

**UNITED CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN ISRAEL**  
**MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2001 10:30 am**  
**UCCI office, Jerusalem**

**1.0 DEVOTIONS: (Peter Wells)**

Peter shared a meditation on the theme of being willing to step out outside of our comfort zone in order to follow Jesus "outside the camp". He suggested ways in which this might apply to our leadership role.

**Text:** Hebrews 13:12 and 13 (NIV) "And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood. Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the disgrace he bore."

Hebrew 13:20,21 "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, him, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

**2.0 ROLL CALL**

**2.1 Present:** Chuck Kopp, David Lauffer, Ray Lockhart, Jeanine Navarro, David Newman, Juha-Pekka Rissanen, Harry Tees, Peter Wells

**Control:** Sue Mottershead

**2.2 Apologies:** Torkild Masvies, Wayne King.

**Absent:** Suhail Ramadan

**Out of the country:** Warren Graham

**3.0 ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Ray motioned and Peter seconded. Agenda adopted.

**4.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 17<sup>th</sup> September 2001**

Sue Mottershead pointed out that we meant on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> not Thursday the 17<sup>th</sup> as designated in the heading. Peter motioned and Harri seconded approval of minutes with minor correction of date.

**5.0 REPORTS**

**5.1 Chairman (Ray Lockhart)**

Ray will write a letter to Ron Jones to thank him for his work with UCCI.

**5.2 Treasurer (David Newman)**

David presented the account information. Discussion about the US dollar account concluded that the account was still important to maintain. (See attachment for account info)

**5.3 General Secretary (Peter Wells)**

Peter expressed gratitude for all that Jeanine had done to set up the Fall Conference and to visit the office regularly to check e-mails and phone messages. Much work still need to be done to update our databases of UCCI names and addresses. A new address list of EXCOM and Heads of Member bodies is being finalized and would soon be circulated.

## **5.4 SUB-COMMITTEES**

### **5.4.1 Planning Committee (Peter Wells)**

Peter raised various matters relating to the Fall Conference and confirmed organizational details. Ray agreed to brief the speakers and to chair the agreed programme. Jeanine would follow up those who have not yet applied.

### **5.4.2 Liaison and Public Relations (Chuck Kopp)**

Chuck presented info on the Lieberman case. The Jewish couple was not allowed to return to the country under the assumption of Messianic activity. A letter was presented on their behalf to Israeli leaders. Yosi Sarid returned a reply with his support for this couple to be allowed to enter Israel.

Chuck also reported that the ministry of Interior is not allowing new A-3 visas due to pending court case. They have reported that they will renew A-3 visas for 3 months and at that time the visa situation should be a little clearer.

Chuck also told of the Musalah organization encouraging Jewish and Arab leaders to dialogue and socialize.

Ray reported that he had written a letter about the refusal of Philippine pastor visas. It was discussed that UCCI should stand by and support these minority brothers in the land.

### **5.4.3 Scholarship Committee (Harri Tees)**

There are three applications currently pending. Discussion ensued to present member bodies the opportunity to submit other possible candidates with the deadline as December 1<sup>st</sup> for final distribution of funds.

### **5.4.4 Structure Committee (Peter Wells)**

Peter suggested that we encourage one or two Jerusalem based pastors to become more actively involved in UCCI. Organizations that have expressed an interest in joining UCCI were discussed. An application from Esko Siljanen of the Finnish Lutheran Mission would be particularly welcomed.

David Newman suggested Bent and Loretta Neely for possible future positions in UCCI. It was agreed that they should be encouraged to settle in the country and become involved in UCCI before this is taken further. It was nevertheless agreed that we should continue discussions with Harri Tees concerning the part-time secondment of Porter Speakman as UCCI Webmaster and to develop our media communications.

Several members of ExCom expressed concern about the pastoring of foreign workers in the land. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

### **5.4.5 Media Committee (Harri Tees)**

Harri confirmed that he proposes to issue an e-mail newsletter before Christmas. Contributions were therefore urgently required.

### **5.4.6 Legal Action Committee (Peter Wells)**

Peter reported that immediately after the Fall Meeting he would be seeking an urgent opportunity for our delegation to meet with Gadi Golan, the new Religious Communities Advisor at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Chuck Kopp kindly agreed to set up this meeting. It was agreed that this negotiations with the State of Israel needs to be a priority in the coming months.

### **5.5 Control Committee (Sue Motterhead)**

Sue stated that all the accounts are in order.

**6.0 OLD BUSINESS**

**6.1 ID cards**

ID cards are still being developed. It was requested that the form and information be made available at the Fall Meeting for member bodies.

**6.2 Prayer for the nation**

Prayer for the nations is being taken place with individual member bodies. It was agreed that it would be difficult for UCCI to coordinate this centrally. Harri Tees presented YWAM's approach to praying for Muslims during Ramadan.

**7.0 NEW BUSINESS**

An E-mail was presented concerning a Muslim believer that was killed during a college protest. Ray will contact Ray Register to get the details.

**8.0 NEXT MEETING**

January 24<sup>th</sup> 2002 was established as the next meeting date to be located in the CMA lounge. Also March 21<sup>st</sup> after the pastor's breakfast. 10:15 designated as the meeting start time. Finally the date of the annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanine Navarro  
Recording Secretary UCCI