

**UNITED CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN ISRAEL**  
**MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2000 at Beit Immanuel, Jaffa**

**1.0 DEVOTIONS** – Jean read from John 15 v 1-8 on Jesus being the vine and our need to abide in Him. It is not our work for Him, although obviously we want to give of our best, from which the fruit comes, but from our relationship with Jesus. It is 'in being' and not 'in doing' that the fruit develops.

**2.1 ROLL CALL** – Chuck Kopp (Chairman), Kay Browning, Ron Jones, Wayne King, Trevor Marzetti, Jean Marzetti, Torkild Masvie, Sue Mottershead, David Newman, Suhail Ramadan and Peter Wells.

**2.2 APOLOGIES** - Warren Graham, Ray Lockhart, Gershon Nerel and Harri Tees.

**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – No additions.

**4.1 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

EXCOM Minutes of 11<sup>th</sup> May – It was agreed to delete the first paragraph of Item 6.3. The name of the Hospital mentioned in Item 5.4.7 should read Eitanim.

**MINUTES APPROVED AS AMENDED**

Minutes of Spring Meeting/AGM of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2000.

**APPROVED**

EXCOM Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2000 – Wording amended in Items 2 and 3 to 'Appointments to Control Committee' and 'Confirmation of Elected Executive Committee (EXCOM)' respectively.

**APPROVED AS AMENDED**

**4.2 MATTERS ARISING** - Sue reported she had a new form from the Amutah Office to be completed.

**5.0 REPORTS**

**5.1 Chairman**

Approval for 1 month had been received for the re-placement Pastor from Jordan to serve in Acre and then an A3 visa would be applied for.

A response is awaited from the Inter-Ministerial Committee reviewing the visa situation for volunteers/workers.

The Attorney General has been requested to investigate how or why evangelical Christians are a danger to the State or Jewish people.

The lawyer for the 3 Ethiopian sisters is optimistic and hopes to apply for temporary residency for them. The problems faced by the sisters came about through a video and it was suggested that perhaps a carefully worded article could be written for UCCI News cautioning Believers in their use.

**5.2 Treasurer** - David presented the financial report from 1.1.2000 to 5.6.2000. Outstanding fees have been received from one further Member Body.

**REPORT APPROVED**

**5.3 Executive Secretary**

Ron reported on his activities over the last few months. Ron's E-mail address is now [exec@uccinet.net](mailto:exec@uccinet.net) He also shared about friends who had been able to help with relief work on the Lebanon border.

Item for consideration at a future meeting – UCCI leaflet/pamphlet, and possibly a UCCI logo.

**5.4 Sub-committees**

**5.4.1 Planning Committee** – Trevor reported on the Spring Meeting. It was suggested that it would have been good to have included a tour of Simon the

Tanner's House. Perhaps a future meeting could be organised with Arab speakers. The Planning Sub-Committee will shortly arrange a meeting to discuss visit of Ravi Zacharias – ensure Student Fellowship informed of visit – publicise in UCCI News.

**5.4.2 Mishkan Journal** – The next issue will include an article by the authors of Facts and Myths, including feed-back on that issue. Suggested change over of ownership to commence from beginning of 2001.

**5.4.3 Torch Publications** – Please inform David of any individual or group who would be interested in taking over these publications.

**5.4.4 UCCI News** – In process of preparation now. Kay requested more information on Ravi Zacharias

**5.4.5 Liaisons & Public Relations** – see 5.1.

**5.4.6 Scholarship Committee** – It was agreed NIS 4,000 be transferred from Torch to Scholarship Fund and a request for donations be included in UCCI News.

**5.4.7 Structure Committee** – An informal meeting with the Norweign Pentecostal Church has been set up by Peter. ICOB was represented at the Spring Meeting and Peter will be writing to David Boyd. If the Spanish Baptist Congregation in Tel Aviv is a member of ABC, they are already members of UCCI.

During Trevor's absence it was suggested, Ron, Peter and Ray cover the General Secretary's duties, with help from others. Ron and Harri (co-opting Roger Elbel) to cover Trevor's Structure Committee duties.

**5.4.8 Theological Committee** – New Guidelines are required to express how we are developing and where we want to be in ten years. It was suggested rereading Tom Hocutt's last report (21<sup>st</sup> October 1996) and that this item be on the agenda for the next meeting.

**5.4.9 Legal Action Committee** – It was reported 13 of the 28 Member Bodies had now signed up (including ITAC). Contact to be made again with those who have not responded positively.

**5.5 Control Committee** – Confirmation of elections.

## **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**6.1 Simon the Tanner's House** – Letter sent to Matan Vilna (Minister of Science, Culture & Sport) who has handed responsibility over to Benny Shula. Trevor and Chuck to make contact with Mr Shula.

**6.2 Baptist Village** – Revised letter to be circulated incorporating suggestions made.

**6.3 Web Site** – deferred to next meeting.

**6.4 WEF Assembly** – deferred to next meeting.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS** – None

## **8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

**9.30am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> August at Nazareth Hospital.**

**It was suggested, if possible, a visit be arranged to Nazareth Village.**

## **REMINDER**

**Ravi Zacharias Meeting on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

**(venue to be notified)**

### Suggested Altered Minutes

**5.4.7 Structure Committee-** Peter tabled a formal request for membership from the Norwegian Pentecostal Church together with a letter from their overseas board. It was agreed that further questions should be asked of the group. It was also suggested that Peter contact Israel College of the Bible again regarding membership.

Peter shared there had not been opportunity to look at the Theological commission guidelines. A suggestion was made that all guidelines be reviewed. Ray agreed to table an amended draft memorandum of agreement between C.M.A. and U.C.C.I. for the use for the Ha Neveim office facility.

**5.4 Control Committee-** It was proposed and agreed that Sue Mottishead be co-opted onto the Control Committee.

