

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
Central Executive Committee
Videoconference Meeting
22 January 2022

CEC 22-01vc. Opening minute. We have gathered by videoconference on 22 January 2022 at 11:00 am UK time.

Present:

Elizabeth Cazden (New England YM)	Assistant Clerk FWCC
Michael Eccles (Britain YM)	Sec EMES
Jonathan Fletcher (Aotearoa/New Zealand YM)	Acting Clerk AWP Section
Timothy Gee (Britain YM)	General Secretary FWCC
Adrian Glamorgan (Australia YM)	Sec AWP Section
Myron Guachalla Montano (Bolivia Central YM)	Member at large
Simon C. Lamb (Ireland YM)	Clerk FWCC
Ethel Livermore (Britain YM)	Clerk EMES
Hezron C. Masitsa (Nairobi YM)	Acting Sec Africa Section
Thule Mbete (Southern Africa YM)	Member at large (partial)
Robin Mohr (Philadelphia YM)	Sec Section of the Americas (partial)
Esther Mombo (Highlands YM)	Assistant Clerk FWCC
David Shiner (Illinois YM)	Clerk Section of the Americas
Peter Ullathorne (Britain YM)	Treasurer
Bainito Wamalwa (East Africa YM-North)	Clerk Africa Section

Invited:

Susanna Mattingly (Britain YM)	Sustainability Program Sec FWCC
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In our opening worship we reflected on Philippians 4:4-9, reminding us to rejoice in the Lord always and remember that God is near. The Clerk expressed condolences to Thuli Mbete on the passing of her brother earlier today. He welcomed Tim Gee (Britain YM) who has just begun his formal service as General Secretary. Tim Gee noted that he had already met many Friends active with FWCC, and looks forward to meeting many more in the near future. Susanna Mattingly reported that the transition in leadership has been going well so far.

CEC 22-02vc. Past minutes. We approved the minutes of 6 November 2021 as circulated, with one minor change to minute CEC 21-48.

CEC 22-03vc. Bank authorization. The following minute was approved:

Following the appointment of Timothy Gee as General Secretary of the charity,

1. we resolve that Timothy Gee be appointed an authorised representative and signatory in replacement of Gretchen Castle in respect of the account held at the Co-operative Bank plc
2. we resolve that Timothy Gee be appointed an authorised representative and signatory in replacement of Gretchen Castle in respect of the account held at US Bank
3. we resolve that Timothy Gee be appointed an authorised representative and signatory in replacement of Gretchen Castle in respect of the account held at Rathbone Greenbank Investment Managers
4. we resolve that Timothy Gee be appointed an authorised representative and signatory in replacement of Gretchen Castle in respect of the account held at Friends Fiduciary

5. we resolve that Timothy Gee be appointed an authorised representative and signatory in replacement of Gretchen Castle in respect of the accounts held at CCLA Fund Managers Ltd

We authorise our Clerk and Treasurer to take this forward and certify this to the respective organisations as appropriate, and take any other steps necessary to enable him to carry out his duties with regard to official counter-parties and institutions.

CEC 22-04vc. Global Fundraising Campaign. The General Secretary explained the proposed changes to the World Office goals, based on consultations, supplementing a written presentation circulated in advance. We then engaged in considerable discussion, both in the whole group and in smaller breakout groups, before reconvening to share thoughts.

Fundraising campaigns are normally aimed at people already engaged with an organisation's work, not those who need a basic explanation of who we are. However, understanding of FWCC's work varies a lot across our various constituencies. We need to clarify the intended audience for the fundraising presentation. The planned focus on overcoming historical patterns of racism, colonialism, and injustice has different meanings in different parts of the world.

The fundraising project overlaps with a much-needed update to our strategic planning, which would address questions such as long-term staffing goals, whether staff continue to be centered in London or the UK, and how the work of the World Office intersects with and complements the work of the Section offices. We need to coordinate with fundraising done independently by the two QUNO offices, so that we complement each other with a common articulation of the mission and work. The funding for the World Plenary needs to begin urgently.

We accept the draft as a helpful working document, ask the staff to continue refining it, and look forward to seeing a more fleshed-out revised version at our next meeting.

CEC 22-05vc. Future CEC meeting dates. The clerk has confirmed our next virtual meeting for 26 March 2022 at the same time (11:00 am UK times). For an in-person annual meeting, tentatively in Nairobi, Kenya, various considerations make a September-October meeting more likely than June. It would be good to have it settled soon so that plans can be made, understanding that Covid-related travel restrictions may change. Capacity for hybrid participation is essential, in the likely event that some CEC members are unable to travel at the appointed time. We are mindful that some Friends are adamantly opposed to any travel by airplane, but are not clear to eliminate the only way that Friends are able to gather outside of their own continent or across vast distances.

We have identified tentative dates of 3-8 October 2022, with the IPC to meet the week before, and as many Friends as are able joining Kenyan Friends for World Quaker Day on 2 October. We ask the staff, the Clerk, and the three Kenyan Friends on the CEC to consult and bring a firm recommendation to the March meeting.

CEC 22-06bvc. Adjournment. No other business appearing, we closed with worship, with gratitude to God for touching our lives and guiding our discernment to know Divine will, and intending to meet again by videoconferencing on 26 March 2022, God willing.

Simon C. Lamb, Clerk
Elizabeth Cazden, Assistant/Recording Clerk
Esther Mombo, Assistant Clerk