

ECIM Minutes, Marriott O'Hare, Chicago, November 15-19, 2006

Members present:

Mr Malcolm Chun, Mrs Rebecca Clark, Mrs Cornelia Eaton, the Rev Rosella Jim, the Rev Lewis Powell, the Rt Rev Michael Smith, Mrs Linda Sproat, the Rev Robert Two Bulls

Absent:

The Rt Rev Mark MacDonald (excused), the Rt Rev Creighton Robertson, the Rev Carol Smith (excused), Ms Erma Vizenor (arrived later)

Wednesday evening:

The meeting was called to order and opened with prayer. Convener Malcolm Chun handed out minutes of March meeting.

The first order of business was elections of officers as this information needed to be turned in immediately.

Nominated for chair were Malcolm and Mike Smith. After some discussion about expectations and availability, Mike withdrew. Malcolm was elected by acclamation. Mike was nominated for and elected Vice-Chair. Becky Clark was nominated for and elected Secretary.

Missioner Janine Tinsley-Roe shared A108 proposed at General Convention 2006 regarding the re-designation of ~~Episcopal Council~~ on Indigenous Ministries to be Executive Council Committee on Indigenous Ministries. She also reported that representatives from the House of Deputies, the Presiding Bishop's office, or a representative from Executive Council may, and probably will, attend our meetings.

Information was shared that there is a vacancy on Executive Council. A resolution was written to put before Council when the decision is made to call that person.

Resolved, that Robert McGhee (Poarch Creek) be appointed or elected to fill any vacancy on Executive Council.

Explanation: Currently there is no Native American representation on Executive Council. Robert McGhee was a candidate for Executive Council at General Convention 206

Respectfully submitted (and signed by):

Chair Malcolm Chun

Vice Chair Mike Smith

Secretary Becky Clark

This information was forwarded to Bonne Anderson who received it under advisement.

Winter Talk

In looking at the 2007 calendar, the Winter Talk dates, January 12-16, coincide with ordinations in Minnesota, including Carol (Coke) Smith, a member of the Committee. Mike will speak with Bishop Jelinek about the possibility of changing the date.

As part of the commemorations of the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, Queen Elizabeth is expected to make a visit to the Virginia native tribes. Janine is hopeful ten representatives from Native American Committees from each east coast state will be in attendance.

The four outgoing members of the Committee will be asked to attend Winter Talk as moderators, leaders, etc, to share their experience and to officially thank them for their service.

Suggestions for Winter Talk are:

- that Bishop Williams be invited also to thank him;
- a formal training/course (Continuing Ed is always important);
- keep the tradition of altar building (needs to be better explained than last year as there was some confusion);

- looking ahead to Anaheim in 2009 (who will run for the various offices, who can host a booth with Janine, etc);
- 'entertainment' (the dancers and singers last year were well received);
- a fun evening of socialization and education;
- daily worship, including a healing service (probably on Sunday evening because, despite the information, people leave early)

Information to go out to participants needs to include that there will be only bus service and once there, we won't be making numerous bus runs to the airport, 45 miles away. Flyers are ready to go out. Attendees will be asked for \$100 registration fee. The Winter Talk planning committee is Becky Clark, Chair, Linda Sproat, and Lewis Powell. Carol Gallagher will be asked to assist. The ECIM planning committee will arrive the day before, January 11th. Meeting dates and other information needs to be in to the General Convention Office (GCO) as quickly as possible - see handbook for schedule.

The committee members were asked to think about which ministry (WT, Paths Crossing, Mountains and Deserts, AIN) they would be willing to be liaisons for.

Tentative calendar for 2007 includes:

<u>Month</u>	<u>What</u>	<u>Where</u>
January	Winter Talk	Jamestown VA
April	Paths Crossing	Washington, DC
July	Mountains and Deserts	Wyoming
May	AIN	Vancouver, BC
November	National Cathedral	Washington, DC
November	Youth/Young Adult	NYC

Also to be reconsidered in 2007:

The Evanston Covenant - look into to reviving it

- Paths Crossing: is it working, how does it need to change, who should be invited, partnerships, relationships need to be formed before attending or at least being seriously looked into before attending
- Point person/liaison needs to be appointed
- Mountains and Deserts was well represented at Presiding Bishop's investiture
- Three R's (Remembrance, Recognition, Reconciliation): need to look at and reevaluate
- New Initiatives Project (**Liturgy**: Debbie Royals, Malcolm Chun, Carol Smith, Carol Gallagher; **Education and Training**: Becky Clark, Robbie McGhee, Carol Smith; **Congregational Development**: Robert Two Bulls, Frank Oberly, Linda Sproat, Debbie Royals; **Youth**: Robbie McGhee, Cornelia Eaton, Mark MacDonald, Mike Smith)

November event at the National Cathedral:

Janine reported that she is speaking with representatives in Virginia in the hopes of getting us to Colonial Williamsburg. She is investigating

- whether William and Mary can be involved;
- looking at the possibility of having dioceses sending bus loads of people;
- invites to include Archbishop of Canterbury, Pope, the Queen and King of England, Anglican representatives from across the world

Virginia tribes have not yet received recognition. Congressmen all getting invites. It fits with Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Things to consider:

- need to support council membership with travel, room and board
- It will be one of ECIM's meeting dates for 2007
- to save expenses Janine is looking in to having local churches supply meals, etc.
- vans (busses) to be rented to transport attendees
- send invitations to Washington DC area people

- American Indian Society should be contacted
- media contacts, tents, etc
- Assistance from the Government Relations

Travel dates are October 31 and November 3rd. We must have a deadline and it must be enforced. Ask that people who have concerns about whether or not they will be able to attend, that they not to register. We need to get on everyone's calendars now, especially the Presiding Bishop's.

Other news from Janine:

There is a new support staff assistant for Janine, Willow Fodor

- She would like a 'point person' for each of the ministries as it gets confusing with so many people responding to emails and confusion about decision making
- Future meeting date recommendations are April with Paths Crossing, in W, DC, and November at the National
- Cathedral
- New Grant Opportunities applications are due the end of March so April would be timely to discuss and disburse them
- Clergy and Lay Leadership gathering is Columbus Day weekend, 2007, Sunday and Thursday will be travel days

She has been in discussion with Howard Anderson, regarding the National Service (date has not been confirmed.) January Winter talk planning is continuing as well as use of 3R funds for April's gathering. The hope is to have a delegation go to England to conclude the first decade of the 3 R's. It is recommended that ECIM hold its second meeting then, early November to combine the celebration at Jamestown.

Winter Talk video, filmed in OK was viewed. Buzz Wassler, the film maker, gave Robert a 17 minute video to share. He still has another 25 hours of usable video. What we saw was well done and a very powerful piece. It has been proposed that he film all the major events of 2007 and is sending a budget for them. Concern was expressed about how that may be received by Council. We do have a communication office and perhaps we need to contact them first.

Thursday

Thursday, daytime was spent in anti-racism training. At the first break of the morning we were able to present a blanket and lei to PB Katherine and a lei to Bonnie Anderson, President of the House of Deputies. Shortly before the dinner break Robert was able to have the Winter Talk video shown for those who were willing to stay for it - most did. There were inquiries how to get copies of it.

Thursday evening:

Following dinner our first order of business was to discuss and answer the questions posed following the anti-racism training during the day.

- 1) Look at the members of the committee - are they fully representative of God's creation - in what ways:
 - Definitely. We are diverse in gender, ethnicity, culture, and ministry orders.
- 2) Examine the procedures and policies that govern your committee. Are they oppressive or libratory?
 - When we use our bylaws, that we created, they are libratory. When we have operations imposed on us, they are not.
- 3) Using the learnings from the sessions today:
 - A) Look at the tasks your committee has been given to do, what are the issues of racism, oppression and exclusion that are imbedded in those issues?
 - Our programs are initiated to break down power and privilege.
 - B) What actions and decisions that you might take and make might be libratory and which might be oppressive?
 - We support multiculturalism. We take action against oppression.
 - C) At the end of this session and each session ask yourselves: How did our proceedings contribute to liberation and equity in this church and in the world?

- We are a committee geared to liberation and equity.

It was reported that the curriculum In the Circle of the Spirit was presented at the Clergy and Lay Gathering at the College of Preachers in October. It was a positive experience with the recommendation it be updated, digitized, with the addition of audio. Granting ITTI fund to produce this and the Winter Talk video were considered.

Malcolm reported on AIN (Anglican Indigenous Network). The next meeting is in Vancouver, BC, May 17-22, 2007. It is recognized by the Arch-Bishop of Canterbury as the voice of Anglican Indigenous Peoples. Travel is on your own, however, everything on the ground is covered. Representatives are chosen by ECIM and the delegation is sent by the National Missioner's office (not an ECIM expense nor an ECIM meeting.) Malcolm is Secretary General and the following representatives are needed: Clergy, Youth, Women, Theological Education, and Elders. We were asked to think about who to send and decision would be made before we leave. Canada is installing their new Indigenous Bishop in June.

Carol Gallagher has worked on the national service and she needs to be contacted to continue discussion and planning. Dreams and desires for the service were discussed. Desire is to make it a very public event that participants are changed by.

Challenges:

- To look at ways to cut costs: perhaps bus transportation for some, housing in local homes, use of local dancers, etc.
- Preacher recommendation is to have the new Indigenous Bishop of Canada as all Indigenous peoples of North America were affected
- would be good to have a contact person on site
- the MN delegation has a conflict with ordinations scheduled for that week. Bishop Jelenik is being contacted about the possibility of changing the date.
- Continued hope for use of 3R's funding is that there will be a North American Native Book of Common Prayer to come out of the services - there is already a start with the Liturgical Resources pamphlet that was published for the 2006 Winter Talk.

New Opportunities Grants

The process has not been the best so far. Checks could not be cut soon enough. Applications could not be reviewed quickly. Recommendation that the Executive Officers have the final decision. April meeting would allow us to look at the applications as a group. Discussion that many applications are coming in now. Dates have to be honored. This year's cut off date is March 31. It is hoped that if they are available online that all members of ECIM could review and the decision could be made by conference call. Discussion followed about how to send huge files. Janine will be asked to check the resources available at 815 to make it happen. Applications that are late, that do not have the Bishop's signature, and that are not on diocesan letterhead cannot be considered. [Later in the meeting Malcolm shared the application criteria with all.]

Friday

Bishop Mike left for NYC. Erma arrived.

After all had the chance to read minutes, it was moved by Linda to approve as amended (page 4, second paragraph: *be gin* was changed to *begin*.) Seconded by Cornelia. Approved. It was pointed out to new members that several of the things in the minutes have not happened.

Decade of the 3R's has been extended for one more decade.

Discussion of name change was brought up and Bonnie Anderson will be asked about it.

With the working group chosen for Winter Talk, the general content was discussed. It should include further work on the National Service. Travel day for ECM participants is January 11. Just retired members

need to be invited.

Paths Crossing is scheduled for April 15th, at the Cathedral in WDC. Date may be changed to the 22nd, depending on availability of the Cathedral. It will be one of ECIM's official meeting dates. Travel days are April 13 and 16. Working group is Robert, Malcolm, Cornelia, and Mark MacDonald will be asked to join them.

AIN is May 17-22 at Vancouver BC, VST. Names were recommended for the various delegates needed. This will be revisited later. Funding is to come out of the Missioner's budget, not ECIM's. While it is good to encourage new faces, having a history or background of the workings of AIN is important. A ground contact is needed. Protocol is decided by the host.

Womens' Gathering is moving to the mainland and Rosella will be Liaison. Lay and Clergy Gathering is scheduled for October, Lewis is Liaison. Youth Gathering is in November, Erma is Liaison.

3R's funding was discussed. Concerns were shared about use of funds to bring in Australian and New Zealanders for Womens' gathering. Questions were raised about where Janine's budget comes from, where does 3R's budget come from, as well as General Convention budget. We have ideas for funding and want to know how they will be funded. Budget clarifications in general are requested: where is the line item for Janine's budget; clarification of duties; clarification of goals. We need to see the entire dollar trail.

9:50 am we were joined by Bonnie Anderson, Chair of the House of Deputies.

- We shared our budget concerns just discussed. Indigenous Ministries is one of her priorities - please use her.
- She will ask the treasurer to clarify the issues for us. It was suggested that he be invited to our next meeting.
- We need to be sure to use the funds allocated in for the year. We are responsible for but do not disburse the funds.
- Discussed the two versions of our vision (one submitted by Janine which varies slightly from the one we created.) We are following the one originally created and that is okay.
- We need a person who is in attendance at Council meetings who has our interests in mind.
- Need to know who we officially report to (possibly National Concerns.)
- We appoint a Council representative to attend the meetings. The representative should not be a Staff person, which means Janine is not it. Possibilities were discussed.
- Vacancy on the Council has already been filled though she appreciates the recommendation of Robbie McGhee and will keep his name available.
- Nomination form is not very 'friendly' and it is being looked at.
- Needs identified are for clarity around this committee, relationship with staff and relationship with Council.
- A new wind blowing and new opportunities for us. Council meets in March - report due by then to Committee.
- Need clarity of by-laws.
- Make a list of questions for her and she will find our for us.
- Clarification of the role of the missioner and the role of ECIM were brought up - are we serving the people. Janine is to be serving us.
- Clarification of our relationship with Executive Council was discussed. We report directly to council through our council representative. Resolutions are submitted through Committee. Report for Blue Book goes through Committee.

Break. Resumed at 11 am.

Continued discussion about calendar.

Jamestown, November:

New members shared concerns about whether it was right to spend such money on a celebration when our communities have incredible needs. We need to look at needs of the communities versus a big celebration

for the sake of celebrating. Questions asked: What is the purpose of the celebration - asking lots of money for it. Who does it serve. What is the symposium for? The church service for? How are the tribes in the area supported. Who funded the '97 celebration? How can national Church be supportive if it is to be a national event. We need to charge a minimal registration fee. If we schedule a meeting then we can save funds.

Moved by Lewis: We request from the Missioner a budget and sources of other funds. Also request clarification of dates and purpose of the celebration. Seconded by Linda. Approved. Becky will email Janine at the next break. Is it on the Presiding Bishop's calendar? What are media needs? Who contacts them? How is it advertised? Discussion about how some are feeling about the Celebration - money should be going out into the field verses a big celebration, not feeling good about funds in which much goes to salary and little for program. Need to honor the work of ECIM in the past and move from now on to issues that affect the people.

Reviewed 3R's presentation in Bismarck, 2004:

- 1) to implement the decade of evangelism
- 2) to welcome native people
- 3) to provide leadership training
 - A. create strategies for evangelism
 - B. recruit and equip innovative leaders
 - C. strengthen congregational life
 - D. prayer and spiritual development

We've started the work and it isn't being completed. Subtle differences between what we approved and what Janine submitted to Council. Her proposal was brought to us after the fact.

Break for lunch. Reconvened at 1:30 pm.

2006 New Opportunities awards reviewed. Request from Janine that applications be put on-line (PDF) for all to review for 2007. Criteria was created in 2001 and has been amended since then. Ways to review applications was discussed (done my small groups, done individually, done by Janine's office.) If done on line it can be done by all. Rosella, Lewis, Cornelia, Becky, Malcolm, and Erma volunteered to read them. Others if interested may also, recommendations are to be turned in before the meeting if possible.

Priorities For the Next Three Years

We honor the direction that ECIM has taken. We need to look at how things affect us where we live and serve. The following are responses to what should our priorities be for the next triennium. These are just brainstorming ideas and we will discuss how they fit our vision at the next meeting.

1. Future of the Church
 - In particular: youth, young adults, how to bring in the young adults; spiritual, cultural, youth in ministry in a cultural way; youth and their families - keeping people involved
2. Racism in the church
 - May not be racism, but certainly a misunderstanding of cultures; indigenous peoples don't always feel welcomed; how to be receptive to young people
3. Homosexuality
4. Liturgy and Music
 - Need to continue work on relevant materials for indigenous peoples
5. Update and Modernize Tools
 - In the Spirit of the Circle
6. Support and Continue the Second Decade of the Three R's
 - Accept and fulfill D046, revisit expenditures
7. Support MDG's
 - We commend the suggestion that came out of the Clergy and Lay Gathering that we will not pursue an allocation of funds collected through the .07% Fund Drive, but wish to

designate ECIM and Missioner allocation be designated to Domestic and International Indigenous needs and programs.

8. Restore Culture and Language

Should be a focus of the church as it was the church that was instrumental in taking them away.

1:40 pm we were rejoined by Bonnie Anderson. She said we report to the Congregations in Ministry Committee, Terri Roberts of MN is Chair. Our email addresses for a list serve. Once set up we will get a password. It is called "Episcopal Communities email." We need to designate a "host" to take care of the business of the list serve. "Host" receives information and disburses to other members; can "meet" on line verses a phone conference call.; can share documents and comments, and it keeps records of everything. System should be in place by January. Janet in Convention office (800-334-7626) will set up phone meetings. Treasure, Curt Barnes, provides budget information. Perhaps we need to invite him to our next meeting. We are listed in the CCAB's under Executive Council Committees.

Priorities continued:

9. Explore Issues of Gaming, Homelessness

10. Ordinations

What are we doing about changes? What does "support" mean? Need to support with prayer. Need to keep track of information. Need to be mentors to those in process. CPE - is that how it should be for Indigenous peoples? Should the focus be on cultural ministry? Continue training (preaching, visiting) should/could be helpful. Find ways to encourage lay and ordained training mentors.

Back to Calendar

Delegation selection/recommendation to AIN in May '07

If the first cannot attend, the second will be asked:

Elder	1) Frank Oberly	2) Anna Frank
Clergy	1) Robert Two Bulls	2) Johnson Loud
Women	1) Becky Clark	2) Linda Sproat
Youth	1) Cornelia Eaton	2) Isaiah Brokenleg
Theo.Edu.	1) Rachel Taber-Hamilton	2) Donald Fox

Three R's Funding

Mike will speak with Janine regarding parameters of how we recommend and respond to requests for funding. She is responsible to have funds released. Reminder that we have an intense responsibility to fulfill the 3R's program.

It behooves us to have representative to Council help mold our agendas. We reassure the Missioner that our vision is to strengthen her vision and we wish to assist her in planning.

Ordination needs:

- look at all options for call;
- keep an open dialog with all seminaries (visit them, check out their web-sites, etc)
- each seminarian has to take what you need and leave the rest
- "seminary on wheels" - it needs to be culturally based
- can't just push folks through just because they are native (not just for the numbers - they need to be educated)
- needs to be 'educationally appropriate' - it makes a difference how something is presented - needs to be in their language, their understanding.

Add to Priorities:

11. Evaluation and Competency

Have to be our own criteria for native peoples; guidelines to work with the candidates; use of their gifts culturally

We need to develop a list of organizations, programs, projects for the .07% Funds. 'We don't want the funds and designate that here ___ are the places that need the help.'

Proposals we know about for 3R funds:

1) There is a need for a web page designed and maintained for young adults and youth; there is a person willing to do it (Sarah E-H Cuny to be web-master). It is recommended that we designate \$7500 for a computer and the monthly cost associated with creating and maintaining a site for youth and young adults. Possibilities include: a blog, chat room, information on programs, courses on-line; education and sharing of materials. Possible new opportunities grant recipient. Could be linked with New Zealand site, etc

3:45 pm joined by Ann Karoly

2) At the Clergy and Lay Gathering, Richard Mendez sent a proposal to re-establish the In the Spirit of the Circle curriculum. That it be updated for the computer and available on-line; digitize it and add audio. We may be able to have it done through 815. Approximate current cost is \$25 if you can get your hands on one. If available on-line it is available for wider use. Recommend \$15,000 to 20,000 to update and regionalize it, add fresh stories. The current version is mainly about the Oklahoma area and traditions. Cost would be for artwork reproduction, adding Enmegahbowh, Kamehameha and Emma, Pocahontas. Included in each would be an audio/dvd. ITTI would be funded and directed to do the project.

3) The Winter Talk DVD cost is dependant on how many are produced, but expected to be between \$10-15 each.

4) Additional funding requested to make use of the additional 25 hours of video. Approximately \$17,000. Again would be granted to ITTI to do the project.. Original filming was done under the direction of Mr Buzz Wassler, Shoshone and Kickapoo, associated with the film industry in LA (delay in delivery was because he was working on *Mr and Mrs Smith* at the time.) The only cost associated with the filming was for transportation to and from OK.

5) Youth Magazine or Journal- publication costs, writing, experiences of NYC Youth Gathering. Approximate cost \$10,000. Again, direct ITTI to do this project.

Motion to approve all by Rosella. Second by Lewis. Approved that these projects would come out of 3R funding.

Contact information was checked and updated as needed and will be turned in to the Secretariate.

Discussion about the resolution that changed the name of our committee. It gives us more clout. Are we acting as a council or under Council? /there is reassured we are a unique entity.

Ann will check on by-laws for us and have that information by the April meeting.

Our choice for representation at Council is the Rt Rev Jon Bruno. He will be contacted. This representative would have voice but no vote at our meetings.

Communication with Congregations in Ministry Committee is how we get resolutions and policy to Council. We answer to the Committee. Membership and attendance needs to be taken and it is checked.

4:40 pm PB Katherine joined us. We shared our 2007 calendar with her in hopes that one or two of the activities may get on her calendar. She is grateful for our individual service, each part being vital. We are all involved in ministry together. Being the Anglican connection, we have the opportunity to teach the church how to do ministry with those language is different.

Concerns shared with her are that we are looking toward 2009 and how to be more organized and how to encourage more people to get involved, how to be a part of the church yet keep our identity. It was pointed out the church had the best intentions but now needs to work with us to restore language and culture. Work is both urban as well as reservation, poverty an issue.

5:15 pm visit from Isaiah Brokenleg who brought in to discussion the resolutions past at this summers convention about reparation (A123). His question, would we be supportive of resolutions for the next convention to put forward resolutions about reparations due to loss of culture, loss of land, etc.

With our agenda finished , we had time for individual check in (diocesan, personal activities). We were dismissed with prayer by Robert at 5:30 pm.

Since we have completed our business and still have the space for tomorrow the Winter Talk working group will meet. Anyone else who is still here and interested may join them at 9 am.