

Hi all,

From sunny and bright Sackville, NB. Here are the minutes from today's CC conference call.

Looking forward to seeing many of you in Alberta in a few months.

Eric

**DUCC Co-ordinating Committee
February 26, 2006**

Check-in occurred as we gathered and waited for all to call in.

Business arising:

1. **Presbytery Recognized Diaconal Ministry:** This item should be added to the agenda the national gathering.
2. **Attachments on website:** Nancy is working on it.
3. **Cluster structure on website:** Nancy is working on it.
4. **DUCC database:** It continues to prove difficult to hand control of the DUCC database over to the Coordinating Committee. Lori will call Caryn Douglas to resolve.
5. **Kaufman Cottage Fund:** Lori is still to do this.
6. Theological Colleges, DOTAC and Regional and DUCC Clusters
7. **Dr. Jessie Salteaux Centre:** Lori to write to express our regrets of conflicting schedules.
8. **Financial Administration:** the account in Alberta has been set up.
9. **Nominating Committee:** We assume the Liaison Committee will include the list of Diaconal Ministers on General Council Committees.
10. **DUCC Coordinating Committee Report:** A draft report was shared and additional suggestions made. Members will write the paragraphs identified and Eric will send the next draft out.
11. **Room for Coordinating Committee:**

Correspondence:

1. **From the last meeting:**
 - a. **DAP representative:** It is unlikely that this will happen, because Sala, seems to be unknown by the Methodist partners in Fiji. Eric will write a letter to Omega Bulah, JGER CC to Margaret Sumadh, and General Secretary relaying the difficulty diaconal ministers in being known by some partners.
 - b. **DUCC Statement of Belief:** Joan Tuchlinsky and the theme committee feel it should go as a agenda item on the Business Meeting and not incorporated with the theme.
2. **To this meeting:**
 - a. **Budget for National Gathering:** Kay reviewed the report sent to us and we agreed that the budget is fine. The only question was around the travel pool, but nothing to be concerned about.
 - b. **London Conference Request for Agenda Time:** They would like 30 minutes to discuss diaconal identity. We think the plan for viewing the Maritime video is very good. To be dealt with when we discuss the agenda at our March meeting. Lori will tell her what we can tell her at this time.
 - c. **Ecumenical Representative:** We agreed that David would follow up with the Luther representative and invite her to our national gathering.
 - d. **Duties of Local Arrangements:** Linda Gow – Yes, they are responsible for courtesies and written ‘thank you’ notes, following the event. Lori will respond.
 - e. **CCS Annual Meeting:** We agreed that we would send DUCC statement of congratulations

and blessing. Nancy will deliver this in person.

New Business:

1. **Draft of Full Agenda:** Lori will request this to be received as soon as possible after they meet on March 12. After that we will meet again.
2. **Leadership at Business Meeting:** Rotating Chairs is the model we will use again. We will ask Local Arrangements to provide a lap-top computer with internet connections, printer, and digital arrangements. We will also ask them to identify someone to take minutes.
3. **Reports to Biannual Gathering:** Reports will be posted on the website, emailed to those registrations and printed placed on the registration desk in limited numbers. David will do this, after Nancy has contacted Richard Tannis-Manley.

Next meeting is Thursday March 15th at 9:00 AM via conference call. Kay to set it up.