

**UNITED CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN ISRAEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
*Monday* ~~Thursday~~, September 17, 2001, 10:00 am  
**Baptist House, Jerusalem**

**1.0 DEVOTIONS:** [David Newman]

David gave a meditation recognizing the sovereignty of God.

**Text:** Hebrews 12:26-29 God's "voice shook the earth...promising "Yet once more I shake not only the earth, but also heaven." ...receiving "a kingdom which cannot be shaken let us have grace, by which we may be serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

Daniel 4:26 "...your kingdom shall be assured to you, after you come to know that Heaven rules."

Proverbs 8:32-36 "...blessed is the man who listens to me, watching daily at my doors. For whoever finds me finds life...."

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**2.1 Present:** Ron Jones, Chuck Kopp, David Lauffer, Ray Lockhart, Torkild Masvie, David Newman, Juha-Pekka Rissanen, Harry Tees and Peter Wells

**Control:** Sue Mottershead

**2.2 Absent:** Suhail Ramadan, Philip Sa'ad **Out of the country:** Wayne King

**In Hospital:** Warren Graham

**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ray motioned and Peter seconded. Agenda adopted

**4.0 MINUTES OF 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2001 Ex Com MEETING**

Approved with minor corrections. Ron Jones not Peter Wells was appointed convener of the planning committee.

**5.0 REPORTS**

**5.1 Chairman** [Ray Lockhart]

Ray reported that he and Chuck have met at the Ministry of Religious Affairs with the new Director of the Christian Communities Department, Cesare Marjeih, to introduce U.C.C.I. to him. Jonathan Ben-Ari will be taking Jehudit's place with Sarah and Sasha also in the office. Chuck and Ray also meant with the Greek Patriarch Iraneous.

## **5.2 Treasurer [David Newman]:**

See attached Summary report and Treasurer's Report dated 01/01/2001 – 14/09/2001

Treasurer's Report: Five organizations have not paid fees for the year 2001. Ray will contact those organizations by phone. David Newman will follow up with a letter if necessary.

## **5.3 Executive Secretary [Ron Jones]**

Ron officially reported that he would no longer be able to serve as Executive Secretary due to personal reasons. Chairman Lockhart formally thanked Ron for two years of dedicated work and blessed him with God's richest blessings and guidance. Many members of the committee echoed Ray's sentiments and support to Ron.

### **5.3.1 Interim arrangements**

Peter Wells volunteered to serve as Interim General Secretary until arrangements can be made for a candidate to replace Ron. This was unanimously approved with thanks from the committee.

Jeanine Navarro was presented by Chuck Kopp as a candidate for recording Secretary.

**Motion:** Peter Wells motioned and Ray Lockhart seconded that Jeanine be appointed as Recording Secretary and a voting member of Ex Com.  
**Approved**

## **5.4 SUB-COMMITTEES:**

### **5.4.1 Planning committee**

Ray reported that Stella Carmel would be available for Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2001. Nizar Shaheen has indicated that he could speak together with David Davis. It was agreed that Fadi Ramadan would lead worship. Ron volunteered to do set-up for this event assisted by Chuck Kopp, Ray Lockhart and Jeanine Navarro.

### **5.4.2 Liaison & Public Relations**

Chuck Kopp is still following the plight of the three Ethiopian sisters. They have asked people to be discreet as they are still working in the computer industry. Chuck asked if anyone on the committee could find influential people to write letters on their behalf.

Also mentioned is Suad in Gaza, who needs a multiple entry visa to travel for speaking engagements with her husband, Pastor Hanna Massad.

#### 5.4.3 **Scholarship Committee** [Harri Tees]

New Guidelines were presented. (see attached) It was suggested to raise the minimum grant but it was agreed to leave this with the committee for further discussion.

Control Sue Mottershead recommended a minimum of three people are needed to serve on the Scholarship committee. David Lauffer, Harri Tees and Juha-Pekka Rissanen all agreed to serve on the committee.

**Motion:** David Newman motioned and Peter Wells seconded that this years scholarship deadline be waived. **Approved**

Applicants will be evaluated by the committee and submitted to the chairman for review before being brought to Ex Com.

#### 5.4.4 **Structure Committee** [Peter Wells]

Due to the vacancy of the Executive Secretary position Ex Com interviewed Porter Speakman suggested by Harry Tees to replace Ron when Porter returns in April from a training course in Germany. The committee reviewed his background with YWAM and Church of God. Porter indicated that one of his areas of expertise lies in media design and desktop publishing. He is currently working in Israel with digital communications to help people develop skill in the computer field.

David Newman also mentioned a possible candidate, Brent Neeley, Assembly of God, who has worked in Nazareth with the Galilee Bible School. He is currently out of the country until March, but could possibly be interviewed sooner for the position.

Inquiry was made as to CMA having a candidate. David Lauffer indicated that at this time no immediate replacement was foreseen.

#### 5.4.5 **Media Committee** [Chuck Kopp]

Nothing to report

#### 5.4.6 **Legal Action Committee** [Peter Wells]

Nothing to report

#### 5.5 **Control** [Sue Mottershead]

Accounts are in order. Ex Com discussed the need to find another member to join this committee.

## **6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

### **6.1 ID Cards**

Ron indicated that the ID card applications have been filed and are in the process of being finalized. Ray offered to have his secretary Joy work on this project in conjunction with Ron and Jeanine.

## **7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **7.1 Management of the Alliance Cemetery in Jerusalem**

David Lauffer indicated that due to space limitations and promises to families already buried in the cemetery it is not to be assumed that people may be buried there. The facilitator Roger Elbel is out of the country until December and Louis Ziegler has taken interim responsibility for burials until he returns. Louis may be contacted at the CMA office 625-4669 for further information. David will follow up with an official letter from CMA concerning future burials.

### **7.2 Prayer for the Nation**

Ray Lockhart introduced a discussion about the possibility and feasibility of calling a day of prayer for the nation. It was felt that this might be difficult to arrange in different geographical areas and if decided should probably be at a central location such as Yad Ha Shomna (if available). It was agreed to leave this possibility open until the next meeting.

## **8.0 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

November 8<sup>th</sup> 10am in the UCCI offices

Following meeting was scheduled for January 24, 2002

Discussion for December meeting might be possible but will be confirmed at the next meeting.

**MEETING ADJOURNED AT 1:40 PM.**