

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES

The Committee on General Assembly Committees met via telephone conference calls on Tuesday, June 22, 2004 and Thursday, June 24, 2004. Other communications also took place via e-mail.

Members of the committee:

Larry Eide, Chair	Canadian Pacific District
Dave Hearn, Secretary	Canadian Pacific District
Dorothy Hogenbirk	Missionary Representative
Keith Taylor	Western Canadian District
John Healey	Canadian Midwest District
Rick Wells	Canadian Central District
Bill Dyck	Eastern Canadian District
Yvan Fournier	St. Lawrence District

### Committee on Nominations

The chair, vice chair and secretary of the Committee on Nominations were elected at General Assembly 2002.

Chair:	Brent Trask
Vice Chair:	Marilyn Martin
Secretary:	Ray Matheson

The following nominees of the Committee on Nominations were elected by the District Conference in each district (or appointed by the District Executive Committee) except the international workers who were appointed by the Board of Directors.

Canadian Pacific:	Brian Derksen Roland Hoepfner Roy Taylor John Janzen	Central Canadian:	Jacob Birch Jane Cushing Maurice Gillard Duncan MacRae
Western Canadian:	Errol Rempel Carlin Doeksen Elroy Peters Jim Thiessen	Eastern Canadian:	Hing Wong Garry Jones Sunder Krishnan Penny Hall
Canadian Midwest:	Paul Polonenko Wilson Kaan Will Crawford Steve Janz	St. Lawrence:	Anne Jespersen Claude Noel
		International:	Perry Friesen Louella Gould Sharon Howell

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### OTHER COMMITTEES:

The chair, vice chair and secretary of the following committees were appointed by the Board of Directors. The other committee members are nominated by the Committee on General Assembly Committees.

#### Committee on General Legislation

Chair:	Nelson Annan		
Vice Chair:	Sandy Isfeld		
Secretary:	David Chotka		
Canadian Pacific:	Nicolas Lai Linda Gleddie Cyril Marlatt	Eastern Canadian:	Ken Godevenos William Yung Rocky Dundas
Western Canadian:	Harvey Matchullis Lorne Fredlund Don Neufeld	St. Lawrence: International:	Philip Cherg Dave Peters Ron MacKinnon Joyce Grunau
Canadian Midwest:	Mark Bergen John Patterson Jake Enns	Members-at-Large:	Ramnarine Kalap Lawrence Yuen Kathleen Drumm
Central Canadian:	Paul Little Doug Doyle Henry Tseung		

#### Committee on Finance

Chair:	Ron Baker		
Vice Chair:	Gary Howell		
Secretary:	Bruce Adams		
Canadian Pacific:	Harvey Adrian Peter Poon Niles Spiro	Eastern Canadian:	William Buitenwerf V. Sree Sreedharan Les Miyata
Western Canadian:	John Siebring Dave Dawson Bill Wong	St. Lawrence: International:	Jesse Jespersen Maida Anderson David Pett David Ens
Canadian Midwest:	Glen Lonie Mike Smart Blair Mills	Members-at-Large:	Trevor Hagan Ming Wong Wayne Kerr
Central Canadian:	Richard Stanley Bob Vetro Lewis Worrada		

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### **Committee on Canadian Ministries**

Chair:	Garry James		
Vice Chair:	Peter Hay		
Secretary:	Duncan McDonald		
Canadian Pacific:	Quindel King Wilson Chan Linda Henry	Eastern Canadian:	Gary Welch Mike Linnen Ruth Cairns
Western Canadian:	John Hui Kevin Haugan Jim Regehr	St. Lawrence: International:	Binh Thanh Nguyen Edward Ng Floyd Grunau Derek Burnett
Canadian Midwest:	Dan Driedger Keith Klippenstein Ken Dryden	Members-at-Large:	Dave Ens Bob Beasley Bruce Dirk
Central Canadian:	Randy Walberg Mike Wilkins Steve Kerr		

### **Committee on Overseas Ministries**

Chair:	Bruce Edwards		
Vice Chair:	Joy Tira		
Secretary:	Ian Trigg		
Canadian Pacific:	Mariana Hon Don Dyck Robert Wahl	Eastern Canadian:	John Neufeld Dwayne Campbell Joel Brigham
Western Canadian:	Jim Flynn John Lam Shawn Hubert	St. Lawrence: International:	Stephen Fong Esther Fong Raul S. Jonathan T.
Canadian Midwest:	Barry Bruce Graham Knox Robert Koop	Members-at-Large:	Woodrow Ruten Jonathan Henry Dee Matheson
Central Canadian:	Daniel Ng Ralph Westendorp Stephen Whyte		

### **Committee on Education**

Chair:	David Fowler		
Vice Chair:	Julie Tiessen		
Secretary:	J. Foster		
Canadian Pacific:	Peter Choy Helen Doeksen	Eastern Canadian:	Eynar Mina Gerry Gould

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Western Canadian:	Walter Huebert Myron Siemens Shelagh Synchyshyn Wayne Neumiller	St. Lawrence: International:	Stan Man Thomas Chan Dan Ibsen Bruce Piercey
Canadian Midwest:	Jorin Green Doug Smart Anthony Bulmer	Members-at-Large:	Hayson V. Gerard Heap Greg Dalman Eldon Boldt
Central Canadian:	Cherlyn Fagan Cindy Little Amanda Strain		

### **Committee on Rules**

Chair:	Bert McBride
Vice Chair:	Arni Schmeichel
Secretary:	Cory Steinson

### **Committee on Agenda**

Chair:	Clinton Friesen
Vice Chair:	Joanne Fear
Secretary:	Allan Langlois

### **Committee on Credentials**

Chair:	Lyle Mix
Vice Chair:	Paul Silcock
Secretary:	Scott Jones

Larry Eide, Chair  
Dave Hearn, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CANADIAN MINISTRIES

The Committee on Canadian Ministries has reviewed the report of the president to General Assembly 2004. The committee consists of laypersons, missionaries, church planters and pastors of existing churches. The committee interviewed for their report the vice president for Canadian Ministries.

The committee affirms the strong five-part vision for all churches which emphasizes vision building, evaluation, training, discipleship and networking.

In the area of national ministry teams we affirm the Alliance Women's Ministries' (AWM) transition toward resourcing purposeful, locally relevant, disciple-making ministries. We would encourage the Alliance Men's Ministries to move in a similar direction.

Our National Church Education Ministries continue to provide baseline discipleship materials which are accessible to all our churches via the C&MA website.

We strongly endorse the reported increased emphasis on "growth level ministries" under the leadership of our NCEM – Youth ministries team. Our children and adult leadership teams also continue to provide excellent resources and networking to local churches.

We are grateful to God for the visionary leadership of our multicultural ministries, as together we reach our Samaria. We applaud our Chinese Alliance churches for their strong, increasing missionary vision and their generous support of the Global Advance Fund and the Alliance Women's Missionary Outfit Fund. We pray: *O God that you would raise up the necessary vocational leaders in all of our churches and especially in our Chinese and First Nations works.*

We celebrate the strength of the growing network of the Association of Alliance Chaplains. They continue to be an extension of our ministries which bind up the broken-hearted, proclaim release from darkness and comfort all who mourn (Isaiah 61:1, 2).

We affirm the work of Ruth Ann Fraser in the development of the Parish Nurse ministries as they seek to develop a structural and relational framework to build and advance their ministries.

We value highly the passion of the National Prayer Mobilization Team (NPMT) as they continue to challenge and inspire us to become people of prayer. We would encourage all pastors to ensure that their congregations are informed of all College of Prayer events.

We encourage our national leadership to continue to facilitate the networking of church planters through a national association.

The Canadian Ministries committee acknowledges and applauds the work of the task force which has forwarded a full report to Dr. Pyles in response to the report to General Assembly 2002, which read:  
"That Global Ministries in partnership with the Districts and Canadian Ministries formalize a ministry to reach new immigrants to Canada who do not have a viable Christian witness and report to General Assembly 2004."

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WHEREAS Muslim, Sikh, Hindu and Buddhist have been identified by the task force as the four primary groups within Canada without viable Christian witness, and

WHEREAS statistical data and research have been compiled to verify the composition and location of these new groups within major Canadian centers, and

WHEREAS the report of the task force has made 16 environmental and specific recommendations for follow through, and

WHEREAS the president identifies this future ministry as one of the four most significant advances in the Canadian Alliance today, and

WHEREAS a new task force will be initiated by Canadian Ministries in the fall to carry forward the implementation of this motion

### **Recommendation #1:**

It is moved by Garry James and seconded by Duncan McDonald

**That each district work toward the development of strategies to reach new Canadians in their district who are without a viable Christian witness, and report their progress back to the National Ministry Centre.**

**Assembly Action: Amended to read:**

**That each district work toward the development of strategies to reach newcomers to Canada in their district who are without a viable Christian witness, and report their progress back to the National Ministry Centre.**

The president's report states that the C&MA in Canada has an unapproved or "soft" goal to have 900 churches by the year 2020.

WHEREAS statistics indicate that we have seen a 5% growth in the number of churches in the past five years, and

WHEREAS there are only 16 years remaining in the 2020 window, and

WHEREAS the St. Lawrence District has already committed to a goal of planting 75 churches by the year 2016, and

WHEREAS in the past whenever we have prayerfully set faith-goals for church planting God has blessed us with growth beyond our expectations

### **Recommendation #2:**

It is moved by Garry James and seconded by Duncan McDonald

**That each District Executive Committee prayerfully set a specific faith-goal for the number of churches they hope to plant by the year 2020 and report progress back to their respective District Conferences 2005.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

Garry James, Chair  
Duncan McDonald, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON OVERSEAS MINISTRIES

The Committee on Overseas Ministries has sought to consider all pertinent Assembly reports and received presentations from the Vice President, Global Ministries; from the Assistant Vice President and from the Director of Member Care. The committee wants to extend its deepest appreciation on behalf of Assembly to our entire Global Ministries Leadership Team and supporting staff for their faithful, visionary, Christ-honoring ministry. Ray Downey has surrounded himself with an excellent team of workers.

As witnessed last night, the committee, on behalf of Assembly, again wants to acknowledge the significant ministry of those who have served so well and have retired from active service.

We also want to recognize the simple truth that we, as a denominational family, have truly sent our very best to reach the world for Christ. The presence of our missionaries at Assembly reminds us all of the excellent missionary family we are privileged to support.

The committee wants to express its appreciation for the following ...

- We deeply value the work of Judith Wiebe and her team (especially Dr. Joan Carter) and our Member Care ministry that is such a vital part of our Global Advance Ministries.
- For Global Ministries' Silk, Sand, Sun and Spice ministry initiative. We believe this takes us back to our roots of reaching the unreached and going into the "hard places".
- We also appreciate the intentional initiatives to better connect our missionaries with local churches.
- We are thankful for the emerging spirit of cooperation between our mission and like-minded mission agencies.
- We affirm the amazing commitment of our Alliance Women to supporting our missionaries via outfit funds and special projects that routinely add up to a quarter of a million dollars annually to our missionary work.
- We recognize the missionary gift certificates that have come from our Alliance Men to our missionaries and the work teams that extend such practical help to our mission fields.
- We affirm the efforts in the Cluster Model in promoting missions awareness in our churches and caring for the health of our missionaries.
- We affirm the direction towards a holistic approach that many of our mission fields and missionaries are taking in reaching people for Christ.
- We affirm the life-changing work our missions' intercessors are committed to and encourage Assembly and our pastors to continue the task of recruiting, equipping and encouraging those who pray faithfully for our missionaries.
- We affirm the ongoing development of DVD-multimedia resources from our National Ministry Centre to better communicate what is happening around our world through our Alliance ministries.
- We affirm the challenges of redeployment yet rejoice in the indigenization of our mission fields. We deeply honor those missionaries who are working themselves out of a job and are willing to embrace new fields, peoples and languages.
- We affirm the work being done to reach new Canadians.
- We affirm the short-term mission opportunities that our missionaries are making possible

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- for our people – young and less young!
- We celebrate our beloved Dr. Arnold “M.I.F.G.” Cook on the conclusion of his four years serving as president of the Alliance World Fellowship.
- We continue to affirm our dream of 400 international workers by 2010.
- And we affirm those who give sacrificially to the Global Advance Fund... may our numbers continue to grow by leaps and bounds!
- We celebrate the relationship we have with our American friends in International Ministries as we partner together in the wonderful task of Global Missions!

The committee on Overseas Ministries recognizes four areas that we want to highlight for Assembly.

### Recruitment

Considering that the globalization of the 1990’s has led to a global village having fewer borders, and that rapid political, social and economic change call for quick adjustments, and recognizing that we as a denominational family are trusting the Lord to raise up an additional 40 international workers annually to meet the goal of 400 by 2010, we encourage our leadership to be open to additional creative ways for recruiting workers for the work of Alliance missions.

Recruiting candidates from Alliance University College will continue to be a significant avenue. A wide array of career missionaries will be available, especially if scholarships are made available to those students who have the intention of becoming career missionaries. Therefore we encourage the Global Ministries Leadership Team, in conjunction with our schools, to research the development and implementation of a scholarship program to encourage and resource potential overseas ministries candidates attending our schools.

Recruiting should also be done in our local churches in a variety of ways, especially keeping in mind that age is no longer a limitation to answering the call to the mission field. Intentional mentoring of children and teens would help solidify an early call. Short-term mission trips and assignments should be championed for their intrinsic value and the opportunities they create for God’s people to hear the voice of the Spirit that may lead to long-term commitments. Promoting opportunities for early retirees, finishers, the Buster generation, and second career persons will lead to an increase in missionary partners. The committee recognizes and encourages our leadership to continue to provide opportunities for unique situations where persons perhaps do not meet our normal requirements for international service.

As we look to the future, and to the deployment of our international workers, especially in Limited Access Nations in the Silk, Sun, Sand and Spice regions, we recognize great opportunities for strategic recruitment of candidates from our multicultural churches. Such candidates will potentially have unique advantages and freer access in contextualizing the Gospel in these potentially volatile areas of the world.

May we seek to become even more visionary and intentional in creating and funding opportunities for many to answer the call of the Lord of the harvest.

## Funding

The committee endorses the intent of the plan referred to as the Relational Seamless Link as presented in the President's Report and sees a significant potential in addressing some of our funding challenges. As the committee reflected upon the plan, we saw great potential if the plan enables churches to network together to underwrite well-defined, specific ministry projects that empower missionaries and teams of missionaries to fulfill the mandate God has granted us to do.

Because many of our emerging givers are vitally interested in personal connectedness with those they support, we encourage the President and Global Ministries Leadership Team to be as specific as possible in helping create connections and accountability between our missionary teams and networks of churches.

We encourage local churches to embrace the vision and opportunity of specifically supporting teams of missionaries and their clearly communicated ministry plans.

WHEREAS the C&MA in Canada has seen a plateauing of giving to Global Advance Fund in recent years, and  
WHEREAS a number of our churches are not financially supporting Alliance missions in spite of carrying the name Christian and Missionary Alliance

### Recommendation # 1

It is moved and seconded

**That each Alliance Church in Canada, in cooperation with their District Missions Consultant, annually set a Global Advance Giving Goal and communicate on a consistent basis with their congregation their progress in achieving that goal.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

We also encourage our District Missions Consultants to communicate effective missions strategies with other churches and to connect pastors who have seen significant growth in missions awareness and support with those who are struggling in this area.

## Communications

WHEREAS communication is essential to our missionary endeavor, and  
WHEREAS the Cluster Model has become our key communications structure in recent years, and  
WHEREAS we acknowledge the challenges of more remote churches and connecting with missionaries, and  
WHEREAS several of our missionaries have sensed a reluctance from some local church leaders to embrace them and their ministries

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### **Recommendation # 2**

It is moved and seconded

**That the Board of Directors conduct a comprehensive review of the Cluster Model’s effectiveness and report back to General Assembly 2006.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

WHEREAS the District Missions Consultants (DMCs) work intimately in connecting the local church with their cluster missionaries, and  
WHEREAS some of our churches have seemed reluctant to embrace the priority of our missions emphasis:

### **Recommendation # 3**

It is moved and seconded

**That the District Missions Consultants develop a structure that will enable the local church to annually report activities promoting missions awareness and involvement for the purpose of fostering both closer links between the congregation and their cluster missionary and for mutual accountability.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

WHEREAS we recognize that the concept of the “Relational Seamless Link” is a creative pilot project intended to explore the deepening of relationships between local C&MA churches and our missionaries, and  
WHEREAS the goals and the strategies of the project are still in the process of being developed and refined

### **Recommendation # 4**

It is moved and seconded

**That a report be presented at General Assembly 2006 outlining the results of the “Relational Seamless Link” Project, especially with regards to the effectiveness of this creative strategy to raise local church missions awareness and involvement.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

## **Member Care Ministries**

We applaud the resources being invested in assisting our missionaries and their families in both re-entry and relocation and encourage further helpful resources and seminars to be developed for them.

WHEREAS our missionaries are the very backbone of our missionary denomination, and

WHEREAS our missionaries have invested so much in faithful service in cross-cultural ministry, and

WHEREAS our missionaries who are transitioning from a career of service into retirement may face significant challenges in their sense of purpose and value

**Recommendation # 5**

It is moved and seconded

**That the Board of Directors commission a study to evaluate the needs and challenges of our retiring missionaries and develop and implement a strategy that would address those same needs and challenges.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

WHEREAS concerns have been raised with regards to the effectiveness of the Cluster Model in the local church and its overall impact upon our missionary families

**Recommendation # 6**

It is moved and seconded

**That the study previously referred to (as Committee on Overseas Ministries Recommendation #2) regarding the effectiveness of the Cluster Model also address the impact of this model upon missionaries and their personal lives.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

Strategic plans and goals are important but ultimately, the relational link that most needs to be seamless is our dependence upon the Spirit to create within us the will to act according to His good pleasure, that this gospel of the Kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, that Christ might return quickly.

Bruce Edwards, Chair  
Ian Trigg, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance has considered the sections of the Reports to General Assembly 2004 and such other matters as have been referred to it. The committee also met with a number of individuals for consultation.

### 2003 Audited Financial Statements

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, 2003 Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada Audited Financial Statements (Appendix VI) pg. 95, 3.3]

Board Recommendation #8 states:

That the 2003 Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada Audited Financial Statements be approved.

#### **Recommendation #1**

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #8 “That the 2003 Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada Audited Financial Statements be approved” be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #8 was adopted**

## 2003 AUDITOR’S REPORT

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, 2003 Auditor’s Report of the Schedule of Pension Plan Contributions (Appendix VII) pg. 95-96, 3.4]

Board Recommendation #9 states:

That the 2003 Auditor’s Report of the Schedule of Contributions for the Pension Plan for Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada be approved.

#### **Recommendation #2**

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #9 “That the 2003 Auditor’s Report of the Schedule of Contributions for the Pension Plan for Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada be approved” be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #9 was adopted**

## Auditor

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, Auditors pg. 96, 3.8]

Board Recommendation #13 states:

That PKF Hill be appointed as auditor for the calendar year 2004.

### Recommendation #3

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #13 “That PKF Hill be appointed as auditor for the calendar year 2004” be adopted.**

### Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #13 was adopted

We commend the Board of Directors and National Administration in balancing two realities: increasing expenses and dwindling income in the Global Advance Fund. We also commend them on their “permission to spend” policy which limits budget expense spending until full income levels are realized. The ‘Seamless Link’ is a new initiative to help address the income problem by creating strong relationships between local churches and individual missionaries.

However the evident trend is the decreasing financial support for the Global Advance Fund. This trend is starkly demonstrated in the fact that although net church offerings (NCO) are increasing in local churches, a decreasing percentage is being directed to the Global Advance Fund. Currently 2004 contribution income to Global Advance is 2% below the same period last year.

An 11.6 % increase over 2003 actual contribution income will be needed to meet the 2004 Budget. Assuming we meet the 2004 budget, an additional 2.2 % increase in income will also be needed yearly to meet the 2005 and 2006 budget forecast. The sad reality is that these budgets represent only maintenance of existing ministry. This will not accomplish the stated goal of “by the year 2010 the C&MA in Canada trusts the Lord for 400 international workers” (Presidents Report, p.25).

We as a family of churches will be required to exercise generosity, obedience and faith beyond these budget amounts to accomplish this goal. We would encourage national and district leadership to take even a stronger leadership role and hold churches and pastors accountable where necessary with respect to Global Advance Fund income generation.

## 2004 Global Advance Fund

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, 2004 Global Advance Fund Budget (Appendix VIII) pg. 96, 3.5]

Board Recommendation #10 states:

That the 2004 Global Advance Fund Budget be approved.

**Recommendation #4**

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #10 “That the 2004 Global Advance Fund Budget be approved” be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #10 was adopted**

**2005 and 2006 Global Advance Fund Budget Forecasts**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, 2005 and 2006 Global Advance Fund Budget Forecasts (Appendix VIII) pg. 96, 3.6]

Board Recommendation #11 states:

That the 2005 and 2006 Global Advance Fund Budget Forecasts be approved.

**Recommendation #5**

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #11 “That the 2005 and 2006 Global Advance Fund Budget Forecasts be approved” be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #11 was adopted**

**2004 Multicultural Ministries Fund Budget**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, 2004 Multicultural Ministries Fund Budget (Appendix IX) pg. 96, 3.7]

Board Recommendation #12 states:

That the 2004 Multicultural Ministries Fund Budget be approved.

**Recommendation #6**

It was moved by Ron Baker and seconded by Bruce Adams

**That Board Recommendation #12 “That the 2004 Multicultural Ministries Fund Budget be approved” be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #12 was adopted**

**Educational Institutions**

The committee would encourage our family of churches to be fully supportive of our official educational institutions.

It has been exciting to watch God’s hand unfold His plan for the relocation and expansion of CBC/CTS/AUC. The capital campaign has made significant advances in the past months. However

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Alliance University College’s operating funds have been severely depleted to cover significant initial capital costs. Therefore Alliance University College needs churches to: firstly determine their faith promise participation level and, secondly endeavor to get the cash flowing as soon as possible. The committee would encourage churches to “show the money.”

The committee recognizes the need for IBVIE to receive funding that reflects its status as an official institution. We strongly encourage the Board of Directors to add to the education policy uniform funding principles for all official educational institutions.

### **Alliance Retiral Fund**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, Report of Matters Referred by the Board of Directors, Alliance Retiral Fund Contributions pg. 95, 3.2]

Board Recommendation #7 states:

That the Alliance Retiral Fund contribution level to the defined contribution pension plan be increased to 5% employer contribution and 5% employee contribution, effective January 1, 2005.

WHEREAS local churches may already have approved budgets that extend beyond the January 1, 2005 start date set in Board Recommendation #7

#### **Recommendation #7**

It is moved by David Dawson and seconded by Maida Anderson

**That Board Recommendation #7 be amended to read:**

**That the Alliance Retiral Fund contribution level to the defined contribution pension plan be increased to 5% employer contribution and 5% employee contribution, effective July 1, 2005.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

Ron Baker, Chair  
Bruce Adams, Secretary

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

The Committee on Education reviewed the reports of the President of Alliance University College, the report of Institut Biblique V.I.E., and the financial reports of the Alliance University College. Then the committee also reviewed the Report of the President of the C&MA, and the Report of the Board of Directors with particular attention to those sections pertaining to higher education.

In preparation for their report, the committee also interviewed the following individuals:

- George Durance, President of Alliance University College
- Jean Martin and Jean-Yves Cossette, co-directors of the Institut Biblique V.I.E.
- Brian Thom, chairperson of the Board of Governors of Alliance University College
- T V Thomas, chair of the Board of Directors of the C&MA, and Keith Walker, member of the Board of Directors of the C&MA
- Ray Downey, Vice President, Global Ministries, and Doug Tiessen, Assistant Vice President, Global Ministries
- Ruth Harnett, Vice President of Finance, Alliance University College

The committee prepared for each interviewee a series of questions based on the reports prepared for Assembly. These questions were used as a guideline for each of the interviews. The committee was impressed with the candor of those interviewed and their desire to see the institutes of higher education in The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada succeed and flourish.

### **The Committee on Education expresses support for:**

- The faculty and staff of Alliance University College and their families who were willing to uproot and move to Calgary, and persevere through a very stressful season of transition.
- The vision of Alliance University College to move in order to better pursue educational excellence for the spiritual/ministry formation of the Alliance family specifically, and the Christian community in general.
- Institut Biblique V.I.E. for the positive impact they are having on the development of leaders for the francophone communities of Canada.
- The Capital Fundraising of Alliance University College from the C&MA constituency.
- The Alliance University College policy of only hiring Christian faculty.
- For the commitment of Alliance University College to go where C&MA students are, to provide them with training in Alliance distinctives, rather than seeing themselves in conflict with other schools.
- The exploration of Alliance University College for new delivery models of education such as the Georgetown church-based model.
- The ongoing work at CTS-Langley, CTS-Toronto and Institut Biblique V.I.E. and the progress being made on academic accreditation and provincial licensing.

**The Committee on Education expresses concern about:**

- The current decline in enrollment at Alliance University College during this period of transition, and the resulting deficit position at Alliance University College being carried over from the last year.
- That the Report of the Board of Directors to Assembly 2004 did not adequately fulfill the motion of Assembly 2002 and the recommendations of the Committee on Education 2002 with respect to developing specific additional guidelines “that would govern any future endorsement, development and establishment of official schools for training accredited workers, for the consideration of General Assembly in 2004” (See Report of the Board of Directors for Assembly 2004 pg. 87, and Report of the Committee on Education for Assembly 2002, pg. 240.)
- That although the committee notes the increase in enrollment at Institut Biblique V.I.E., we also are concerned about their current deficit situation as of December 2003.

**The Committee on Education strongly encourages:**

- The actions of Alliance University College to build relationships and seek partnerships with current and potential education providers in the Canadian context.
- The leaders of Alliance University College to hasten the production and distribution of comprehensive promotional materials outlining the educational options now available to better assist the churches to direct students to the schools.
- A greater level of communication and participation between Global Ministries and Alliance University College in the process of education and its help in preparing international staff for the future.
- Global Ministries to increase their visible and personal presence on the Alliance University College campuses.
- The Board of Directors to consider a time-limited moratorium on any future approval of applications for recognition of official C&MA schools, until such time as Alliance University College is well established on the new Calgary campus.

**The Committee on Education presents the following recommendations to Assembly:**

WHEREAS the Board of Directors in the 2002 Biennial Report to the General Assembly in their Memorandum of Agreement between the C&MA in Canada and CBC/CTS stated that “local churches of the C&MA in Canada need to be committed to giving CBC/CTS priority in promotion, fundraising and recruitment” (see page 102), and

WHEREAS the Board of Directors asked us to make the Capital Funding campaign of Alliance University College the primary project of the Alliance family

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(See the Report of Board of Directors to Assembly 2004, Pg 91-92), and  
WHEREAS arrival onto the new campus property will address the issue of the need for greater community and expanded programs leading to increased enrollment and retention of students, and  
WHEREAS facilitating the flow of pledges and gifts is imperative, and  
WHEREAS the approval on development of the land in Calgary extends until mid-June 2005 by which time the Board of Governors must make a further decision on development and/or set a start date for construction, and  
WHEREAS the school needs to address cash flow issues which have arisen because operational funds have been needed for the capital campaign, we therefore recommend

### **Recommendation #1**

It is moved by Dave Fowler and seconded by Julie Tiessen

**That once the Alliance University College Capital Funding Campaign presentation has been made to a church, the decision making time frame be as tight as possible to expedite the flow of funds to Alliance University College.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

WHEREAS Alliance University College has developed what we believe to be the best ministry preparation program and is on track to develop a high quality liberal arts program, and  
WHEREAS increased enrollment would significantly strengthen the operational budget of the schools, we therefore recommend

### **Recommendation #2**

It is moved by Dave Fowler and seconded by Julie Tiessen

**That The Christian and Missionary Alliance constituency reaffirm its commitment to Canadian Bible College and Canadian Theological Seminary as the preferred ministerial formation programs for its workers, endorse Alliance University College as a serious educational option and actively seek ways to present the schools to the members, even for those still making choices for the academic year 2004-2005.**

**Assembly Action: Amended to read:**

That The Christian and Missionary Alliance constituency reaffirm its commitment to Canadian Bible College, Canadian Theological Seminary, and Institut Biblique V.I. E. as the preferred ministerial formation programs for its workers, endorse Alliance University College and Institut Biblique V.I.E. as serious educational options and actively seek ways to present the schools to the members, even for those still making choices for the academic year 2004-2005.

Dave Fowler, Chair  
J. Foster, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GENERAL LEGISLATION

The Committee on General Legislation has met and considered the matters presented to it in the reports to General Assembly 2004 and other such matters referred to it. We wish to express our appreciation to the National Ministry Centre personnel and the Board of Directors for their leadership.

### POLICY ON HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT

[Reference: Supplementary Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004]

#### Recommendation #1

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Resolution #14, from the supplementary report of the secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, “The Statement on Homosexual Conduct” be adopted with the following amendments:**

(Deletions stricken out; additions underlined)

#### ~~STATEMENT ON HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT~~

#### POLICY ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF OFFICIAL WORKERS AND CHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE IN CANADA TO THOSE ENGAGED IN HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT

The basis for this ~~official statement~~ policy of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada is section [4] of its Statement of Faith:

“The Old and New Testaments, inerrant as originally given, were verbally inspired by God and are a complete revelation of His will for the salvation of people. They constitute the divine and only rule of Christian faith and practice.” (2 Timothy 3: 16; 2 Peter 1:20-21).

#### **SCRIPTURAL BASIS:**

The Old Testament reveals God’s original design to make human beings in His image, male and female. ~~A man and woman find sexual completeness, and the human race it’s survival, in a relationship to one who is alike in nature but opposite sexually (Genesis 2:10-24), unless a person is given the gift of celibate singleness (1 Cor. 7:1, 7-8).~~ In the New Testament, Jesus confirms the heterosexual creation of human beings: “*God made them male and female*” (Matthew 19:4). Throughout Scripture heterosexual families ~~consisting of a father, mother and their children (unless they are unable to bear children)~~ are the norm of society. Through this family unit the human race finds its survival and men, women and children find their home. The New Testament reinforces the teaching of heterosexual love

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and sexual relations within marriage alone (Ephesians 5:22-23; Hebrews 13:4; I Corinthians 7:1-5).

Alongside this clear biblical teaching on God’s design for heterosexual marriage are found specific instructions in Old and New Testaments that prohibit homosexual conduct as out of harmony with the purpose for which God created human beings (e.g. Romans 1:18-27; I Timothy 1:9-11). Homosexual conduct, like all forms of sexual behavior that violate God’s original design, is sin.

In addition to the affirmation of heterosexual love within marriage alone and the prohibition of homosexual behavior, the Scriptures strongly affirm the liberating power of the Christian gospel from all former sinful patterns of life, including homosexual behaviour: *“Neither the sexually immoral nor idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders . . . will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God”* (I Corinthians 6:9b-12).

### ~~POLICY ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF OFFICIAL WORKERS AND CHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE IN CANADA WITH THOSE ENGAGED IN HOMOSEXUAL CONDUCT~~

The highest standards of life and conduct are required of those who serve in official and ministerial capacities in the Church of Jesus Christ and also of those who are received as members of local churches. Homosexual conduct is incompatible with the orthodox interpretation of Scripture as set forth in the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and cannot be condoned.

~~Therefore~~, Persons who ~~continue to~~ engage in or endorse homosexual conduct and/or relationships shall not be accepted as candidates for ministry, issued licenses, ordained or consecrated as ministers, or appointed to serve in The Christian and Missionary Alliance. Neither shall they serve in local church ministries, nor shall they be issued membership in an Alliance church. Likewise, in conformity with The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada’s Statement on Human Sexuality, and it’s Statement on Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage, which states that “[I]n no case ought any person to enter into any so-called ‘marriage’ with a person of the same sex,” no licensed worker or staff member in any Christian and Missionary Alliance ministry or local church shall, under any circumstances, sanction, bless, conduct, or officially participate in a civil or religious marriage ceremony, nor are Alliance local church facilities or other properties belonging to any aspect of the life and work of the C&MA to be used in any way that would result in a marriage or civil union of persons of the same sex.

The Christian and Missionary Alliance will not tolerate any language of hate toward those ~~with homosexual orientation~~ who hold to a differing view on

~~homosexuality. The Christian and Missionary Alliance encourages its churches and members to treat persons who experience same-sex attraction, those who engage in homosexual conduct, and their relatives, with respect and compassion, Christian & Missionary Alliance churches, pastors, workers and members will treat persons who experience same-sex attraction, those who engage in homosexual conduct and their relatives with respect and compassion. and to extend the gospel of repentance, forgiveness, and transformation through Jesus Christ to such persons without reservation, for we recognize~~ We extend the good news of repentance, forgiveness and transformation through Jesus Christ to such persons, just as we do to all people. We affirm that “*all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God*” and that each of us is in need of the grace of God.

This ~~statement shall~~ policy may be amended by a majority vote of General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to General Assembly.

**Assembly Action: Amended to read:**

POLICY ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF OFFICIAL WORKERS  
AND CHURCHES OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY  
ALLIANCE IN CANADA TO THOSE ENGAGED IN HOMOSEXUAL  
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The Old Testament reveals God’s original design to make human beings in His image, male and female (Genesis 2:10-24). In the New Testament, Jesus confirms the heterosexual creation of human beings: “*God made them male and female*” (Matthew 19:4). Throughout Scripture heterosexual families are the norm of society. Through this family unit the human race finds its survival and men, women and children find their home. The New Testament reinforces the teaching of heterosexual love and sexual relations within marriage alone (Ephesians 5:22-23; Hebrews 13:4; I Corinthians 7:1-5).

Alongside this clear biblical teaching on God’s design for heterosexual marriage are found specific instructions in Old and New Testaments that prohibit homosexual conduct as out of harmony with the purpose for which God created human beings (e.g. Romans 1:18-27; I Timothy 1:9-11). Homosexual conduct, like all forms of sexual behavior that violate God’s original design, is sin.

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the liberating power of the Christian gospel from all former sinful patterns of life, including homosexual behavior: *“Neither the sexually immoral nor idolators nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God”* (I Corinthians 6:9b-12).

The highest standards of life and conduct are required of those who serve in official and ministerial capacities in the Church of Jesus Christ and also of those who are received as members of local churches. Homosexual conduct is incompatible with the orthodox interpretation of Scripture as set forth in the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance and cannot be condoned.

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The Christian and Missionary Alliance will not tolerate any language of hate toward those who hold to a differing view on homosexuality. Christian and Missionary Alliance churches, pastors, workers and members will treat persons who experience same-sex attraction, those who engage in homosexual conduct and their relatives with respect and compassion. We extend the good news of repentance, forgiveness and transformation through Jesus Christ to such persons, just as we do to all people. We affirm that *“all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* and that each of us is in need of the grace of God.

This policy may be amended by a majority vote of General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to General Assembly.

### **MANUAL OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY ALLIANCE IN CANADA**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, p. 83]

Board of Directors recommendation # 1 states:

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That the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada contain the following documents:

Part A: Legislation, Regulations and Policies

Excerpts from Letters Patent  
Corporate Bylaws  
General Constitution  
General Bylaws  
District Constitution  
Local Church Constitution  
Regulations for Churches Working Toward Charter Membership  
and Organization  
Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches  
of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Policy on President Selection Process  
Policy on Higher Education  
Policy on Accreditation, Licensing and Ordination  
Conflict Management Policy  
Discipline Policy for Licensed Workers of The Christian and  
Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Alliance Women's Constitution

Part B: Position Statements

Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage  
The Role of Women in Ministry  
Statement on Human Sexuality  
Statement on the Family

**Recommendation #2**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Board Recommendation #1 be amended as follows:**

**That the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
contain the following documents:**

**Part A: Legislation, Regulations and Policies**

**These items are deemed to be binding on Christian and  
Missionary Alliance churches, workers and members**

**Excerpts from Letters Patent  
Corporate Bylaws  
General Constitution  
General Bylaws  
District Constitution  
Local Church Constitution  
Regulations for Churches Working Toward Charter  
Membership and Organization  
Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of**

**Local Churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada**  
**Policy on President Selection Process**  
**Policy on Higher Education**  
**Policy on Accreditation, Licensing and Ordination**  
**Conflict Management Policy**  
**Discipline Policy for Licensed Workers of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada**  
**Alliance Women’s Constitution**  
**Policy on the Relationship of Official Workers and Churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada to those engaged in Homosexual Conduct**

**Part B: Position Statements:**

**Items under this heading have been adopted by The Christian & Missionary Alliance General Assembly, the highest authoritative body as Position Statements**

**Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage**  
**The Role of Women in Ministry**  
**Statement on Human Sexuality**  
**Statement on the Family**  
**Guidelines Relating to Selected Business and Funding Ethics.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #1 as amended was Adopted**

That the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada contain the following documents:

Part A: Legislation, Regulations and Policies

These items are deemed to be binding on Christian and Missionary Alliance churches, workers and members

Excerpts from Letters Patent  
Corporate Bylaws  
General Constitution  
General Bylaws  
District Constitution  
Local Church Constitution  
Regulations for Churches Working Toward Charter Membership and Organization  
Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Policy on President Selection Process  
Policy on Higher Education  
Policy on Accreditation, Licensing and Ordination

Conflict Management Policy  
Discipline Policy for Licensed Workers of The Christian and  
Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Alliance Women’s Constitution  
Policy on the Relationship of Official Workers and Churches of  
The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada to those  
engaged in Homosexual Conduct

Part B: Position Statements:

Items under this heading have been adopted by The Christian and  
Missionary Alliance General Assembly, the highest authoritative body as  
Position Statements

Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage  
The Role of Women in Ministry  
Statement on Human Sexuality  
Statement on the Family  
Guidelines Relating to Selected Business and Funding Ethics.

**AMENDING FORMULAS OF LEGISLATION OF THE CHRISTIAN AND MISSIONARY  
ALLIANCE IN CANADA**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, p. 85]

General Assembly 2002 adopted the following recommendation from the Committee on Rules:  
That the Board of Directors examine and review the amending formulas for all our  
legislative documents with a view to appropriateness and report back to General  
Assembly 2004.

Board of Directors Recommendation #2 states:

That the amending formulas for the following legislative documents require a two-  
thirds vote at any regular business session of the General Assembly, written notice  
having been given prior to General Assembly:

Corporate Bylaws  
General Constitution  
General Bylaws  
District Constitution  
Local Church Constitution

**Recommendation #3**

It is moved by Nelson Annan, and seconded by David Chotka

**That Board of Directors Recommendation #2 be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board of Directors Recommendation #2 was Adopted**

Board of Directors Recommendation #3 states:

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That the amending formulas for the following documents require a majority vote of General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to General Assembly:

Policy on President Selection Process  
Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches of The  
Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Marriage – Divorce – Remarriage  
The Role of Women in Ministry  
Statement on Human Sexuality  
Statement on the Family

### **Recommendation #4**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Board Recommendation #3 be adopted with the following amendment: the addition of:**

**Policy on the Relationship of Official Workers and Churches of  
The Christian and Missionary Alliance to those Engaged in  
Homosexual Conduct  
Guidelines Relating to Selected Business and Funding Ethics.**

Board of Directors Recommendation #3 as amended reads:

That the amending formulas for the following documents require a majority vote of General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to General Assembly:

Policy on President Selection Process  
Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members of Local Churches of The  
Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada  
Marriage – Divorce – Remarriage  
The Role of Women in Ministry  
Statement on Human Sexuality  
Statement on the Family  
Policy on the Relationship of Official Workers and Churches of The  
Christian and Missionary Alliance to those Engaged in Homosexual  
Conduct  
Guidelines Relating to Selected Business and Funding Ethics.

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #3 as amended was Adopted**

Board Recommendation #4 states:

That the amending formulas for the following documents require a majority vote of the Board of Directors:

Policy on Higher Education  
Regulations for Churches Working Toward Charter Membership and  
Organization  
Policy on Accreditation, Licensing and Ordination  
Conflict Management Policy  
Discipline Policy for all Licensed Workers of The Christian and Missionary  
Alliance in Canada  
Alliance Women's Constitution

**Recommendation #5**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Board Recommendation #4 be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #4 was Adopted**

**STATEMENT OF FAITH**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, p. 94]

Board Recommendation #6 states:

That the General Constitution, Article III Statement of Faith, Statement 9 be amended by adding the word “believer’s” prior to the word “baptism.”

The amended statement would then read:

Statement #9

The universal Church, of which Christ is the Head, consists of all those who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, are redeemed through His blood, regenerated by the Holy Spirit, and commissioned by Christ to go into all the world as a witness, preaching the Gospel to all nations.<sup>20</sup>

The local church, the visible expression of the universal Church, is a body of believers in Christ who are joined together to worship God, to observe the ordinances of believer’s baptism and the Lord’s Supper, to pray, to be edified through the Word of God, to fellowship, and to testify in word and deed to the good news of salvation both locally and globally. The local church enters into relationships with other like-minded churches for accountability, encouragement, and mission.<sup>21</sup>

**Recommendation # 6**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Board Recommendation #6 be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Board Recommendation #6 was Lost**

**LOCAL CHURCH CONSTITUTION**

[Reference: Report of the Secretary of the Board of Directors to General Assembly 2004, p. 87-88. See also Appendix III p.100]

Board Recommendation #5 states;

That the Local Church Constitution as amended be adopted.

The Committee on General Legislation strongly commends the Strategic Vision Panel and the

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Board of Directors for their hard work of years. We recognize the many hours of labour, the careful and prayerful thought, the desire to uphold and bless the distinctives of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, the intentional involvement of the best minds of the movement and the clear and open process of consultation and feedback that has comprised the process leading up to this presentation of a revised Local Church Constitution. We commend the Strategic Vision Panel and the Board of Directors for their leadership and humility and thank them for their work.

### **Recommendation #7**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That the proposed Local Church Constitution be considered seriatim by article and then adopted as amended by General Legislation Recommendations #'s 9, 13, 15, 18, 19, 20 and 22.**

**Assembly Action: The Local Church Constitution, as amended, was Adopted**

### **Recommendation #8**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That the Preamble and Article I-Name as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

### PREAMBLE

The Local Church Constitution has been framed and adopted by the General Assembly of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, the denomination's highest legislative body.

Because each Christian and Missionary Alliance church is an integral part of the national and worldwide fellowship, it is united in governance, fellowship and service in order to promote unity of faith in the fullness of Jesus Christ as Savior, Sanctifier, Healer and Coming King, thereby facilitating the spread of the Gospel at home and abroad under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Each local church shall be governed by the following constitution.

This constitution has two objectives:

1. to state the purpose of this local church and to define the nature of the relationships of this local church to The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada and the district of which it is an integral part
2. to stipulate the enabling instruments, legal procedures, and the empowering conditions under which this local church is to carry out its local and worldwide work.

The local church is the fundamental unit of Christian fellowship as exemplified in the Scripture. Faithfulness in multiplying churches around the world that are nourished in the Bible and full of the Holy Spirit is the scriptural pattern for carrying out the redemptive purposes of God and the Great Commission of our

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Lord and Saviour. The statement of our founder, A.B. Simpson is as relevant today as when he gave it in his address to General Council in 1912:

“We need to be perfectly adjusted in our loyalty to Christ and at the same time in our responsibility to the special trust which He has committed to our hands. God does not want us to be afraid of losing our consecration by being true to The Christian and Missionary Alliance, by knowing how to keep rank and by marching loyally under our own standard.

“Further, we must have the right adjustment of our home and foreign work, and the interdependence each upon the other, the home work as the constituency of the foreign, and the foreign as the outlet and complement of the other.

“Our foreign work is not only the fulfillment of the supreme duty of the Church of Christ, but the loftiest inspiration and uplift of our whole Christian life at home.

“God grant that this work may never lose its old simplicity, self-sacrifice and separation, not only from the secular but from the religious world in its spirit and practice. But at the same time, we must keep abreast of the progress of our age and be men and women of today in our message and ministry to our generation.”

### ARTICLE I—NAME

The name of this church shall be \_\_\_\_\_ of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

The church shall receive approval of the District Executive Committee of the district of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada of which it is a part (the district) prior to the legal registration or use of the name.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

### **Recommendation #9**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article II-Purpose, paragraph 2, sub-point 2 be amended to include the word “believer’s” prior to the word “baptism”.**

The amended sentence would then read:

The church observes the ordinances of believer’s baptism and the Lord’s Supper and complies with the biblical qualifications for selection of church leadership.

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The amended article would then read:

### ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of this church is to glorify God by proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ and persuading men and women to become His disciples and dependable members of His Church.

Certain principles condition the implementation of this purpose.

1. The church fosters spiritual maturation through participation of its members in worship and nurturing activities according to their maturity, gifts and abilities in ministering to the needs of the body in her task of evangelization at home and abroad.
2. The church observes the ordinances of believer□ baptism and the Lord□ Supper and complies with the biblical qualifications for selection of church leadership. She considers the basic methods of communicating the Gospel to be through worship, preaching, teaching, witnessing and example. She takes discipline and restoration of the offender seriously. She holds that the fullness of the Holy Spirit is essential for holiness of life and effective witness. She affirms the necessity for fervent prayer, faithful service and sacrificial giving as modeled by Christ Himself. She regards social service and good citizenship as outgrowths of the Gospel.
3. The local church is the visible, organized expression of the Body of Christ. She conducts her affairs decently and in order. She organizes herself so that all members can contribute according to their gifts and abilities to the total working of the body. She operates on the assumption that the congregation finds broader meaning and outreach by fulfilling her biblical responsibilities within and beyond the life and witness of the denomination.
4. The church cultivates fellowship and not sectarianism. Her local and extended family seeks for common spiritual ground on which fellowship with other groups may be enriched and strengthened through an open and transparent relationship.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

### **Recommendation #10**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article III-Statement of Faith included as it appears in the General Constitution be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

**Recommendation #11**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article IV—Relationship as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

ARTICLE IV—RELATIONSHIP

This church is a constituent member of the district and national organizations of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada as such organizations are defined in the Manual. The policies and regulations of this church shall be consistent with, and the church shall operate in accordance with, the Manual of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada as amended from time to time.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

**Recommendation #12**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article V—Ordinances as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

ARTICLE V—ORDINANCES

Believer's baptism and the Lord's Supper are recognized as the two ordinances of the Church as commanded by the Lord Jesus Christ. Baptism is an act of obedience for all believers. While other modes of believer's baptism are recognized, baptism by immersion is taught and practiced as the scriptural mode. The Lord's Supper is administered regularly and offered to all believers.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

**Recommendation #13**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article VI—Membership, Section 1—Privileges and Qualifications be amended as follows:**

**There shall be a voting membership and such additional types of association as may be defined in the bylaws.**

**The privileges of membership include eligibility to vote, to be considered for election to serve on the governing board subject to Article VIII and such further privileges as may be specified in the bylaws.**

**The qualifications for membership include a credible testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ before members of the governing**

**board and/or the elders; ~~a confession of faith by baptism~~ believer's baptism; a commitment to the principles expressed in the Preamble; a commitment to the Purpose (Article II) and Statement of Faith (Article III) of this church; submission to the discipline procedures of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada; and such further qualifications as may be specified in the bylaws.**

**Assembly Action: Article VI-Membership was amended to read:**

ARTICLE VI – MEMBERSHIP

Section 1-Privileges and Qualifications

There shall be a voting membership and such additional types of association as may be defined in the bylaws.

The privileges of membership include eligibility to vote, to be considered for election to serve on the Board subject to Article VIII and such further privileges as may be specified in the bylaws.

The qualifications for membership include a credible testimony of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ before members of the Board; believer's baptism; a commitment to the principles of the Preamble; a commitment to the Purpose (Article II), and Statement of Faith (Article III) of this church; submission to the discipline procedures of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada; and such further qualifications as may be specified in the bylaws.

Section 2 – Discipline

Discipline is an exercise of that spiritual authority which the Lord Jesus has given to His Church. The purposes of discipline are to maintain the honour of the Redeemer, the purity of the Church, the spiritual benefit of the members and the restoration of the offender. The discipline of a member shall be the responsibility of the Board or its designates, and shall be in accordance with the Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members adopted by The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. It shall be a condition of membership that persons accept and comply with the Discipline and Restoration Policy for Members.

**Recommendation #14**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article VII—Government as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Article VII-Government was amended to read:**

ARTICLE VII—GOVERNMENT

There shall be an annual meeting of the membership to be held as specified in

the bylaws. It shall receive reports from the senior pastor and the Board, receive financial statements, and shall conduct such other business as may be presented in keeping with the bylaws.

Unless another process for election is stipulated in the bylaws, at the annual meeting the members shall elect a Board from among the voting membership to be responsible for the affairs of the church between annual meetings. The Board is amenable both to the membership and to the District Superintendent as constitutionally defined.

Meetings of the membership may be called by the Board by proper notice to the membership as specified in the bylaws. The pastor or his appointee shall act as the chair of meetings of the membership.

**Recommendation #15**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article VIII—Section 1—Composition and Responsibilities be amended as follows:**

~~The governing board of the local church shall be the Board of Elders unless otherwise stipulated in the bylaws.~~

~~If the governing board is not the Board of Elders, the bylaws shall make provision for the election of elders who shall serve with the senior pastor in the oversight of the spiritual ministries of the church.~~

The highest functioning authority of the local church shall be the governing board that may be called the Board of Elders. The governing board members shall be elected and along with the senior pastor will provide oversight of the ministry and operation of the local church. Candidates for the position of governing board member shall live in harmony with the biblical qualifications of elders.

This church may by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the membership, choose to have women serve as elders on the governing board.

The governing board shall have a minimum number of four members, including the senior pastor, with the maximum number to be established by the bylaws.

With the exception of the senior pastor, who is a member ex-officio, the members of the governing board shall be elected at the annual meeting unless another process for election is stipulated in the bylaws. ~~Candidates for the position of governing board member shall comply with biblical qualifications for leaders.~~

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**The senior pastor or a member of the governing board appointed by him shall be the chair. The senior pastor ~~shall serve in the role of the chief executive officer of the local church~~ shall have primary responsibility for oversight of the governing board and the church and shall function within the job description approved by the governing board.**

The article would then read:

The highest functioning authority of the local church shall be the governing board that may be called the Board of Elders. The governing board members shall be elected and along with the senior pastor will provide oversight of the ministry and operation of the local church. Candidates for the position of governing board member shall live in harmony with the biblical qualifications of elders.

This church may by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the membership, choose to have women serve on the governing board.

The governing board shall have a minimum number of four members, including the senior pastor, with the maximum number to be established by the bylaws.

With the exception of the senior pastor, who is a member ex-officio, the members of the governing board shall be elected at the annual meeting unless another process for election is stipulated in the bylaws.

The senior pastor or a member of the governing board appointed by him shall be the chair. The senior pastor shall have primary responsibility for oversight of the governing board and the church and shall function within the job description approved by the governing board.

**Assembly Action: Article VIII-Board, paragraphs 1-6 was amended to read:**

### ARTICLE VIII—BOARD

#### Section 1: Composition and Responsibilities

The highest functioning authority of the local church shall be the Board of Elders which may be called by another name and is herein referred to as the Board. Board members shall be elected, and along with the senior pastor, will provide oversight of the ministry and operation of the local church. Criteria for membership on the Board are the biblical qualifications of elder.

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The church may, by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the membership, choose to have women serve on the Board.

The Board shall have a minimum number of four members, including the senior pastor, with the maximum number to be established by the bylaws.

With the exception of the senior pastor, who is a member ex-officio, the members of the Board shall be elected at the annual meeting unless another process for election is stipulated in the bylaws.

The senior pastor or a member of the Board appointed by him shall be the chair. The senior pastor shall have primary responsibility for oversight of the Board and the church and shall function within the job description approved by the Board.

### **Recommendation #16**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article VIII—Governing Board, Section 1, paragraphs 7 and 8, Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4 as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Article VIII-Board, Section 1, paragraphs 7 and 8, Section 2, Section 3 and Section 4 were amended to read:**

#### Section 1—Composition and Responsibilities (paragraphs 7 and 8)

The Board shall serve with the senior pastor in the oversight of the church. It shall have authority to fill vacancies between annual meetings. It shall hold regular meetings for prayer and business and shall report as the church membership may decide. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the chair or upon written request by a majority of its members. All other officers and organizations, except the nominating committee, are amenable to the Board.

Persons shall not vote on any matter which may directly or indirectly result in financial benefit to them, whether such benefit be in the nature of salary or other payment.

#### Section 2—Officers

The officers of the church shall include, but not be limited to, the chair, vice chair, secretary, and treasurer. Additional officers of the church may be designated by the bylaws of the church or laws of the province or territory in which this church is located. They shall be appointed from among the Board members, except in the case of the chair, when that post is filled by the senior pastor.

#### Section 3—Duties

The officers shall carry out the following duties and such additional duties as directed from time to time by the Board:

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*Chair*—The chair shall preside at regular and special meetings of the Board.

*Vice Chair*—The vice chair acts in the absence or at the request of the chair.

*Secretary*—The secretary shall keep the minutes of meetings of the Board and the membership. The secretary shall have the care of the corporate seal, if any, and ensure the safekeeping of the official records. The secretary shall conduct the official correspondence of the church as directed by the Board.

*Treasurer*—The treasurer shall ensure that all funds of the church are received and disbursed as directed by the Board, shall ensure that proper records are maintained and shall report as required.

### Section 4—Trustees

Where required, trustees shall be selected in conformity with the laws of the province or territory. They shall be under the direction of the membership and the Board.

### **Recommendation #17**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article IX—Pastor and Licensed Workers, Article X—Organizations, and Article XI—Missions as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

**Assembly Action: Article IX—Pastor and Licensed Workers, Article X—Organizations, and Article XI—Missions were amended to read:**

### ARTICLE IX – PASTOR AND LICENSED WORKERS

#### Section 1 – Senior Pastor

The District Superintendent shall suggest to the Board the names of such workers as in his judgment have proper qualifications for senior pastor of this church. The Board shall give consideration only to candidates approved by the District Superintendent. The senior pastor of the church shall be called by the Board and appointed by the District Superintendent. Upon his appointment by the District Superintendent, the senior pastor and his wife become members of the church.

The senior pastor may resign from the church by giving due notice of his intention to the District Superintendent and the Board. The Board may, with the written approval of the District Superintendent, terminate the employment of the senior pastor in accordance with the policies of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada.

The District Superintendent may, after consultation with the Board and with the approval of the District Executive Committee, terminate the appointment of the senior pastor.

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### Section 2 – Pastors (other than senior) and Licensed Workers

The senior pastor shall consider for ministry staff only those candidates who in his judgement have proper qualifications for pastors or licensed workers in the church and are approved by the District Superintendent. All licensed workers shall be nominated by the senior pastor, called by the Board and appointed by the District Superintendent. Upon appointment, the licensed worker and spouse become members of the church.

The licensed worker may resign from the church by giving due notice of intention to the senior pastor and the District Superintendent and through the senior pastor to the Board. The senior pastor may, with the approval of the Board, and after consultation with the District Superintendent, terminate the employment of workers covered in this section in accordance with the policies of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. The District Superintendent may, after consultation with the senior pastor and Board and with the approval of the District Executive Committee, terminate the appointment of the licensed worker.

### ARTICLE X – ORGANIZATIONS

The Board may establish organizations, committees and teams strategic to fulfilling the purpose of this church. They shall be under the authority of the Board and shall fulfil the duties determined by the Board.

### ARTICLE XI – MISSIONS

The biblical basis of missions and the current efforts to transform the world for Christ shall be emphasized and promoted throughout the year in conjunction with the district and national programs of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada. The church shall enlist prayer support, recruit workers and raise financial support for the global work of The Christian and Missionary Alliance.

### **Recommendation #18**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article XII—Property and Records Section 1-Property, Paragraphs 3,4 and 5 be amended as follows:**

**The above requirement may be waived by an incorporated church by a two-thirds majority of the members present at a duly called meeting of the membership and with the approval of the District Executive Committee. In such cases the church shall have a clause in its bylaws which states that, should the church cease to exist as a corporate body, or cease to be subject to the ~~Manual or Statement of Faith~~ Manual which includes the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, all of its real property, appurtenances and effects then owned or held by it shall inure to the benefit of, and**

become the property of, the district corporation of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, within which jurisdiction this church is located or with which it is affiliated by law. Further, the church will assume full responsibility for all encumbrances with respect to the subject property and will obtain a full release for the district of any security interest provided by the district for the benefit of the local church.

Should the church cease to exist or cease to be subject the ~~Manual or Statement of Faith~~ Manual which includes the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, all of its real property, appurtenances and effects then owned or held by it shall inure to the benefit of and become the property of the district corporation of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada within which this church is located or with which it is affiliated by law.

Should the church cease to be subject to the ~~Manual or Statement of Faith~~ Manual which includes the Statement of Faith of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada, but continue to abide by a similar Statement of Faith and promote similar purposes, the District Executive Committee of the district within which this church is located or with which it is affiliated by law may allow the church to retain ownership of all of its real property, appurtenances and effects.

Assembly Action: Adopted

**Recommendation #19**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article XIII—Nominating Committee be amended as follows:**

The nominating committee when required shall consist of the senior pastor and a minimum of four members with equal representation from the governing board and the membership, the number to be established in the bylaws. The senior pastor, or his appointee, shall chair this committee. They shall be elected by ballot by the respective bodies at least three months prior to the annual meeting and shall serve until the annual meeting. In cases where only the required number is nominated, the ballot may be waived by unanimous vote.

**Assembly Action: Article XIII—Nominating Committee was amended to read:**

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pastor and a minimum of four members with equal representation from the Board and the membership, the number to be established in the bylaws. The senior pastor, or his appointee, shall chair this committee. They shall be elected by ballot by the respective bodies at least three months prior to the annual meeting and shall serve until the annual meeting. In cases where only the required number is nominated, the ballot may be waived by unanimous vote.

**Recommendation #20**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article XIV—Elections, be amended as follows:**

**~~Where In preparation for~~ elections at the annual meeting ~~are~~ required, the nominating committee shall present and post, at least three weekends prior to the annual meeting, one name for each office to be filled. Any procedures for receiving additional nominations from the membership shall be specified in the bylaws. Elections shall be by ballot and, in order to be elected to the governing board, a nominee must receive at least a majority of the ballots cast.**

**Assembly Action: Article XIV—Elections was amended to read:**

ARTICLE XIV—ELECTIONS

In preparation for elections at the annual meeting, the nominating committee shall present and post, at least three weekends prior to the annual meeting, one name for each office to be filled. Any procedures for receiving additional nominations from the membership shall be specified in the bylaws. Elections shall be by ballot and, in order to be elected to the Board, a nominee must receive at least a majority of the ballots cast.

**Recommendation #21**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article XV—Bylaws as proposed by the Board of Directors be adopted.**

ARTICLE XV—BYLAWS

Church bylaws may not be in conflict with this Constitution. Bylaws and subsequent revisions become valid upon adoption by a majority vote of the membership and approval of the District Executive Committee. A copy of the bylaws must be filed with the district.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

**Recommendation #22**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That Article XVI—Amendments be amended as follows.**

**This constitution may be amended by the General Assembly of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast, written notice having been given prior to the General Assembly.**

**Amendments to Articles VI—Membership, VII—Government, VIII—Governing Board, X—Organizations, XII—Property and Records, XIII—Nominating Committee, XIV—Elections, and XV—Bylaws may be amended, any such amendments become valid when approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at a duly called meeting of the membership, with the consent of the District Executive Committee and the approval of the Board of Directors of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada may be proposed by a local church to the District Executive committee for their approval and if passed by them, to the Board of Directors for their approval, if such proposals are approved by a two-thirds majority of votes cast at a duly called meeting of the membership.**

**Assembly Action: Lost. Article XVI as proposed by the Board of Directors was referred back to the Board of Directors. Article XVI as amended by Recommendation #3 of the Committee on General Legislation reads:**

**ARTICLE XVI—AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at any regular business session of the General Assembly, written notice having been given prior to the General Assembly.

**RECOMMENDATION FOR AMENDMENT TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE PROCEDURE**

In response to the Nominating Committee report which refers to the difficulties experienced by the committee in accomplishing its work due to the lack of clarity in the documented terms of reference and process:

**Recommendation #23**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That the Board of Directors review and clarify the terms of reference and process for the Nominating Committee and bring appropriate recommendations to General Assembly 2006.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

**AMENDMENT TO PRESIDENT SELECTION PROCESS**

WHEREAS our current system of selecting a president does not easily lend itself to the development of presidential leadership and succession planning, and

WHEREAS the required majority for the election of the president is less than the majority required for the election of our district superintendents, and

WHEREAS elections by their very nature can become subject to political tensions, and

WHEREAS the current system is vulnerable to giving an inequitable assessment of the presidential candidates during General Assembly

**Recommendation #24**

It is moved by Nelson Annan and seconded by David Chotka

**That the Board of Directors create a process to examine the current and alternate models for selection of president and bring a recommendation to General Assembly 2006.**

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

Nelson Annan, Chair  
David Chotka, Secretary

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

The Committee on Nominations convened on June 30 to begin the process of placing Nominations for Assembly 2004. The Committee on Nominations was shaken by the news that our President Franklin and Gay Pyles had lost their son James in a car accident on June 24, 2004. Individuals within the committee expressed emotion and sympathy for the Pyles family in this hour of grief. The Committee on Nominations frequently paused to pray for Franklin and Gay but also pursued the question of postponing the election of president to next Assembly because of the extenuating circumstances. Upon seeking counsel via the Board of Directors, Moderator and Rules Committee with regard to our Constitution, it was determined that legally we must proceed with the election of the president at this Assembly. We also note that it is the president's desire for the Assembly to proceed. It is with heartfelt sensitivity that the Committee on Nominations will now move forward with the nominating process.

In preparing for this Assembly, the Committee on Nominations experienced significant difficulties in accomplishing its work as a result of the lack of clarity in the documented terms of reference and process. This is particularly true in regard to the lines of accountability, clear operational boundaries and areas of internally decided freedoms. Therefore, we are pleased to note that the Board of Directors has moved to review and improve the mandate and process delivered to future Committees on Nomination before Assembly 2006.

### **President**

In forming our decision on the nominee for the Office of President, our committee prayerfully observed the following process:

- a. Pre-screened and had available multiple candidates, including the incumbent
- b. Scrutinized the 'President Evaluation Committee Report' (PEC)
- c. Scrutinized the President's written response to the PEC Report
- d. Scrutinized the President's Nomination Profile, as submitted by each pre-screened candidate
- e. Interviewed members of the President Evaluation Committee
- f. Interviewed the Incumbent
- g. Made the nomination selection decision

WHEREAS, the Committee on Nominations identifies the following strengths in our selected Nominee:

- a. Personal character and integrity
- b. Spiritual sensitivity and relationship with God
- c. Articulate written and verbal communicator
- d. Passion and vision to lead the Alliance in the next four years
- e. Missionary and Denominational goals that will guide our denomination
- f. Solid theological beliefs and commitment to Scripture
- g. Care for pastors
- h. Understanding of cultural relevance
- i. Ability to heighten denominational identity in society and government

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**Therefore:**

The Nominating Committee places the following nomination for the Office of President:  
Dr. Franklin Pyles

**Board of Directors**

There are seven positions to be filled on the Board of Directors. Our mandate was to nominate one missionary who is resident in Canada, plus one person from each of the Central Canadian District and the St. Lawrence District, plus four members at large without consideration as to their district of residence, with no more than one of the seven nominees being under allowance and up to two of the seven nominees being lay people.

Continuing Members of the Board:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brent Epp	Western Canadian District	Lay – Sherwood Park, Alta.
Wayne Heth	Western Canadian District	Lay – Calgary, Alta.
Chris Olsen	Canadian Pacific District	Lay – Kamloops, B.C.
Ross Reid	Eastern Canadian District	Lay – Unionville, Ont.
Brian Thom	Canadian Pacific District	Under Allowance
Keith Walker	Canadian Midwest District	Lay – Saskatoon, Sask.

**Therefore:**

The Nominating Committee places the following nominations for the Board of Directors:

<u>Name</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>Status</u>
Brian Brglez	Canadian Midwest District	Pastor – Winnipeg, Man.
John Healey	Canadian Midwest District	Pastor - Swift Current, Sask.
Cuong Do	Eastern Canadian District	Pastor – Ottawa, Ont.
Nancy Scott	Eastern Canadian District	Pastor – Toronto, Ont.
Paul Little	Central Canadian District	Pastor – Georgetown, Ont.
Allan Hack	St. Lawrence District	Pastor – Loretteville, Que.
David Pett	On Home Assignment	Missionary - Russia

**Assembly 2006 Committee on Nominations**

The Nominating Committee places the following nominations for the Executive of the Committee on Nominations for 2006:

Chair	Paul Polonenko
Vice Chair	Miriam Charter
Secretary	Jacob Birch

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### President of Alliance Women

The Nominating Committee places the following nomination for the office of Alliance Women’s Ministries National President:

President                      Joanne Beach

### Tellers

The Nominating Committee places the following nominations to serve the Assembly as Tellers:

Chair:	Paul Robinson
St. Lawrence District:	Michael Gagnon, John Martin, Dominique Tremblay
Eastern Canadian District:	Steevens Audige, Lena Mills, Gary Tse, Stephen Lam
Central Canadian District:	Scott Wiesner
Canadian Midwest District:	Mike Newson, Steve Hoffman, Monique Hodge
Western Canadian District:	Tim Cook, Marilyn Flynn, Arch Wong
Canadian Pacific District:	David Hearn, Shirley Hoepfner, Shawn Allan
Missionaries:	Barry Newman, Patti Ens

If Assembly delegates wish to bring further nominations for the roles of President, Board of Directors or Alliance Women’s Ministries National President, a nomination form and template for profiling said nominees are available at the Assembly office.

The Committee on Nominations brings the following resolution:

WHEREAS missionaries are represented on the Board of Directors and  
WHEREAS the Constitution states that missionary members on the Board of Directors must be a resident of Canada and  
WHEREAS missionaries are on home assignment for less than four years and  
WHEREAS missionaries appointed to the Board of Directors according to the constitution are only allowed to serve while on home assignment and  
WHEREAS since missionaries must resign from the Board of Directors when returning to the field there is no continuity in representation on the Board of Directors

### Recommendation # 1

It is moved by Brent Trask and seconded by Garry Jones:

**That the Committee on General Legislation bring forward a Constitutional change to The General Bylaws, Article III, Section 1-Membership, to replace the statement: “A person must be resident within Canada to be elected to, or to retain a seat on the Board of Directors” with the statement: “A person, with the exception of any missionary member, must be resident within Canada to be elected to, or to retain a seat on the Board of Directors.**

**Substitution Motion**

It is moved by Brent Trask and seconded by Garry Jones

**That Recommendation #1 which states**

**That the Committee on General Legislation bring forward a Constitutional change to The General Bylaws, Article III, Section 1-Membership, to replace the statement: “A person must be resident within Canada to be elected to, or to retain a seat on the Board of Directors” with the statement: “A person, with the exception of any missionary member, must be resident within Canada to be elected to, or to retain a seat on the Board of Directors.”**

Be substituted with the following:

**Recommendation #1**

**That the Board of Directors be asked to reconsider the residency requirements of missionaries serving as members of the Board of Directors, and then report back to General Assembly 2006.**

**Assembly Action: The recommendation as substituted was Adopted**

Brent Trask, Chair  
Garry Jones, Secretary

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES**

The Committee on Rules met several times for numerous hours attempting to assist Assembly in its conduct of business. The Committee on Rules wishes to express deep appreciation to all who worked so hard at this General Assembly – the Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Assembly secretaries, Assembly committee members, our National Ministry Centre administration and office staff. Thank you so much for your sacrificial service!

The Committee on Rules reminds delegates that the Minutes of the business sessions will be reviewed by the Committee on Rules for verification of accuracy and then will be referred to the Board of Directors for final approval.

The Committee on Rules has ruled that the Policy on the Relationship of Official Workers and Churches of The Christian and Missionary Alliance in Canada to those engaged in Homosexual Conduct as approved by General Assembly 2004 and as edited by the Committee on Rules is a conditional policy that is now in force pending legal review and final editing by the Board of Directors. The Committee on Rules urges the president and Board of Directors to expedite this process as quickly as possible and distribute this policy to all our official workers and local churches forthwith.

Dr. Bert McBride, Chair  
Rev. Cory Steinson, Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

The Committee on Credentials has examined the delegate report list and certifies that there are 614 accredited delegates.

In addition there are 112 delegates who have registered as corresponding delegates.

### **Recommendation #1**

It is moved by Lyall Mix and seconded by Paul Silcock

That this final report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

**Assembly Action: Adopted**

Lyall Mix, Chair  
Scott Jones, Secretary

Please note that the following list does not include the printed out names of 11 Accredited delegates and two Corresponding delegates. These delegates are in Limited Access Nations and for their security we are not printing thier names for public view as we post the delegate list. These delegates are counted in the numbers given in the report.

Thank you for your understanding!