**CCFGM Board Teleconference**

**October 10 2014, 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm (DRAFT) minutes**

Attending: Bob Faris (Chair), Andrea Mann, Glynis Williams, Adele Halliday, Ron MacDonell, Peter Noteboom, Ray Whitehead, Aruna Alexander, Jonathan Schmidt (Staff and Minutes)

Regrets: Maureen Scott Kabwe

1. Opening Prayer
2. Draft Memorandum of ~~Understanding~~ Agreement CCC & CCF. Are there questions or concerns about the document? Are there particular clauses that need further work?

Purpose of agreement: to create a new commission of the CCC. Identity of CCFGM would cease.

Board mandated executive to move forward. Conversations have also been taking place at CCC.

Terms of CCF board of management will end soon after May 2015 during transition time. Programs of Forum would transfer to CCC after May board meeting.

MOA will need to be taken back to your church, organization, community for input. Provide a letter affirming this document, and pledging support.

UCC staff meeting next week Thursday and will give feedback.

Found 1962 agreement in CCC archives (circulated to board). Shows that we have been together all along.

November Board meeting we will look again at this document and forward to CCC governing board.

PCC will look at this. Would be helpful to know if there is any parts that people or denominations are in disagreement about. None were voiced.

Andrea no concerns about the document and will take to colleagues. It would be helpful if someone could help them understand how commission carry out programs, and how being part of the commission enhances programs.

Peter offered an overview of how the commission operate:

CCC Commission work in different ways:

* Faith and Witness meet, sometimes lead to action. For example currently looking at pluralism in Canada. Papers are being presented. Another example: few years ago produced document on suffering and hope.
* Commission on Justice and Peace: Most of the work is activity based. For example on climate justice: joint advocacy with federal govt, promoting CPJ worship resources. Long list of areas interested in and working on. Some have their own working groups.
* This new commission will have a new (its own) way of working. The DNA of this organization that runs deep will not disappear with new partners around the table. This commission will be better resourced than the other commissions at this time.

Appendix VI is helpful for this question.

See page 8 and 9 of the document for ways in which this commission and CCF programming will help CCC live out its mandate.

CCF brings capacity to engage learning and training capacity of CCC and other commissions. Other commission would enhance the work of CCF.

CEARN—met in September, will also meet Nov 19. Would be important to meet with them Nov 19. New commission could help enhance their work. Build into November meeting agenda to meet with CEARN.

Who else meet with in November?: Faith and Witness: Christian Interfaith Reference Group, Commission for Justice and Peace.

Next week CCC staff meeting to schedule November meetings. Jonathan join if can.

How received at CCC:

* Karen Hamilton (General Secretary) enthusiastic.
* Chair enthusiastically affirmed idea.
* Finance committee—have questions found on page 16 of MOA: enhance/maintain funding stream & risk to identity of CCF. Echoes concern of CCF board. Feeling that perhaps would enhance identity of CCF and ability to do work, however there is risk. This MOA tries to address these concerns.

Hope that when we meet in November there will be time to look at interdependence and boundaries. Red type items in MOA should be noted as related to this question. These are also items we will look at in November & work on between Nov and May 2015

1. Memorandum of ~~Understanding~~ agreement CCC & CCF: Approval in principle
   1. This draft is to be circulated to your denominations/institutions for input and their approval in principle.
   2. This draft will be forwarded to CCC Executive for their consideration
   3. Final document will be presented for approval at November 18 CCF Board and presented to the CCC Governing Board that week

Approved in principal unanimously

1. Denomination and institution processes: Commitment to support and participate in “CCC Commission on Mission, Evangelism, and Culture” including a letter of intent.

ACC – intend letter by Nov 18

UCC—intend letter by Nov 18

Scarboro—yes by Nov 18

PCC—likely by 18th

Fr Damian—RC Archdiocese of Toronto: needs to be contacted (Jonathan send a draft letter to Bob. Bob to contact Father Damian)

Letter of Intent:

• Member denomination/organization is in favour of moving forward on basis of MOA and understand new commission would be the ecumenical space for work around work on mission, evangelism, and culture

• Member denomination/organization would be willing to maintain similar level of financial and staff support

1. Will you mandate the Executive to move forward with this document on behalf of the Board.

Passed unanimously

1. Other business

Minutes for November meeting – ½ day Adele. ½ day Glynis

Jonathan bring laptop