



**CGMC BUSINESS MEETING**  
**28th February 2012 at the Gillis Centre, Edinburgh**

**Present :** Aled Davies (Treasurer); Jo Williams; Joy Raynor; Mary Hawes; Alison Hendy; David Lankshear; Grant Barclay; Rosemary Nixon; Denise Cooper; Fiona Fidgin; Sian Hancock; Andrea Harrison; Richard Knott; Alan Charter; Penny Fuller; Carl Dodd; Karen Bulley-Morrison; Naomi Wood and Martyn Payne (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Peter Hamill; Peter Fishpool; Leon Coates; Chris Nicholay; Ed Jones; Hannah Field and Stephen Haward

**Action**

1. New representatives were welcomed. Once again it was encouraging to see new faces at CGMC for this conference.
2. **Matters arising from the previous Business Minutes (09/11/11), not already on this agenda)**
  - a. The following CGMC publications have now been digitalised and will be ready soon to be posted on our website - *The Child in The Church, Unfinished Business, Children and The Bible and Tuesday's Child*. Aled was still seeking a copy of *Children and Holy Communion*. Jo Williams believed she had a copy which she would send him. Penny and Martyn agreed that once all this was complete a page will be created on our website to carry these documents.
  - b. The Secretary reported briefly on what had happened at our last conference at Feldon Lodge, near London and in particular to the disquiet felt by many on how some speakers had tackled the topic. Members were referred to the CGMC website for further information and a reflection on the theme of fresh expressions of ministry with children that we explored.

**JW**  
**PF/MP**

**3. Finance**

Aled presented the CGMC accounts for 2011. The CGMC balance is healthy, at around £12,000 once the current year's subscriptions all come in. Earmarked expenses for 2012 include subsidizing the special conference for Training College Principals and Directors of Study in November. There are also plans to fund special research into 'family ministry' – see later in these minutes.

**4. Membership Update**

Martyn circulated an updated members' lists and invited members to check for any omissions or errors.

## 5. Report from the CGMC Executive (24-25/01/12) – on items not already on this agenda

- a. The CGMC Executive met for a 24 hour planning session in January 2012, looking at potential conference themes for the next three years. Its suggestions were circulated for comment and it was agreed to push ahead with planning for these.
- Martyn agreed to talk with Shelley Porter re. a conference in the south-west in March 2013 on the theme of evangelism among children
  - The November 2013 conference looking at family ministry (see research proposal below) would be in London
  - The Spring 2014 conference would focus on children's ministry in the digital age. It was agreed that we need to buy in an expert to facilitate this and it needed to be somewhere with good Wi-Fi access! High Leigh was suggested.
- b. The results of a short questionnaire re-evaluating how well CGMC is working and what new initiatives it should undertake, were also discussed. It was agreed that issues around the training for and the reality of 'family ministry' in churches was an important area for research. Penny had agreed to draw up a proposal and arranged to meet with others at conference, who were interested in helping to do this. Aled reported that The Westhill Foundation could well be interested in funding this research.
- c. It was agreed that a Core Skills revision group would be set up to look at all the sessions in Book 1 with a view to any rewriting that was needed and also into whether one or two of the sessions from Book 2 might better be placed in the first volume. It was also agreed that there needs to a strengthening of the 'taking it further' element of the books in order for it to comply with any future accreditation plans and that an additional part to each session needs to be formulated for those who are paid workers.

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The following members of this group would be: Andrea Harrison, Joy Raynor, Martyn Payne and Peter Hamill (nominated in his absence!). Each agreed to seek feedback from their constituencies to enable this process.

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It was agreed that this group might also look into ways Core Skills could be made better known.

- d. Information about the ECCE conference in 2013 was shared. It will take place in Helsinki from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> 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!
- e. Faith at Home cards: A set of possible questions has now been collated and Mary has kindly agreed to select 52 from these and then pass them on to BRF/Barnabas who will be publishing this resource with us as part of our Core Skills Brand.
- f. It was also agreed that a top three recommended books lists for Children's and Family Ministry would be drawn up for the CGMC website and possibly for later publication as a leaflet from CGMC. Mary agreed to approach a number of people about their top three books.

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- g. Many at the conference agreed that another CGMC ecumenical training weekend such as those we have run for Core Skills etc. would be a good idea, The Executive agreed to take this further at their next meeting.

**MP**

**6. Proposed Day conference for Principals and/or Directors of Study from the main denominational training colleges.**

Martyn had drawn up a list of all the possible colleges that could be involved. This was circulated at the meeting for comment and any additions. Rev Dr. Paula Gooder has been booked to join us on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012 at the start of our usual 24 hour conference. 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.

Following this conference Martyn will send the invitation letter to colleges unless individual denominations requested that they would like to do this themselves directly. It is hoped that CGMC can set up a web booking system for this and for future conferences

**MP**

**7. Website issues**

There seems to be an issue with the CGMC e-mail addresses of the Secretary and the Moderator. Penny and Martyn would look into this

**PF/MP**

Our next meeting Business Meeting will be at Woodbrooke Study centre on November 23<sup>rd</sup> 2012