



CGMC EXECUTIVE MEETING
16th and 17th October 2007, United Reformed Church House, London

Present : Karen Bulley (Moderator), Steve Pearce (Treasurer), Aled Davies, Doug Swanney (Secretary), Peter Fishpool

	ACTION
The Moderator welcomed all to the meeting with a reading about Peace	
1. Apologies: Mary Hawes (Tuesday), Aled Davies (Wednesday), Ann Taylor	
2. Notice of other business : CTE discussion	
3. Matters Arising:	
Item 5 - CORE Issues group had met and the minutes were being circulated around the group. These would be made available before the November Conference and time would be given during this Conference for CGMC to decide the way forward. Numbers had been circulated to David – he would be asked to bring something to the next Conference. The document would be sent around the group for the blanks to be filled in.	DS
Item 8 - Follow up with Bob Fyffe on membership to CGMC. Letter to the Roman Catholic Conferences of Bishops, follow up with Mary McGinty, RC Youth Advisers Gathering.	DS KB & AD
Item 13 - ECCE steering group – nominations for the November meeting., KB & AD to provide DS with write up. (ECCE sometime Feb – May). CGMC office bearers to be added to the ECCE account. Next ECCE steering group 14-16 th May, Lyon. New members need to be written to.	DS
4. Executive membership: Mary Hawes has agreed to serve on the Executive in the place of an Irish representative for the term of the next Executive. It was agreed that should a representative from Ireland be forthcoming in the next three years, they would be welcomed onto the Executive as an additional member. Concerns were expressed that despite efforts made there was not a designated representative for Scotland in attendance at this Executive meeting. Following a discussion the Executive agreed to declare a vacancy and nominations to fill the vacancy will be sought at the November Business meeting. KB would contact Church of Scotland and CEAS to explain the current situation	DS KB SP
5. Finance: Accounts for 2007 presented and discussed. The amount of money paid in mileage was discussed and it was clarified that CGMC will only pay 25 pence a mile and a detailed Expenses policy will be produced for agreement at the November meeting. Next years subs will be £120 and invoices will be marked for payment within 30 days.	SP
6. CORE: Transitions module is up for download. Young Leaders module will be up early next year also. Special needs module has been delivered and should be available in March 2008. Global Issues module to be delivered in March 2008. SP convening writing	

group within the next month. The Executive was pleased to note that the grant from Westhill had been fully employed and expended implementing the project. A final report would be brought to November Conference and it is suggested that the Management Group would be wound up as the majority of the work was in hand or completed.

PF

- 7. Conference Plans 2008 – 2010:** The Executive reviewed the last three years conferences – March 2005 Wales, September 2005 New Directions, March 2006 Dublin, November 2006 Feldon Lodge, March 2007 Bath, November 2007 Birmingham. Point raised included - improved profile with CTBI, encouraging members input into the conferences, CGMC as a reflection of where children's work is around the country. Peter will prepare a reflection sheet with questions. Write to those members we have missed at Conference over the last few times. Feedback 19 paying organisations and average attendance is 17 over the last 3 years.

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CGMC Conferences

11-13 March 2008
 18-19 November 2008
 24-26 February 2009
 9-15 November 2009 International Conference
 9-11 March 2010
 9-10 November 2010

Executive Dates

17 January 2008 – London
 11 September 2008 – London

8. Westhill Trust

Awaiting communication from the Trust.

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- 9. International Conference 2009** A discussion took place as to the feasibility of the International Conference and what the next few steps would be. It was felt that some concrete steps would need to be taken to test where we were with this. Work would be done in the next few weeks to enable a fuller report to be given to the November Business meeting. The following tasks were agreed -

Connect with World Council of Churches - DS

Vision paper for the executive to agree on and pitch to CGMC- SP

Talk to Council for World Mission - KB

Connect with British Trust for Christian Education – David Dalziel, Mark Bagnall, David Tennant – PF

Contact UMC Global Ministries/Mary Alice Gran (UMC)/ Amy Crawford (UCC)-DS

Start to gather a list on International Contacts from within CGMC (Nov Conference)

BRF – Foundations 21 tie in- DS

Assuming many of these points could be taken forward a new working group would be established at the November Conference.

DS & MH

- 10. 3 year strategy** It was felt that with the planned theme gathering for the CGMC meeting, the 2009 International Conference, and the 2010 ECCE coming up there was a packed programme for the next three years. The only missing piece was thought to be another 'Core Skills' conference which would continue to fulfil one of our concerns in training and raising skills in children's ministry. It was decided that preparatory work would be done on a September 2008 Conference entitled 'More core skills' working on the same

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programme basis as the previous conferences. Suggestions and a programme would be taken to the November Conference.

11. Other business It was decided that we needed to ensure the new CT (BI) website had links to CGMC. We would write to the four nations and ask if they would put links on their websites to us in their areas about children's work and offer our network as something they might be interested in. When contacting the nations we would copy in the CGMC members in that nation.