

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of the UCCI met at Elias Church in Haifa on 17 September 1985.

Present: Suhail Ramadan (Interim Chairman); Charles Kopp (General Secretary); Sally Lanier (Treasurer); Ole Kvarme; Janette Ross; Eleanor Walker; Slomo Drori; Bertha Swarr; Rizik Srouji; Walter Riggans.

Apologies: Ray Register (Chairman); Robert Livingston (Recording Secretary).

The meeting was opened with a devotional by Shlomo Drori. He used John 14:6 as his text. He asked that we look at war for a description of peace. He pointed out that war occurs when something is missing in a person or a country. When looking at the Hebrew word "Shalom", we see the root of the word meaning "complete, nothing missing". How can we be complete? Only if we fellowship with God.

85/40 MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 1985

The minutes of the meeting held on September 17, 1985 were reviewed. The following changes were made in the minutes:

85/24 - Dr. Srouji should be Dr. Srouji. It was suggested that names and not titles be used in UCCI minutes and lists of Executive members. UCCI News Editor to use her discretion.

85/37 - Ray Pritz cannot do Bible Studies at Conference. David Teeter will be asked to do two. David Teeter is from Bethlehem Bible College.

85/41 - 85/13 of the June 11, 1985 minutes should be 85/31.

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.

85/42 TREASURER'S REPORT - It was suggested that Clippings service (cf. 109 \$/year) needs committee to look at it for commercial summary. Regular bills enormous. Expenses have gone beyond all estimates over the summer. We should not cover the shortfall on Clippings out of General Funds. There are bills to a Newspaper Clippings Service sent to Menahem Ben Haim and to Lutherans who store them as a service to UCCI. We pay subscription fees plus bits and pieces. Amount of material has increased. What we collect does not reflect expenses - ask for more. Ole suggests Sally and Chuck check with Barry Segal and Menahem to set up a meaningful budget. Eleanor suggests Sally, Chuck, and Bob constitute committee and report to Executive the night before AGM - Agreed. Have all member bodies paid fees? Information not here. Loss on fees paid in Shekels. Sally wants to discuss in control committee: remember that for annual conference. Fees to be paid - Sally will send a notice. Suhail queries use of money for Torch Series and Sally cannot answer his questions. Need full report. Report from Literature Committee on what happened. (Yusif Odeh, Florence Christie, Farid Haddad). Suhail will check and report back in November. Accepted.

85/43 SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS -

A. UCCI News asked opinions of subscribers.
5 replies from inside Israel
20 replies from outside Israel

"Outside" replies said UCCI News was main source of information. Please continue.

There will be one issue in June and one following the Conference. Bertha will be here only for November, next June and possibly the next June and offers resignation after coming issue. She will talk with Betty Smith about sharing editorship.

- B. Council Structure - No meeting since last time.
- C. Scholarship Committee - Lindel B., Suhail R., and Eleanor W. used \$1000.00
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| Philippe and Violette (200 \$ each) | \$400.00 |
| Nazair Shaheen | \$200.00 |
| Samuel said | \$200.00 |
| Samuel Fannous | \$200.00 |

Letter of thanks from 4, but not from Fannous. \$323.00 at hand now. Use for theological training - preferably inside the country. Suhail will enquire about Bethlehem Bible College fees.

Walter raises possibility of helping students at Emmanuel Study Center. Sally suggests Book Fund for students.

- D. Theological Commission - No Meeting over the summer.
1. Emphasized consultation preparation in the spring. Now trying to follow up. 3 areas.
 - a. Theological cooperation and practical working out of unity of the body.
 - b. Evangelism terminology and cooperation.
 - c. Training programme for expatriates.
 2. Conversation with Jewish Community leaders on the tension with the Jewish Community.
 3. Theological Seminars
 - a. Jewish Evangelism
 - b. Moslem evangelism
 4. Mishkan - 3rd issue due July. Now about to come out. Hold up with funds. More money expected in New Year. Changed from Hagefen to Barry Segal. Costs less. Response is favourable abroad and here. New subscriptions coming from USA. Trying to create good organizational framework. (WE NEED REPORT FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE.)
 5. Ole referred to the opposition to the Mormon presence in Israel. He especially noted that they had to sign an agreement not to engage in "Missionary" activity. Project Kibbutz are suffering the same kind of pressure, as are others. Perhaps the UCCI needs to take steps to investigate the trends? It was agreed to convene the Liaison Committee for this purpose. In Ray's absence Walter agreed to convene the Committee.

85/44 REPORT ON CONSULTATION WITH DIOCESE, JUNE 28, 1985 - In Diocese 2 different approaches:

- A. Broader Society covering the Holy Land. Can work in various areas. Protestant Evangelical Members.
- B. Framework as now but within 1967 borders. Change name and add affiliated membership.

It was agreed to ask Ole, Chuck, Suhail to report back to Executive - not to Annual Meeting. Council Structure needs at least 1 year to fully debate the issues. We hope this group comes up with permanent questions and proposals. They will produce new name for the committee.

Eleanor W. suggests thinking of Church of Scotland contacts. We would like to communicate this on-going process with the Church of Scotland. (The UCCI Executive welcomes the Rev. and Mrs. John Miller Scott on their introduction to the Ministry of the St. Andrew's Church of Scotland, Jerusalem and looks forward to future fellowship and cooperation.

85/45 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - No news from Glasser (Since then Chuck has confirmed that he will come.) Communion 1st day instead of last. Delegates and 1 observer per delegate, as decided at a previous Executive. Lists of delegates and observers to Chuck Kopp. Eleanor W. and Janette R. to be liaison with Tiberias staff.

85/46 OTHER

- A. Congratulations to David Jaeger on his ordination as deacon. Thanks for his greetings.
- B. Menahem Ben Haim wants help to publish his book "Jews and Gentiles" in Hebrew. Recommended by Walter and Ole. The Hebrew Literature Committee will pursue this.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Suhail Ramadan. The next meeting will be on the eve of the Annual Conference.