



Governing Board, Online – 5 June 2020
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1. Roll Call

The Governing Board **established** that the meeting was quorate (see Appendix 1 for the list of participants).

2. Taking note of Agenda

The Governing Board **took note** of the proposed agenda (see Appendix 2).

3. Minutes previous meeting (November 2019)

The Governing Board:

- a) **corrected** paragraph 19.4 so as to delete the sentence reading “Moreover, the General Secretary would need to propose the name of an Assembly Coordinator, who was usually someone from the host country” and replace it by “Moreover, the Assembly Coordinator shall be appointed in accordance with Standing Order 11 (1), which provides that “the Governing Board shall in particular appoint an Assembly Coordinator, either from the existing staff or as a temporary position on the staff”;
- b) **corrected** the list of participants (Appendix 1) so as to indicate the affiliation of Rev Jelle Brouwer as “United Protestant Church in Belgium” instead of “United Protestant Church of Belgium”;
- c) subject to these two corrections, **adopted** the Minutes of its previous meeting, held in Brussels from 20 to 22 November 2019 (see document 1GB2020_Doc3, corrected).

4. Minutes 2019 written General Assembly (W-GA)

The Governing Board **agreed** to add the Minutes of the written General Assemblies held on 3 August 2019 and 7 October 2019 (see document 1GB2020_Doc4) to the official register of Minutes.

5. President’s Report

The Governing Board:

- a) **received** the report of the President (document 1GB2020_Doc5);
- b) **thanked** the President and Véronique Engels (Assistant to the General Secretary) for their exceptional efforts to maintain the work of CEC during a challenging period of transition.

6. Report from the General Secretary

The Governing Board:

- a) **received** the report of the General Secretary;
- b) **requested** the General Secretary to circulate, in advance of the next Governing Board meeting, a discussion paper setting out ideas for the future organisation and work of CEC, developing *inter*



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alia the themes of ownership, coherence and visibility as sketched out in pages 4 and 5 of his report;

c) **congratulated** the General Secretary on a promising start to his work.

7. Budget and Accounts

The Governing Board:

a) **approved** the budget for 2020 (see document 1GB2020_Doc7b);

b) **approved** the budget for 2021 (see document 1GB2020_Doc7b);

c) **agreed** to submit the audited accounts for 2019 (see Appendix to document 1GB2020_Doc7a) for approval by the written General Assembly;

d) **noted** that, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the Staffing Plan must in future be approved by the Governing Board at the same time as the budget.

8. Written General Assembly 2020

The Governing Board:

a) **approved** the timeline for the 2020 Written General Assembly (document 1GB2020_Doc8a);

b) **adopted** the agenda for the 2020 Written General Assembly (document 1GB2020_Doc8b);

c) **agreed** that, except in any cases where the delegates had changed, the same ballot paper could be used on both occasions should it prove necessary to proceed to a second written general assembly.

9. CCME Activities Report

The Governing Board:

a) **received** with thanks the oral report of the General Secretary of CCME;

b) **requested** the General Secretary of CCME to circulate previous to the Governing Board meeting a written report in the future.

10. First presentation of Public Issues

The Governing Board **decided** not to issue any public issues statement on this occasion.

11. Towards 2023 General Assembly of CEC

The Governing Board:

a) decided to hold the next physical General Assembly in 2023, as planned;

b) agreed that the 2023 General Assembly should take place at dates between the end of May and the middle of June, bearing in mind the Eastern and Western dates of Pentecost;

c) recalled that a joint CEC and CCME General Assembly is envisaged for 2023 in the Agreement between CEC and CCME 2018-2025;

d) decided to accept the invitation from the Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Orthodox Church of Estonia to hold the 2023 General Assembly in Tallinn, Estonia (see document 1GB2020_Doc11a);

e) approved the provisional timeline for preparation of the 2023 General Assembly as set out in document 1GB2020_Doc11b.



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12. Personnel Committee

Meeting in closed session, the Governing Board:

- a) took note of the oral report by Frank Kopania on the online meeting of the Personnel Committee held on 4 June 2020;
- b) concerning the repayment of a loan made by CEC to the former General Secretary, Fr Heikki Huttunen, mandated the President to pursue the issue in the best interests of CEC;
- c) insisted that no such loans should be made in future without the expressed agreement of the Governing Board and on the basis of a legally sound written document.

13. Cooperation with Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Meeting in closed session, the Governing Board:

- a) extended the duration of the current Agreement of Cooperation with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland on Strengthening the Voice of the Churches in Brussels (see document 1GB2020_Doc13a) for a period of six months up to 31 December 2020;
- b) made the following amendments to the text of the Agreement:
 - the second bullet point near the top of page 2 to read: “Coordinating a CEC Task Force on EU legislation and policy in cooperation with the EKD Brussels Office and with participation from other relevant church offices in Brussels”, thus reconfirming the decision of the Governing Board, November 2019, i.e. “a group of legal experts [be convened], which [...] include an Orthodox member, to monitor EU legislation and policy from the point of view of churches.
 - the last sentence of the second paragraph under “Economic consequences, duties and responsibilities of the parties” to read “The Senior EU Policy Advisor will attend meetings of the CEC Collegium and, if deemed appropriate by the bodies concerned, CEC Governing Board and Presidency meetings”;
- c) agreed to review the agreement at its meeting November 2020 with a view to deciding on future needs and possibilities;

14. Nominations Committee

The Governing Board:

- a) appointed Bishop Hovakim Manukyan to the Budget Committee;
- b) appointed Sofie Larsen Kure to the Thematic Group on Economic and Ecological Justice and Sustainable Future;

15. Approval of Public Issues

None (see item 10 above).



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Appendix 1

PARTICIPANTS LIST

- Rev Christian **Krieger**, Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace-Lorraine (President)
- H.E. Metropolitan **Cleopas** of Sweden and All Scandinavia, Ecumenical Patriarchate (Vice President)
- Rt Revd Dr **Guli Francis-Dehqani**, Church of England (Vice President)

Members

- Mr Andreas Henriksen **Aarflot**, Church of Norway
- Fr **Iakovos** Andriopoulos, Church of Greece
*Electoral Reserve of Very Rev Archimandrite **Ignatios** Sotiriadis, Church of Greece*
- Rt Revd Nicholas **Baines**, Church of England
- Rev Jelle **Brouwer**, United Protestant Church in Belgium
- Rev Anne **Burghardt**, Estonian Evangelical Lutheran Church
- Dr Valérie **Duval-Poujol**, Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches of France
- Dean Anders Borre **Gadegaard**, Evangelical-Lutheran Church in Denmark
- Bishop **Hovakim** Manukyan, Armenian Apostolic Church
- Very Rev Archimandrite **Nektarios** Ioannou, Church of Cyprus
- OKR Frank **Kopania**, Evangelical Church in Germany
- Prof Petr **Kratochvil**, Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren
- Rev Alison **McDonald**, Church of Scotland
- Dr Aleksandra **Pistalo**, Serbian Orthodox Church
- Ms Zsuzsanna **Répás**, Reformed Christian Church in Slovakia
- Ms Lea-Kathrin **Schlenker**, Evangelical Church in Germany
- Ms Emma **Weaver**, Methodist Church of Great Britain



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Apologies

- Very Rev Archimandrite **Ignatios** Sotiriadis, Church of Greece
- H.E. Metropolitan **Joseph** of the Romanian Orthodox Metropolis of Southern and Western Europe

Staff

- Ms Véronique **Engels**, Assistant to the General Secretary
- Dr Elizabeta **Kitanović**, Executive Secretary
- Ms Lena **Kumlin**, Senior EU Policy Advisor
- Rev Sören **Lenz**, Executive Secretary
- Mr Georgios **Maglis**, Head of Finance, Administration & Payroll
- Rev Dr Peter **Pavlovič**, Study Secretary
- Ms Katerina (Aikaterini) **Pekridou**, Executive Secretary
- Ms Naveen **Qayyum**, Communication Assitant
- Dr Jørgen Skov **Sørensen**, General Secretary

Guest

- Dr Torsten **Moritz**, General Secretary

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Minute taker

- Rev John **Murray**



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