

Proposal 8

Title: Rural Ministries Focus within the Gospel, Ecumenism and Theology (GET) Committee

Originating Body: Maritime Conference Executive

Conference Action:

Financial Implications: Annual budget allocations of \$4,000 for three years

Whereas the 83rd Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference in May 2008 took formal action to approve the establishment of a Rural Ministries Unit and to request its proposed mandate be recommended to the 2009 Annual Meeting for approval;

It is proposed that for the next three years the Gospel, Ecumenism and Theology Committee (GET) focus on rural ministries including the following possibilities:

- a. hosting an ecumenical forum with community partners from rural communities representative of the Maritime diversity in rural concerns (~~“fishing, logging, agriculture, mining”~~ *natural resource utilization and protection and community well being*) and through that, form a network of rural ministry leaders and interested persons,
- b. advocate on behalf of rural ministry throughout Conference Committees and structures so that the rural reality is addressed in areas of faith formation, justice, stewardship, ministry leadership, and ministry in changing times, e.g., gather Committee chairs, etc. prior to an Executive meeting for sharing of concerns/ issues,
- c. additional funding for this specific work be \$4,000 for three years beginning in 2009, in addition to the regular GET budget line for an annual total of \$7,000,
- d. membership of the GET Committee be supplemented, as needed, with those with rural expertise.

Friendly amendment was made to item “a” removing “(fishing, logging, agriculture, mining)” and replace it with “(natural resource utilization and protection and community well being)”

AMENDMENT CARRIED

It is moved by Bob Johnson, seconded by Graham Powell that the 84th Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference approve Proposal #8 entitled “Rural Ministries Focus within the Gospel, Ecumenism and Theology Committee.”

MOTION CARRIED

