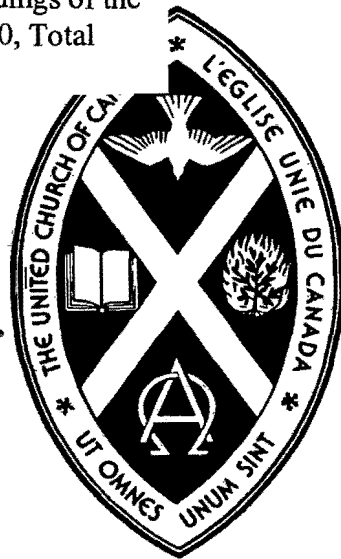


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PETITION 66

Title: Apology to United Church Deaconesses and Ordained Women Clergy
Submitted by: Hamilton Conference
Session Action:
Presbytery Action:
Conference Action: Concurrence
Original Source: Elizabeth Eberhart-Moffat and Betty Bridgman
Financial Implications:
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WHEREAS the policy of The United Church of Canada formerly mandated that deaconesses and ordained women clergy relinquish their rights to practice ministry if and when they married; and

WHEREAS we now hear and acknowledge the pain of these stories and the denial of gifts in the cases of these women; and

WHEREAS our evolving consciousness as a church has recognized the injustice of former policies in relation to other groups, such as our Native Peoples and Japanese Canadians and have issued formal apologies; and

WHEREAS we as a church have historically committed ourselves to the goals of the Ecumenical Decade of Churches in Solidarity with Women, The Decade to Overcome Violence and have sought through our creed to "seek justice and resist evil"; even the evil of sexism.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 38th General Council find a way on our behalf to formally apologize to these women and express our sorrow for the loss of their leadership to the church.

Petitions - #114, #115

Motion: Mary-Beth Moriarity/Julie Baker

2003-08-10-GC38-066

Having heard the petition, be it therefore resolved that the 38th General Council take no action on Petition 114.

Carried

Motion: Mary-Beth Moriarity/Julie Baker

2003-08-10-GC38-067

Having heard the petition, be it therefore resolved that the 38th General Council take no action on Petition 115.

Carried

MINISTRY-BASED EDUCATION INTERNSHIP EQUIVALENCY (B123)

Resolution 48

Motion: Mary-Beth Moriarity/Julie Baker

2003-08-10-GC38-068

That the 38th General Council recognize that the practice of ministry component of ministry-based ordination education, integrated within ministry-based ordination education, replaces the requirement for internship for those in ministry-based ordination education; and *The Manual* be revised to reflect this.

Carried

APOLOGY TO DEACONESSES AND WOMEN CLERGY – PETITION 66 (B130)

Motion: Brian Perkins-McIntosh/Darren Liepold

2003-08-10-GC38-069

Having heard Petition 66, therefore be it resolved that the 38th General Council find a way, on our behalf, to express our sincere regret to these women and express our sorrow for the loss of their leadership to the church.

Carried

Motion: Julie Baker/Richard Bott

2003-08-10-GC38-070

That Jeri Bjornson be made a corresponding member of Commission B.

Carried

TASK GROUP ON THE REMIT PROCESS REPORT (B1-4)

Motion: Julie Baker/Richard Bott

2003-08-10-GC38-071

That the 38th General Council receive the Report of the Task Group on the Remit Process.

Carried

Resolution 41

Motion: Julie Baker/Richard Bott

2003-08-10-GC38-072

Be it therefore resolved that the 38th General Council adopt Resolution 41.

Motion to Amend: Bruce Hutchinson/Don Anderson

With a new section added between section two and three "that remits be accompanied by resource materials commensurate with the complexity of the remit".

Carried

Motion to Amend: Nobuko Iwai/Brian Perkins-McIntosh

Section 2: add after - Remits deemed to be Category #3 will be sent to Presbyteries.....may also be sent to Pastoral Charges "with information/study material".

Carried

Motion as amended:

That the 38th General Council adopt Resolution 41,

1. That remits authorized by each General Council be assigned to one of the three categories, as follows:

Category #1: generally described as wording or editorial changes. Any proposed law or rule which: