



CGMC BUSINESS MEETING
15th November 2013, IMC Birmingham

Present: Mary Hawes; Shelley Porter; Aled Davies (Treasurer); Suzi Farrant; Karen Morrison; Natalie Husk; Richard Knott; Denise Cooper; Andrea Harrison; James Mulham; Naomi Wood; Ed Jones; Sian Hancock; Grant Barclay; Lorraine Darlow; Helen Franklin; Bruce Lockhart; Joy Raynor; Penny Fuller (Moderator); Gail Adcock; Rosy Nixon; Hannah Field; Jane Butcher; Martyn Payne (Secretary)

Apologies: Alan Charter; Chris Nickolay; Anne Taylor; David Lankshear; Ian Bunce

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Penny chaired the meeting and new representatives were welcomed. Once again it was encouraging to see new faces at CGMC for this conference.

1. Matters arising from the previous Business Minutes (26/02/13), not already on this agenda)

- a. Penny reported that the files of digitalised material of previous CGMC publications have now been uploaded onto the CGMC website.
- b. Penny reported on her conversation with Table Talk about our CGMC 'faith at home' questions. As the costs of working with this company were prohibitive, it was suggested that we approach Fink again who are offering a new deal involving print on demand. Mary Hawes kindly agreed to pursue this on behalf of CGMC.

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2. Finance

Aled reported on CGMC accounts. The big conference at Woodbrooke last year had been subsidised by over £4000 pounds. At present CGMC has about £10,000 in the bank. Aled can provide full details. This is a healthy balance and it was agreed that CGMC should look into how some of this might be used effectively to promote and support the work of CGMC better. The Executive will address this at their January 2014 meeting.

Exec.

3. Membership Update

The conference was pleased to welcome new members, particularly from Scotland, as well as new representatives from the URC and Methodist Churches.

There were denominations and some organisations unrepresented. It was agreed that we need to be clearer about the benefits for and expectations of members when inviting people to join us. Perhaps some potential members could be invited as observers or contributors to future conferences so we can give them a chance to experience CGMC.

MP

4. Feedback from the joint meeting with Children Matter (24/06/13), the CGMC Executive meeting (18/09/13) and ECCE June 2013

The Children Matter and CGMC Executives had met in June and agreed that a focus on family ministry in 2014 would be good. Children Matter and the International Children's Forum are meeting with this theme in the first week of June 2014 at High Leigh, north of London.

Nick Shepherd of ICYM had addressed the CGMC Executive in September and is keen to work with us on a follow-up conference to the Hidden Congregation in November 2012.

Delegates spoke very positively of the ECCE conference in Finland. On again it was clear that it is hugely beneficial to our national ministries to gain insights and inspiration from this European network.

5. Future conferences – 2014

- a. The CGMC Spring conference 2014 will take place in The Highbury Centre, London, as a 24 gathering (1st -2nd April) on the theme, '*Children's Ministry among the digital generation*'. A planning group was set up comprising of Mary Hawes, Gail Adcock and Martyn Payne
- b. A follow-up up the Hidden Congregation conference of 2012 is planned to take place in Birmingham (possibly at IMC again) in November 2014 – exact dates to be advised. It was reported that representatives had valued the ecumenical nature of the forum we facilitated and it was generally recognised that a door had been opened for further dialogue between CGMC and the training colleges. ICYM is willing to assist us with the planning and running of this conference.
- c. Advance notice was given that in 2016 the UK would be the host nation for ECCE - the dates being the 9th - 13th May. The CGMC Executive will be sending out more details soon and is looking for denominational sponsorship for some of that conference input.

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6. Core Skills Revision

The new revised Core Skills book has now been published. Andrea Harrison, Joy Raynor and Martyn Payne have agreed to present taster sessions of three of its sessions at the Hand in Hand conference in Eastbourne (February 2014)

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JR,MP

7. Family Ministry research

Gail Adcock reported briefly on the Family Ministry Research she is undertaking on behalf of the Methodist Church in partnership with CGMC. Gail welcomed any links to family ministry initiatives of which CGMC members are aware. She will feed back the findings to CGMC as part of a future conference.

GA

8. The future role and impact of CGMC

Following the meeting, further discussions took place of the key questions about the future work and role of CGMC that had been brought up at our Spring 2013 conference in Devon. This will be reported on separately and also published on the CGMC website.

9. CGMC said farewell to Church of England representative Shelley, whose term of office has sadly now come to an end.

Date of the next CGMC Business meeting will be: April 2nd 2014 as part of our Spring 24 hour conference in London

