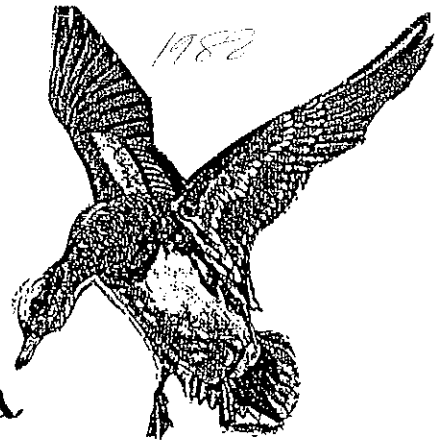


*Alberta
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Diakonia

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Sept. 15, 1988

Dear Friends in Diaconal Ministry:

Hopefully, all of you are surviving the September crescendo of work after some form of revitalization and renewal this summer. My attendance at General Council resulted in the time lapse for your receipt of these minutes from the DUCC National Gathering held June 22-25/88 at Water Valley, Alberta. We delighted in the beautiful, rustic setting which afforded us the opportunity for exercise and inspired us to make decisions such as the one to send these minutes to all diaconal ministers listed in the yearbook!

As you know, expenses for copying and mailing are high, so if you are going to place DUCC minutes immediately in the circular file, please let us know and we promise not to waste your time and our money. If you are not interested in on-going receipt of minutes of the DUCC Coordinating Committee and future National Gatherings, please tear off the bottom of this page and return it to:
Marion Thomson, 1521 Avenue D North, Saskatoon, Sask. S7L 1P7
However, if you are interested, we are more than pleased to have you on the mailing list.

Please note on page 5 of these minutes the accepted budget for 1988-1990. We do need your support via membership fee payments (amounts and categories listed on page 7) and we encourage you to clarify for yourself and us the relationship you wish to have with DUCC. Initial or renewing memberships may be mailed to our new treasurer/membership secretary Lillian Stillborn, #2 - 1805 Rae St., Regina, Sask. S4T 2E3 (form-p.7)

We feel that one of the most exciting items to come out of this year's National Gathering is to be found on page 6 herein.

"DIACONAL MINISTRY: A Statement of Belief"

Although these words express in a meaningful way the dialogue that occurred at the Ranch, they are not carved in stone. We hope they will evolve creatively and we'd appreciate your thoughts and input. Discuss with friends and feel free to be in touch with any member of the 1988-90 Coordinating Committee:

Dawn Wood, Debra Schweyer, Margaret Read, Pat Dyson, Nancy Holman, Barbara Elliot, Barbara Ann Bryant-Anstie and Virginia Coleman.
The committee meets next Oct. 4-5/88 in Saskatoon.

Our grateful thanks are offered to the Alberta planning group for the local arrangements, music and theme time preparations; to the members of the Sask.-based Coordinating Committee and Treas. Marlyne Myles; our special guest, You Kun Sook; the recorders of the minutes - Deborah Deavu and Sue Taylor, to Debbie Hill of Tompkins who helped type the original transcription, and to Betty Marlin for "storytelling" them into a more easily digestible form.

Blessings,

Dawn Wood, secretary

REPORT OF THE NATIONAL GATHERING OF DIAKONIA OF THE UNITED CHURCH,
SILVER CREEK RANCH, WATER VALLEY, ALBERTA - JUNE 22-25, 1988

A small group of Diaconal Ministers representing only seven of the twelve conferences met over a four day period to (i) renew acquaintances, (ii) build community, (iii) set policy and (iv) reflect theologically. The group represented active employed diaconal ministers in team and solo ministries, retired diaconal ministers still active in the association and other parts of church life, and diaconal ministers active in other areas of work and active in church life. Also present were You Kun Sook from Seoul, Korea, who added much to our study sessions and Jean Myrick, a guest from Vancouver.

The setting for the gathering was a ranch like facility west of Calgary known as Silver Creek Ranch. The sessions were fairly evenly divided between (i) community building and study and (ii) business. There were times when it was difficult to distinguish between the two as is natural in such a situation. This was the third biannual meeting of the association.

The reflection time centred around a recognition and affirmation of pain and wilderness as crucial to the times in which we find ourselves and as central to our claiming and sharing power in society, community and self. Exodus (choosing to leave) and wilderness, exile (being forced to leave) and homelessness were central to our exploration of claiming of our own power as individuals, and as community. Exploration and affirmation of what it means to be in diaconal ministry were very much a part of this exploration.

We began by sharing symbols that we brought with us that describe the essence of who we are as persons and as diaconal ministers. These many symbols became the central focus of our work together. We added to these symbols ones that we created together representing our life during the time gathered. We ended our time together by reclaiming our symbols and sharing with the total group what had been added by our time together and what we were choosing to leave with others.

Music and dance formed a connected web and a channel for expressing our pain, our anger and our hope for ourselves, for diaconal ministry and for the world. Many appreciated the power of the music as it knit us together and put form to our feelings.

The business session included (i) an update of actions from previous gatherings, (ii) accountability of both the Diakonia co-ordinating group and the diaconal ministry committee (of MP&E) and (iii) reports from World Diakonia and Diakonia of the Americas and (iv) business decisions we needed to make as an association. We also heard reports from regional groups concerning their activities over the past two years.

The co-ordinating responsibilities over the past two years and for the next two years are the responsibility of the Diaconal Association from Saskatchewan Conference. Membership in that group includes Marilyn Anderson-Corkum (86-88), Dawn Wood (liaison with the Diaconal Ministry Committee), Marion Thomson (86-87), Margaret Read (87-88), Deb Scheweyer (regrets), Sharon Davis (regrets) and Virginia Coleman (ex-officio).

Accountability of the co-ordinating group included:

- (i) liaison with the work of the Diaconal Ministry Committee on concerns of educational opportunities, reports on diaconal ministry, remit work, feedback on resources, feedback on new services being prepared (covenanting service and commissioning/ordination service);
- (ii) contact with regional representatives and support for regional gatherings;
- (iii) budget, finance and membership concerns;
- (iv) liaison with Diakonia of Americas and World Diakonia; and
- (v) co-ordination and support with Alberta and Northwest Conference for the present gathering.

From the co-ordinating committee and this gathering items for decision were identified as:

- (i) what is our relationship to Diakonia of the Americas and World Diakonia? Why is the diaconal ministry committee paying membership dues and why is the staff person our representative? (It was noted that staff are involved from all associations);
- (ii) who is a member of Diakonia of the United Church? How do we encourage memberships? How do we care for all who are diaconal ministers? Are those in Diaconal ministry also eligible for membership? How do we keep in touch with our membership and all who are diaconal ministers?
- (iii) what will our budget be for the coming term and how will we support regional gatherings? Is it practical to have a treasurer separated from co-ordinating committee?
- (iv) detail items (a) logo, (b) give people copy of charter, (c) relationship to APCW and (d) regional (Western) training opportunity.

Regional groupings reported on their activities and concerns. Many identified the work of informing Presbyteries and other groups about diaconal ministry as a major activity. Few regional groups met on any regular basis (Saskatchewan Conference being the exception). Most support consisted of informal networking and special gatherings at Conference meetings to celebrate retiring folk and folk newly commissioned to diaconal ministry.

Several groups reported on monitoring of Presbytery and Conference committee membership for diaconal representation. A couple of regional groups are developing a relationship with staff associates.

The Standing Committee on Diaconal Ministry (National MP&E) also reported for information and asked for feedback on our relationship with staff associates. The Standing Committee reported on work with other groups such as worship and liturgy (services), Native Ministry (desire for training opportunities), women in Ministry, Staff Associates, CTEM (Committee on Theological Education for Ministry) and Learning on the Way. The Committee has co-ordinated the development of resources on diaconal ministry, history document, preparation of an event for diaconal ministry in January '89, and has done considerable work in updating the manual. The concern for access to preparation for diaconal ministry is presently before the committee as is our relationship with staff associates. The committee has taken our interest in both Diakonia of the Americas and World Diakonia.

THE DECISIONS made by this national gathering include:

1. That we accept the audited statement and with that the recognition that the seed money for this event may or may not be returned.
2. After much discussion around membership, including the possibilities (i) that there be associate members, (ii) that we remain at this point a closed group for diaconal ministers only, and (iii) that we be a group open to those who see themselves in diaconal ministry -- there was a decision made.

ACTION: There is agreement that we wait until the next National Gathering and put the discussion of opening our group up on the agenda at that time, but that we are moving in the direction of openness, that we continue the dialogue amongst ourselves and with others - e.g. - regional groupings. There is agreement that we put into action what our belief is about diaconal ministry.

3. A reaffirmation of our purpose: (See also Revised version on page 6)
 - A. There was a brief review of the minutes of the Founding Committee Meeting particularly highlighting our "Purpose."
 - i). To provide a national identity and perspective for diaconal ministry.
 - ii). To affirm our identity within diaconal ministry.
 - iii). To formulate and recommend policy for diaconal ministry.
 - iv). To make recommendations to appropriate colleges and committees for diaconal ministry training and continuing education.
 - v). To develop and maintain an awareness and understanding of diaconal ministry throughout the church, including theological colleges, Centres and the Division of MP&E.
 - vi). To provide support, growth and understanding for one another in diaconal ministry.
 - vii). To explore and develop a discipline for spiritual growth in personal and community life.
 - viii). To develop and maintain a relationship with other diaconal associations.

4. Fees

- recommend no change in present scale for active Diaconal Ministers
- retired Diaconal Ministers to pay \$25.00; students and unemployed to pay \$5.00.
- year runs from July 1 - June 30
- decisions to be sent out with these minutes and indication of fees due
- receipts to be sent out in January for tax purposes
- indicate in April or May the membership fees for the following year
- fees may be paid in installments

ACTION: Affirmed by Consensus

5. Criteria for Regional Funding

- we affirm the decision of the Co-ordinating Committee to use the National Church policy re travel expenses, i.e., 13.25¢/km minus 100 km for all persons attending regional gatherings, both paid-up and unpaid members. Every effort should be made to curtail travel expenses by sharing travel costs.
- Recognizing budget constraints that the Co-ordinating Committee provide a watchdog role on regional meetings, both encouragement to meet and with a suggested guideline for two meetings per year (beside Conference)

ACTION: Affirmed by Consensus

6. Minutes - Newsletter

- suggest that minutes be sent out by DUCC Co-ordinating Committee directly
- everyone listed in yearbook in D.M. be sent minutes but with a tear off section on first minutes for those who do not wish minutes
- that a covering letter be sent with the minutes of this Gathering that includes:
 - a) our decision to send minutes to all listed as diaconal ministers and sent directly from the co-ordinating committee of DUCC (rather than via regional contact people)
 - b) something about the Gathering
 - c) costs of the organization and the need for fees
 - d) ask them to take note of statements like: working style of D.M.s and purpose

Marion Thomson has offered to copy and mail out minutes for the Co-ordinating Committee.

ACTION: Affirmed by Consensus

7. Location of Treasurer

- to be located where the Co-ordinating Committee is situated. AGREED.

Co-ordinating Committee

- suggested that Alberta/NW Conference take this on from 1990-94. AGREED.

8. That we invite Manitoba and NW Ontario to plan the next national gathering in 1990 and that the Saskatchewan Conference group again liaison with that group.

9. The proposed budget for the next two years (1988 - 1990) be:

	ACCEPTED	PROPOSED
Co-ordinating Committee Meetings	5,000.00	6,000.00
Telephone	500.00	
Mailing - C.C. mtg. mins. (3 x a yr. - 200 people)	2,000.00	2,400.00
Office expenses	100.00	
Travel for Regional Gatherings	6,400.00	8,400.00
DOTA - rep. to attend Jamaica	300.00	
Int. Diakonia (Halifax - 1991)	(1,000.00)	
Fees to DOTA/Int. Diak. for 1989/90	2,000.00	
Treasurer/Membership secretary	400.00	
National Gathering, 1990	1,500.00	
Cost for sending of mins. of Gathering	600.00	
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TOTAL	<u>\$18,800.00</u>	<u>\$23,200.00</u>

Note: Discussion about the paying of DOTA/Diac. fees - on what basis re members - all of D.M.s in Canada or on DUCC membership?

Estimated income for 1988/90	\$15,150.00
Estimated deficit	\$-3,646.00

10. That we write a letter to the Diaconal Ministry Committee confirming our support for a western based training opportunity for diaconal ministry.

Letter (basic content) to be sent to the Committee on Diaconal Ministry with copies to: CTEM, CCS, Chair. of MP&E, Members of the Western Commission (St. Andrew's & St. Stephen's in the west?) and those desiring access to diaconal ministry at present.

- Letter to be prepared by Rita Chamberlain

We strongly believe that the U.C.C. needs education for diaconal ministry which is accessible in locations other than Toronto.

We affirm that CCS continue to be one of the centres for educational preparation for diaconal ministry.

We affirm the need for both a residential-based and field-based education for diaconal ministry.

We recognize the immediate need for access to education for diaconal ministry in Western Canada.

Therefore, we urge that a field-based program be implemented no later than the fall of 1989.

We support the Committee on Diaconal Ministry in their efforts.

11. That we affirm the following statement on diaconal ministry:

DIACONAL MINISTRY : A STATEMENT OF BELIEF

We are called with all God's people to be agents of.

- change
- support and caring
- liberation and reconciliation
- justice and mercy

encouraging all to fullness and wholeness

Diaconal Ministry exists within the ministry of the whole people of God and is the responsibility of the whole people of God.

Diaconal Ministry seeks to empower others through education, service and pastoral care. Service includes working to meet immediate needs and working to create a just world, as do education and pastoral care.

Diaconal Ministry offers diverse resources to the growing edges of the church.

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By implications of our actions we made it clear that:

- (i) we want to relate directly to DOTA and World Diakonia and pay our membership fees;
- (ii) we want to encourage everyone who is a diaconal minister to clarify their relationship to Diakonia; and
- (iii) regional groups need to do research around membership (both active and retired) in their region and attempt to network more clearly.

By action of the Co-ordinating Group we have:

- (i) dropped the idea of a logo because of cost;
- (ii) decided not to give people a copy of the charter because it is already mounted; and
- (iii) are working to clarify our relationship to responsibilities formerly APCW concerns (Kaufman house and scholarship).

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D.U.C.C. MEMBERSHIP FEE SCALE

FEEs CURRENTLY DUE FOR 1988 - 1989
(timing runs on church year - July 1 - June 30)

Categories: (Anyone may feel free to donate more than category requires.)

- a) for those active in full-time employment \$100./year
- b) sliding scale for part-time employment
 - e.g. three quarter-time or 75% 75./year
 - half-time or 50% 50./year
- c) retired 25./year
- d) students and unemployed 5./year

Fees may be paid in installments or by using post-dated cheques.
Receipts for income tax purposes are to be sent out in January.

D.U.C.C. MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Fee Category:

for year(s)

MAIL TO: Lillian Stillborn, DUCC Treasurer & Membership Secretary
#2 - 1805 Rae St., Regina, Sask. S4T 2E3

QUERIES? - about fees due: Contact Lillian or a member of the Coordinating Committee.

Those attending the 1988 DUCC National Gathering:

Special Guest: You Kun Sook, Korea

Linda Ervin, 411 - 1556 Charles St., Vancouver, B.C.

Margaret Fulton, 205 - 1215 West 13th Ave., Vancouver, B.C.

Jean Myrick (observer) " " "

Russell Walker, Lloydminster, Alta. - recently moved to Toronto

Donna Krucik, #403, 12207 Jasper Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

Rita Chamberlain, 824 Imperial Way Southwest, Calgary, Alta.

Dorothy Mundle, 10709 - 32A Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

Lynda Gow, 924 Heritage Dr. SW, Calgary, Alta.

Helen Mack, #203, 9999 - 111th St., Edmonton, Alta.

Marilyn Evans, 10690 Elbow Dr. SW, Calgary, Alta.

Mark Downton-Green, 5115 - 51 Ave., Wetaskiwin, Alta.

Betty Marlin, 9911 - 48 Ave., Edmonton, Alta.

Lori Crocker, Box 936, Innisfail, Alta.

Bari Castle, Box 1027, Stettler, Alta.

Marg Dempsey, #329, 4404 - 122 St., Edmonton, Alta.

Mabel Brandow, #215, 4415 Rae St., Regina, Sask.

Teresa Jones, Box 417, Maidstone, Sask.

Dawn Wood, Box 395, Tompkins, Sask.

Elinor Cox, Box 807, Kelvington, Sask.

Marilyn Anderson Corkum, Box 1064, Melfort, Sask.

Margaret Read, Box 116, Tisdale, Sask.

Nancy Holman, Box 71, Harris, Sask.

Lorraine Flewelling, Box 38, Lashburn, Sask.

Marion Thomson, 1521 Avenue D North, Saskatoon, Sask.

Virginia Coleman, MP&E, 85 St. Clair Ave., Toronto, Ont.

Ann Naylor, " " " "

Wendy Hunt, 77 Charles St. W., Toronto, Ont.

Kay Heuer, " " "

Edna Meader, #206, 30 Chatham St., Brantford, Ont.

Deborah Deavu, Box 117, Renfrew, Ont.

Susanne Taylor, 20 - 1100 Metford, St., Ottawa, Ont.

ADDENDUM #1

DIAKONIA OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Financial Statement ~~Budget for 1988-1990~~ for 1986-88

Preamble: It is important that the Alberta Gathering 1988 be aware of D.U.C.C. financial history: financial standing following National Gathering, Toronto Feb. '86

balance of Professional Dues	\$2063.35	
balance from last treasurer	1695.32	
balance from Toronto Gathering	1491.90	
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June 30, 1986	\$ 5250.57	\$5250.57
Recieved through Professional Dues		
59 membership 1986-1987	\$4670.00	\$4670.00
52 memberships 1987-1988	\$3445.00	\$3445.00
Interest from bank account	\$356.18	\$ 356.18
Donations	\$70.00	\$ 70.00
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	TOTAL	\$13,771.75

EXPENSES : 1986-1988

loan to Alberta Planning Gathering	\$1600.00
Coordinating Committee (meeting expenses telephone office/correspondence)	\$3183.08
Regional Meetings (Sask) supplies	659.43
Treasurer	200.00
Accountant's Audit	800.00
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total	\$6442.51

N. KENNETH MILLER

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Saskatchewan Coordinating Committee The Diakonia of the United Church of Canada.

I have examined the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements for the fiscal year ended May 31, 1987.

My examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests and other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances, except as explained in the following paragraphs.

I was unable to verify by external evidence the following receipts of Funds.

- (A) Funds from Diakonia Conference.
- (B) Funds from prior Treasurer.
- (C) Memberships.

Accordingly, my verification of these amounts was limited to the amounts recorded in the records and in numerous cases supporting authorization data. However, I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to these amounts.

I was unable to verify by external evidence significant amounts of the Disbursements of Funds.

Accordingly, my verification of these disbursements was limited to the amounts recorded by the Treasurer and I was not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to the Disbursements and the effect if any on the confirmed amount shown as cash in bank at the end of the year.

In my opinion, except for the effect of adjustments, if any, which I might have determined to be necessary had I been able to satisfy myself concerning the amounts of receipts in the second paragraph above and the disbursements in the preceding paragraph, the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements present fairly the Cash in Bank.



CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT

JUNE 18, 1988

THE DIAKONIA
OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED

MAY 31, 1987

Cash in Bank	June 1, 1986		\$2,063
Add Receipts:			
	Funds from Diakonia Conference		1,492
	Funds from prior Treasurer		1,695
	Memberships:		
	1985 - 86	\$ 550	
	1986 - 87	3,235	
	1986 - 88	365	
	1987 - 88	<u>200</u>	4,350
	Interest		139
	Sundry		80
	Donations		<u>40</u>
			9,859
Deduct Disbursements:			
	Office Expenses	\$ 132	
	Travel	1,199	
	Allowance Coordinator Committee	500	
	Registration Fee - World Diakonia	<u>300</u>	<u>2,131</u>
Cash in Bank	May 31, 1987		<u>\$7,728</u>

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MAY 31, 1988

Cash in Bank	June 1, 1987			\$ 7,728
Add Receipts:				
	Saskatchewan Committee			139
	Memberships:	1986 - 87	\$ 480	
		1986 - 88	120	
		1987 - 88	<u>2,935</u>	3,535
	Interest			<u>217</u>
				11,619
Deduct Disbursements:				
	Travel		848	
	Office Expenses		497	
	Advance - Alberta Gathering		<u>1,600</u>	<u>2,945</u>
Cash in Bank	May 31, 1988			<u>\$ 8,674</u>

EVALUATIONS FROM DIAKONIA 19881. The place (Silver Creek Ranch)

Adequate	Food - not enough variety
Meeting space good	Food - not enough non-meat choices
Setting pleasant	Accessibility a problem (steep incline)
Sleeping accommodations OK	Poor map
Cost reasonable	Not clean and useable on arrival
Management was obliging when needs were expressed	Needed coffee alternatives for breakfast
For the price, food and accomo- dation were good	Too rustic and camplike
Setting and general atmosphere good	Wanted an element of privacy
Water needed to be more available	Too isolated from transportation resources
Appreciated a place to walk	

2. Time of year (June 22-25)

This time is good
 Don't try back-to-back with another event
 End of June is good, but not too close to school end
 Earlier in June would also be OK

3. Publicity materials about the event (One mailing in January and a confirmation letter)

Good
 Needed two mailings
 One mailing could go out with DUCC minutes
 More co-ordination with DUCC and the planning committee throughout
 Confirmation letter should remind people to bring DUCC file
 Too much printing on brochure

4. Theme (Powered by our Vision)(a) Overall theme (Relevance for you, for diaconal ministry)

Very pertinent
 Thought it might have been difficult personally, but it wasn't because there
 was sensitivity

Good
 Appreciated the participation of the group and others in giving presentations
 Well-integrated (global, Diaconal, personal/theological/biblical
 Appropriate: we do have pain. The acknowledgement of the transformative power
 of pain made me feel hopeful and strengthened.
 Could have used banners or other symbols to remind us of theme
 Liberating theme
 Challenging
 Liked having theme interspersed with business sessions

(b) Connections, flow, among theme sessions

Liked having theme sessions interspersed with business
Good progression
Maybe connections could have been more obvious
Music helped do some linking
Flow very good. Good to have ongoing connection with diaconal ministry
They made sense
When agenda was changed, this interfered with the connections between the sessions, but content was integrating
Alright

(c) Process

Appreciated the style of teaming
Good
Kun-Sook's participation excellent: interview, dance, in home group
Needed more time for theological reflection: it seemed like there ^{were} bits here and there
Something else was needed after the dance
Dance was outstanding
Mixed reactions to the dance
Friday night session (dance) did not really address the insidiousness of evil
Well-designed, creatively done. Liked home groups idea.
Appreciated Global context evening
We needed debriefing after Global Context evening
Global evening could have made its point with fewer presentations
Using resources in our midst throughout was powerful and strengthening
Snapshot idea very creative
Appreciated variety in methods used
Appreciated flexibility and responsiveness of theme team
Home groups best part of theme process

(d) Input (Betty and Lorraine)

Needed more reflection on exodus, exile, wilderness, homelessness from a global perspective
Good
More emphasis on hope and social imagination needed, but we realize time was a problem
Good, but it remained a backdrop - would have been good to have opportunity for further reflection and integration

5. Business sessions

(a) Frustration over amount of work
Thursday morning frustrating and disjointed
Feelings ranged from frustration to sense of accomplishment throughout the event
Glad that there were no blockers in the group
Accomplishment and energy increased as we moved along
Too much information the first day was frustrating; as community was built and participation increased, much better

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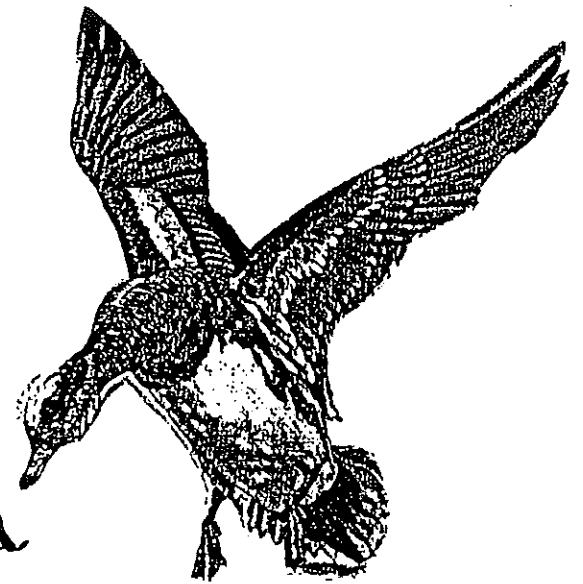
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After 1988 meeting
ADDENDUM #3

Diakonia

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Dr. Howard Mills
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Re: Remit #1 to Presbyteries
Re: Roll of Presbyteries - Basis of Union 6:3

Dear Dr. Mills:

The members of Diakonia of the United Church of Canada meeting in session at Silver Creek Ranch, Alberta, June 22-25th, 1988 have a concern to voice.

The remit uses the present wording of the Manual, "Ordained Members of the Order of Ministry". Although the changed wording of the section which will come to General Council deletes the word "ordained", this remit which will be dealt with in the fall by Presbyteries will still contain the outdated wording.

We recommend that the Remit be re-worded and re-submitted to Presbyteries in place of the one now received.

The rationale for this is that General Council will, in accordance with the previous remit on Diaconal Ministry correct the distinctions between ordained and non-ordained (i.e. diaconal). Therefore 6:4 should be deleted and 6:3 read members of the Order of Ministry.

We trust this change can be made after the meeting of General Council clarifies the wording of such sections as 6:3. We realize that this wording has no effect on the purpose of the remit and should not have any negative effects on the results of the Remit.

Thank you for your consideration of this concern.

Yours Sincerely,

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Dear Dawn:

A remit out cannot be interfered with (on authority of The Manual).

At the 32nd General Council in August, all the changes to The Manual and to The Basis of Union which were authorized by that remit (re: Diaconals) will be before the Council for action. If they do so, the change you refer to will happen automatically in the new Manual.

Sorry the wheels turn so slowly but to have changed the wording now would be "out of order".

Thanks for caring and writing.

Yours cordially,

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