



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING

14th November 2006 at Feldon Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

Present : Karen Bulley (Moderator), Steve Pearce (Treasurer), Rosie Nixon, Sheila Mitchell, Alan Charter, Martyn Payne, Bob Fyffe, David Lankshear, Angela Williams, Lynn Chambers, Jane Whitcombe, Mary Hawes, Jo Williams, Andrea Harrison, Chris Nickolay, Doug Swanney (Secretary)

	ACTION
<p>1. Apologies: Anne Taylor, Ian Ellis, Davis Hamilton, Peter Hamill, Peter Fishpool, Simon Oxley, Aled Davies</p>	
<p>2. Matters Arising: Terms of Reference had now been agreed by CTBI and we are awaiting some formal notification. It was noted that there were a number of different interpretations of how we ensure representation of the four nations on the Executive and it was reiterated to the group that many denominations covered more than one nation and this should be borne in mind. March 2007 Conference would now be in Bath and will be organised by the Executive with the assistance of Jane Whitcombe after the Scotland group were unable to secure a feasible location.</p>	
<p>3. Outline proposal for future plans: The Moderator suggested that the next 24 hours would take the form of a Business meeting where decision would be minuted as to the future plans of the group. This was agreed.</p>	
<p>4. Finance: The Treasurer presented the Finance Report showing both general funds and CORE funds. The CORE Conference at Nottingham had come in £2,500 under budget and there was still money available for new CORE projects. General finances were healthy. It was proposed that the Membership subscription would remain at £120 for next year. This was agreed by the meeting.</p>	
<p>5. CORE: The book has moved to Number One in the Church Times Bestsellers list and is being received extremely warmly. Work on the new modules was progressing and the group was encouraged to think about contributing to the material. There were 13 regional launches organised with four still to come. These events had been very useful and helped to raise the profile of the publication. It was thought that the next step for publicity should be a CORE newsletter which features news of courses as well as an order form. Mary Hawes' article which had appeared in the Church of England newspaper would be made available for other publications if possible. It was suggested that a review in Children Now from a secular education perspective would be a useful piece of work. It was agreed to contact the Welsh Education Minister who attended the Cardiff launch for a possible book review.</p>	<p>DS/SP MH AW</p>
<p>6. BRF and Theological Colleges: The paper from Margaret Withers was discussed at length by the group and a variety of issues were raised in response to the Paper. The issues were noted and a decision relating to our final response would be made by the end of the conference.</p>	
<p>7. ECCE: There were a number of issues that needed the groups attention for the conference. A show of hands was taken of those from the group who were attending in January. It was agreed that the presentation of children's ministry in the UK and Ireland would be facilitated by Mary, Jane and Paul Godfrey by e-mailing the others attending. The worship on the Thursday would involve as many of the delegation as wished to and would be co-ordinated by</p>	<p>MH,JWh</p>

Jo. A discussion on the presentation of the country flag took place and a decision was tabled for later in the conference.

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8. **Executive 2008-2010:** The Moderator reminded the group that elections for the new Executive who would serve from January 2008 to December 2010 would take place in March 2007. The group was reminded that this was a working Executive and it required the full attendance of those elected and also a degree of working knowledge of CGMC, around 2 years attendance at the group. All were asked to think carefully about nominations for March. 4 of the existing Executive have indicated a willingness to serve in the same roles for a second term if the group wishes.
9. **Administration matters:** The Secretary outlined the importance of keeping e-mail addresses up to date for communication. The group were reminded that if they mislaid papers for meeting or conferences that they were all available on the download session of the website. There would another push to link with members of CTBI who were not represented on CGMC in the New Year and if there were any know contacts these should be given to the Secretary.

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The meeting then moved in to work session looking at the current work of members, a presentation from the Executive of possible future work, a session on the publication Unfinished Business and a final session on the future for CGMC. Notes from these session were taken and were minuted.

10. **CGMC Development Plan:** The following decisions were agreed by the meeting as forming the basis of the CGMC Development Plan-
- A working group would be formed to look at a CORE Issues publication. This group would be convened by Bob Fyffe and the following members volunteered to attend an initial meeting – Steve Pearce, Mary Hawes. Chris Nickolay, Rosie Nixon, and David Lankshear. The group would report back to the March meeting on possible future directions for a publication that outlined the principles of children's ministry for the churches.
 - CGMC were asked to be part of the writing group for the CTBI Lent study material on spirituality. Steve Pearce and Sheila Mitchell agreed to do this.
 - It was agreed that CGMC would work through WCC to host an International Children's Ministry Conference in 2009 to mark the Anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Conference would be aimed at those across the globe with responsibility for Children's ministry within denominations and organisations. It was thought that this should be worked up as a proposal to incorporate the next ECCE which should be presented in January to ECCE as a joint initiative. It was noted that this could be done in conjunction with the work that the Church of England is doing for 2009. The Executive were asked to produce the proposal for ECCE and report back to the March meeting where a working group could then be formed.
 - It was decided that CGMC would not have a rigid structure of Conferences for local and regional workers but that we would consider offering Conference when issues presented themselves that made a Conference necessary. There would be no pattern of offering a workers conference for the future. This was felt reasonable as the group had the responsibility of organising two conferences a year for the members.
 - It was agreed that the website should be expanded to become a more useful tool for all those working in children's ministry. The March conference would make space for those with an interest in this to discuss the matter further as well as learn how to use the web server for updating the site.
 - It was agreed that it would be useful for CGMC to collate the numbers of children and children's workers we are working with across the denominations. The Welsh National Centre for Religious Education would be consulted on this.

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11. **Theological Colleges:** It was agreed to respond to the Paper from Margaret Withers stating that CGMC simply wished to send a copy of CORE to all theological institutions and it did not feel that it wished to take the matter further at this time for the reasons outlined in the Response Paper.
12. **ECCE:** A CGMC flag would be taken to ECCE along with any other national flags that the group wished to take themselves.
13. **Dates of next meetings:**
17th January 2007 – Executive, London
29th January – 3rd February 2007 – ECCE, Vienna
12th March – 14th March – Conference, Bath
20th June 2007 – Exec, London
17th October – 18th October – Executive with new Executive
6th November – 7th November – Conference, Birmingham
March 2008 Conference – North Wales

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Signed as minute

_____ Moderator _____ Date

_____ Secretary _____ Date