the search for an editor for Mishkan is seriously being done.

The Executive Committee authorized a representative of Mishkan to have a key for the UCCI post office box 116.

85/37 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - The following assignments were made for the Annual Conference:

- A. Song Leader - Charles Kopp, Walter Riggans
- B. Communion Service - Ole Kvarme
- C. Bible Studies - Ray Pritz
- D. Worship service leader - Saleem Ramadan
- E. Worship service speaker - Suheil Ramadan

The Theme for the conference is still being discussed. We will once again have a reception for invited guests at the beginning of the Conference.

85/38 CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Nine letters addressed to the Military Governor of the West Bank were received. They all pertained to renewing permission for ministry in the prisons. The Executive Committee whole heartedly supports these applications.
- B. World Evangelical Fellowship - A letter was received from David Howard giving a statement of faith of W.E.F.; words of encouragement; and an application for membership should the UCCI be interested in joining.

85/39 RESIGNATION - A resignation was received from Joe Haines as General Secretary due to his return to the U.S.A. With regrets the Executive Committee received his resignation and commended him for the great job he has done during the time he has spent with the U.C.C.I.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. Walter Riggans.