

FRIENDS WORLD COMMITTEE FOR CONSULTATION
Central Executive Committee
Videoconference Meeting
4 January 2020

CEC 20-01vc. Opening minute. We have gathered by videoconference at 12:00 noon (UK time) on 4 January 2020.

Present:

Job Bikokwa (Evangelical Friends Church Kenya)	Sec Africa Section
Gretchen Castle (Philadelphia YM)	General Sec FWCC
Elizabeth Cazden (New England YM)	Assistant Clerk FWCC
Ronis Chapman (Australia YM)	Sec AWP Section
Sue Glover Frykman (Sweden YM)	Clerk EMES
Myron Guachalla Montano (Bolivia Central YM)	Member at large
Marisa Johnson (Britain YM)	Sec EMES
Fenwick Kirton-Darling (Britain YM)	Treasurer FWCC
Simon C. Lamb (Ireland YM)	Clerk FWCC
Robin Mohr (Philadelphia YM)	Sec Section of the Americas
David Shiner (Illinois YM)	Clerk Section of the Americas
Bainito Wamalwa (East Africa YM-North)	Clerk Africa Section

Regrets:

Thule Mbeti (Southern Africa YM)	Member at large
Ronald Titus (Bhopal YM)	Clerk AWPS

CEC 20-02vc. Opening Worship. We have heard Psalm 23, reminding us that the Lord is indeed our Shepherd who guides and comforts us.

CEC 20-03vc. Nominations.

(a) Reappointments:

The International Nominations Committee has initiated a new process of asking Friends who could be reappointed to their roles to worshipfully reflect on their service and their leading to continue. Following this process, the International Nominations Committee has brought forward the following names for reappointment:

Clerk of FWCC: Simon C. Lamb (Ireland YM), for a second term, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

Assistant Clerk of FWCC: Elizabeth Cazden (New England YM), for a second term, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

At-large member of the CEC: Myron Guachalla Montano (Bolivia Central YM), for a second term, from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

We appoint these Friends for the roles and periods indicated, and thank the International Nominations Committee for its work. We note that according to the FWCC Constitution (approved in 2016), officers and at-large members are eligible to serve for a maximum of three terms, each term consisting of three years. For the sake of continuity, we also note the need to stagger the starting and ending dates of these positions, and hope that the International Nominations Committee will consider this in its future deliberations.

The INC has further recommended reappointment of Hezron Matsitsa (Nairobi YM) to the Quaker UN Committee (New York), for a second term beginning 1 January 2020 through 31 December 2022. We approve this reappointment.

(b) New appointments:

Assistant Clerk of FWCC (to fill vacancy): Esther Mombo (Highlands YM), first term from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

Co-clerk of International Planning Committee (IPC): Nancy Fee (Southern Africa YM), from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023

Co-clerk of IPC: Bainito Wamalwa (East Africa YM-North), from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2023.

After due consideration, these names were approved and these Friends appointed to this service.

(c) Clerk for International Nominations Committee:

Louise Salinas has asked to be released from this role as her term of service has been completed. The General Secretary has reported that no one has yet been found to succeed her. We are reminded that according to the FWCC Constitution this is a CEC appointment, and is a very important role that requires a lot of work and considerable knowledge of Friends throughout FWCC. CEC members are asked to think prayerfully about this and suggest suitable names to the FWCC Clerk before the next CEC meeting on 29 February 2020.

CEC 20-04vc. Funding request. The Clerk and Treasurer have informed the CEC that a request has been received for £2,500 towards costs of the Africa Section's Executive Committee meeting that is planned to take place in Kigali in March 2020. After considerable discussion, the CEC discerned that while it would be willing to approve this request as a one-time contribution, it was clear that more in-depth consideration was necessary about FWCC's funding relationship with Africa Section and the financial independence and accountability of each FWCC Section as self-contained units. We **approve** a special contribution of £2,500 for costs of holding the Section Executive Committee meeting in March 2020, on the understanding that this is a one-time contribution and will come from the C B Taylor Fund. We direct FWCC's General Secretary, Clerk and Treasurer to meet (by videoconference) with the Secretary, Clerk, and Treasurer of the Africa Section before the next CEC meeting to further discuss the funding relationship between FWCC's World Office and Africa Section.

CEC 20-05vc. Steering Group for Crimes Commission Work: A paper by Nicholas McGeorge on Quakers and Criminal Justice Reform at the United Nations was circulated prior to this meeting. According to the FWCC General Secretary, the intention is to form a five-person steering group. It is suggested that the International Nominations Committee could consider nominations for this group, since it already has contacts with Friends who are engaged or interested in this field. Terms of Reference for the group's work are currently being revised. The matter will be brought to the February CEC meeting for approval. The CEC expressed that regular reporting to the CEC on the group's work would be helpful.

CEC 20-06vc. World Plenary Meeting Site Selection. The Clerk reported briefly on the site visit to Durban in December 2019 by himself plus Nancy Fee of Southern Africa YM, based on site recommendations from a local conference management company engaged for this

task. Photographs from two suitable sites have been shared with members of the CEC. We will return to this at the February CEC meeting.

CEC 20-07vc. International Planning Committee Meeting. The Clerk has proposed holding the first IPC meeting in Brussels over four days in June 2020, following the CEC meeting already scheduled there. As most of the IPC members are also on the CEC, this was regarded as the most expedient. We approve the timing and venue for this meeting, and encourage members of the IPC who require visas to apply for these in good time.

CEC 20-08vc. World Plenary Logo. Two possible logos have been suggested for the 2023 World Plenary Meeting. We have offered feedback on the wording, the typefaces, and the graphic images.

CEC 20-09vc. World Plenary Theme. The theme for the 2023 World Plenary Meeting is expected to be discerned by the International Planning Committee at its June 2020 meeting. Members of the CEC are invited to submit suggested themes, Scripture passages, and language to the office.

CEC 20-10vc. Global Campaign for FWCC. The General Secretary spoke briefly to the proposal for a global fundraising campaign for FWCC that was circulated in advance of this meeting. We are urged to study it before the next conference call on 29 February.

CEC 20-11vc. Closing worship: The meeting ended with a period of worship, during which hopes were expressed that the World Office would send a message of friendship and solidarity to Friends in Australia, at a time when bushfires are raging and people and animals are suffering and in fear of losing their homes. The General Secretary also extended a formal welcome to new CEC members, the Secretary of the Africa Section and the Clerk of the Section of the Americas. We have adjourned, intending to meet next electronically on 29 February 2020 at a time to be set by the Clerk.

Simon C. Lamb, Clerk
Elizabeth Cazden and Sue Glover Frykman, recording clerks