



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING

9th November 2011 at the Feldon Lodge, Hemel Hempstead

Present : Aled Davies (Treasurer); Jo Williams; Joy Raynor; Mary Hawes; Shelley Porter; David Lankshear; Grant Barclay; Mo Baldwin; Vicki Brackpool; Ruth Charles; Denise Cooper; Sue Doggett; Hannah Field; Fiona Fidgin; Jane Galbraith; Sian Hancock; Andrea Harrison; Alison Jones; Richard Knott; Lucy Moore; James Mullhall; Chris Nickolai; Iain Whyte; Penny Fuller and Martyn Payne (Secretary)

Apologies: Alan Charter; Peter Hamill; Peter Fishpool; Karen Morrison; Leon Coates

Action

1. New representatives were welcomed. It was encouraging to see so many at this conference and in particular members from Scotland and Northern Ireland
2. **Matters arising from the previous Business Minutes (01/03/11), not already on this agenda)**

a. The plan to digitalise some past CGMC publications is underway. Some documents should be up on the web before the end of this year.

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b. The Secretary reported briefly on what had happened at our last conference in Scarborough and directed members to the CGMC website for further information and reflections on the theme of rural children's ministry that we explored.

3. Finance

Aled presented the CGMC accounts for 2011 so far. The CGMC balance is healthy at around £13,000 and will rise with the coming year's subscriptions, requests for which will be sent out soon.

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There are no more earmarked expenses at present for 2011 but there are plans for using some of the money to subsidize a special conference for Training College Principals and Directors of Study in 2012 (see below). Our healthy reserve will also mean that we can definitely peg conference costs to £90 and £120 respectively for 2012

4. Membership Update

Martyn circulated two updated members' lists and invited members to check for any omissions or errors. It was noted that Ian Bunce of the Baptist Union was eager to reconnect with CGMC

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5. **Report from the CGMC Executive (26/09/11) – on items not already on this agenda**

- a. The CGMC Executive will be meeting for a 24 hour planning session in January 2012, looking at potential conference themes for the next three years. It will also be an opportunity to re-evaluate how well CGMC is working and what new initiatives it should undertake. A short questionnaire was circulated with 10 questions to consider. This will also be sent round digitally and members' thoughts and suggestions for the future direction of CGMC are eagerly invited. **MP**
- b. Information about the ECCE conference in 2013 was shared. It will take place in Helsinki from 3rd to 7th June and Bishop Paul Butler will be giving the Bible readings. The theme is: *Weaving the Future - Strands in Children's Ministry in Europe*. The costs are: €400 (shared room) and €500 (single room). ECCE is subsidising these prices. CGMC is able to offer a 'banking facility' for those organisations/denominations who would find this helpful re. annual budgeting. It was agreed that at the CGMC Executive in September 2012 we will need to begin the process of programme planning for ECCE in England in 2016!
- c. Faith at Home cards: A set of possible questions has now been collated and the Executive will select from this in January and then pass it on to BRF/Barnabas who will be publishing this resource with us as part of our Core Skills Brand.
- d. Proposed Day conference for Principals and/or Directors of Study from the main denominational training colleges.

The Executive has drawn up a list of all the possible colleges that could be involved. Rev Dr. Paula Gooder has been booked to join us on 22nd November 2012 at the start of our usual 24 hour conference in late autumn. It will be at the Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre in Birmingham. Bishop Paul Butler has agreed to chair the day.

The format of Day 1 would be geared around those invited from the training colleges. Paula will speak on *'The Hidden Congregation – bringing children's ministry into our training agendas'* followed by discussion on this among the college Principals. The day would be 11.00- 4.00
Day 2 would be just for our normal CGMC members who will have stayed over.

Action: Martyn will draft an invitation letter to colleges, which Bishop Paul will be asked to sign from CGMC. This will be sent out to CGMC members who are asked to approach those training college Principals and/or Directors of Study they know personally. A letter can also be sent directly from CGMC on advice from members

Action: It was suggested that we may need to book additional break-out rooms at Woodbrooke for Day 1

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6. Website issues

It was agreed that Penny and Martyn will look into sending members updates on CGMC activities with direct links to our website

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7. Core Skills for Children's Work

- a. Peter Hamill will be letting CGMC have finalised details of accreditation possibilities for Core Skills as soon as possible so this can go up on the Core Skills and CGMC websites. **PH**
- b. This, along with other support for those using Core Skills – such as links to the CYM Engage course, BRF's Foundations 21, access to archive material from CGMC and a reminder of the existence of More Core Skills – could become material for a re-advertising and re-promoting Core Skills. It was also noted that the need for a Core Skills revision group to be set up in 2012

8. Future CGMC Conferences

- a. Our 48 hour conference for spring 2012 will be in Scotland at the The Gillis Centre, Edinburgh. The theme will be 'children and inclusion' and already some speakers are lined up and some visits to projects planned.
The dates are: 28th February- 1st March. Cost £120
Further details and a booking form will be out as soon as possible
- b. Our autumn conference 2012 will be at The Woodbrooke Quaker Study Centre, Birmingham- 22nd-23rd November (see details above, under 5d)
- c. Chris Nikolai offered the possibility of The Friends' Meeting House as a venue for a CGMC conference in 2013.

9. Other Business

Chris Nikolai drew our attention to a conference run by *Spiritual England* on May 13th 2012 at The Friends' Meeting House, London, linked to the peaceable schools award. A flier will be sent round the membership shortly.

Our next meeting Business Meeting will be in Scotland at our Spring Conference in 2012