

CONFERENCE BUSINESS COMMITTEE “A” Council of Conference

CONVENERS: Lana Lazarus and Tovia Aumua

QUESTION 25: What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Council of Conference?
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INFORMATION

DECISIONS:

1. The report is received
2. Council of Conference continues to work on the Overseas Ministry Policy during 2007 in co-operation with the Board of Ministry.
3. Conference thanks Derek Holland, Susau Strickland and Andrea Williamson who complete their time on Council of Conference.
4. Conference thanks retiring Taiwi Elder, Vaotane Samoa Saleupolu and Te Taha Maori Elder, Violet Hesse for their work and contribution to the Council of Elders.
5. That the two new members of the PAC Distribution Committee for 2007 be Margaret Giles (Chartwell Church Hamilton) and Arthur Davis (Hutt City Uniting Congregations).
6. Council of Conference agrees that the process was followed for the appointment of the Superintendent, Methodist Mission Northern.
7. Council of Conference membership for 2007 shall be: Te Taha Maori: Lana Lazarus (Co-convenor), Julie-Anne Barney-Katene, Keita Hotere, Raima Kingi-Lovett, Gillian Laird, Rex Nathan, Bella Ngaha, Diana Tana, Pari Waaka, Ruby Winikerei. Te Taha Maori Substitutes shall be Faith Cassidy and Jim George. Taiwi: Tovia Aumua (Co-convenor), Mary Caygill, Desmond Cooper, Nigel Hanscamp, Kilifi Heimuli, Jessie Kerr, David McGeorge, Barbara Peddie, Fiki Vucago and Alex Webster. Taiwi Substitutes shall be Derek Holland, Tevita Finau, Akisi Renner, Susau Strickland, Olive Tanielu, Susan Thompson, Uesifili Unasa and Gloria Zanders.
8. Conference approves the following changes to the Law regarding the appointment of members of the PAC Distribution Group:
Current Law:
 - 7.11.3.1 *The Members of the Committee shall be the Ex-President (Chairperson, ex officio), the General Secretary (Secretary, ex officio), and seven (7) other members.*
 - 7.11.3.2 *At least two (2) of the seven (7) non ex officio members shall retire annually.*
 - 7.11.3.3 *Except for an interim appointee, no member who has served on the Distribution Group for a full term shall be eligible for re-appointment.*
 - 7.11.3.4 *No person shall serve as a member of the Distribution Group for more than 4 years cumulatively.*
Suggested Law:
 - 7.11.3.3 A term of appointment will be for three years.
 - 7.11.3.4 No person shall serve as a member of the Distribution Group for more than two consecutive appointments.
 - 7.11.3.5c There shall be an Appointments Committee formed by 31 July each year comprising four members of the Taha Maori members of Council of Conference and four members of the Taiwi members of Council of Conference who shall normally meet at the final Council of Conference meeting each year. The General Secretary shall be responsible for convening the meeting.
9. Conference refers matters of reconciliation with the Wesleyan Methodist Church to the Council of Conference recognising this affects the whole of Te Haahi Council of Conference consult widely with the Church.

Receive the statement of the Council of Elders

Elders now work within a changed environment. The initial Elders task was to monitor the bicultural journey within the life of the Conference. In successive Conferences the Te Taha Maori – Taiwi relationship seems to have strengthened.

Our reflection now might be on what relationships exist between Te Taha Maori and the various cultural groups that make up Taiwi. Perhaps Taiwi could consider how within the life of the Conference relationships between Pakeha, Tongan, Samoan, Fijian, Korean and other groups are being developed

within the primary Bicultural Te Taha Maori – Tauwiwi relationship. Through these discussions it might be seen that the resolution of Conference that the Bicultural journey is the essential first step towards a multicultural church is progressing towards a fulfilment.

Our question now is: whose responsibility is it to continue the development of bicultural understandings and to extend the partnerships between the various groups that will lead to a truly multi-cultural church?

Decision:

That this be referred to Council of Conference.

QUESTION 25(a): **What is God saying to us now?**

QUESTION 25(b): **What more can be done to promote the work of God?**

QUESTION 25(c): **What are the decisions of Conference on matters relating to the Connexional Budget?** *Report pp A4-A7*

INFORMATION

DECISIONS:

1. The report is received.
2. The Budget Task Group for 2007 be the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Tumuaki of Te Taha Maori, Frank Claridge, David McGeorge, Evelyn Kingi, Paula Taumoepeau, Pari Waaka and with Connexional staff in attendance.