

DRAFT MINUTES OF GC MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 18, 2015

The meeting started at 10:15 with the prayer of Pr. Noel P. Samuel followed by a song. Then the President in his introduction stated that hitherto the Lord has helped us and we have thousand of pastors and believers; if we remain faithful and united, the Lord will bless us to grow further in number and in quality. After in his introduction, the president invited the General Secretary, Pastor Sam George to present the draft minutes of the last meeting.

Pastor Sam George read the draft minutes and the same was passed with the following amendments:

- 1) Pastor Jacob John is the Convener of the Prayer committee of the G. Convention 2016, instead of Pr. V. G. Thomaskutty and Pr. K.K. George'
- 2) Pastor Thomas George suggested to remove the remarks on Pr. K.K. George in connection with his talk with Pastor. E. A. Moses (Page 5 of the minutes);
- 3) Orissa election was not approved by the last GC Meeting, only the report was read by the election commissioner, Pr. James chacko; (decision of this meeting on Orissa election is given elsewhere in this minutes).
- 4) For reference and transparency purpose, the entire GC meetings should be recorded and therefore, a recording gadget be used in all future meetings. Also, a mobile jammer be installed.

Pastor Joseph Abraham proposed and Pastor Sudersanan Pillai Seconded to pass the minutes with the above amendments.

Then the meeting turned to the following off-agenda matters:

ORISSA ELECTION: The meeting debated and analyzed the pros and con of the Orissa election once again and it was decided to hear Pastor James Chacko again in the next GC meeting and then take decision.

Pr. Sudersanan Pillai: The General Secretary in charge read the letter of allegation given by Bro. Joice Chacko against Pr. Sudersanan Pillai. When Pr. Pillai refuted the allegation, Dr. John Joseph, presented photographs plus another complaint from pillai's sister. Following the extensive discussions, it was unanimously decided to temporarily suspend Pr. Sudersanan Pillai from the General council and all positions/assignments/ responsibilities of IPC with immediate effect, under investigation. If proved innocent, Pr. Pillai will be reinstated with all positions and responsibilities he was holding and also the matter will be removed from the minutes and appropriate action would be taken against the complainant. It is worth-mentioning that the above decision was thrice announced by Pastor Sam George for affirmation.

The Executives and minister members of the GC, the complainant and Pr. Pillai will be meeting at 2:30 p.m. on 30th November 2015 at the council hall for fact-finding and reporting in this regard.

Pr. K. P. Kurian: President briefed the floor his futile attempts to solve the K.P. Kurian problem with all concerned. The floor repeatedly explained the need to solve this problem once for all, instead of indefinite prolonging. So it was resolved that when the GC will meet on January 26, 2016 the K.P. Kurian problem will be deliberated/considered; and fix the date and time of the General Presbytery meeting to hear Pr. K.P. Kurian.

The meeting was adjourned for Lunch at 1:00 p.m. with the prayer of Dr. John Joseph.

The meeting resumed after lunch at 1:45 p.m. with the prayer of Pr. Joseph K. Mathew and taken up the following agenda items:

CONVENTION 2016 COMMITTEES: Conveners of sub committees updated the forum on the progress of work completed so far. However, it is a lapse that so far nobody has been coopted from Kerala state council. All concerned were advised to speed up the work.

Transportation: Bro. Jacob Thomas informed that letter were already sent to the concerned authorities (Chengannoor, Mallappaly, Thiruvalla, Pathanamthitta, Trivandrum etc.)

Publicity – Pr. Jacob George informed that printing of notice is in the process. Songbook design is last year. Letters with the ad rate are being sent out.

Registration committee has coopted Dr. John Joseph

Pandal: Committee has met twice and reviewed the quotations received. Will decide before end of November.

Light and Sound: Babychen Kidengannoor has quitted in protest against for not making him the convener of the light & Sound committee. Bro. Babychen informed that few quotations are received.

Food Committee: In the light of the withdrawal of the food committee responsibilities from the convener, the entire responsibility of the food committee will be vested with the executives. Pr. Mony Chennithala has been coopted to assist the executives in addition to the already selected joint conveners. President informed the council that he received Rs. 13 lakhs as donation for food.

Counseling : Dr. George Thomas informed the floor that two experts will join the counseling team.

Lord's Supper - Pastor Sam George informed that arrangements are being made

Programme Committee - Programmes are not finalized. Also he said the programme committee will met today evening and will advise the details of the outcome. The floor reminded that programme allocation should be done with care and discerning – let quality be the criteria.

The THEME is "Persecution"- The fellowship in the sufferings of Jesus Christ (Phil 3:10).

SAUDI ARABIA – Central Zone: The complaints from Saudi Arabia was taken up and Pastor Reji Othara was called in to update the floor on the matter. After hearing him, the council approved the newly

elected office-bearers and appointed a commission comprising Pr. Dr. Baby Varghese, Pr. James Chacko and Pr. Joseph Abraham to visit Saudi Arabia to sort-out the problems.

ARUNACHEL PRADESH : The problem of the state was discussed and it was decided to send Pr. Dr. Baby Varghese & Pr. K. K. George to the state as commission.

Sharjah Bible College: The IPC Theological board has formally accepted the application and GC will grant approval on submission the report by Pr. E. A. Moses' who will visit the institution in sharjah. The bible college will arrange the visa and travelling expensed of Pr. Moses.

IPC Ajman Church, UAE - The UAE region has approved the application of Ajman church for IPC affiliation, based on which GC approved IPC Ajman church.

Internal Audit by US CPAs: Dr. John Joseph briefed the floor of the audit of the Chartered Accountants. Bro. George Mathai could not come due to health problem and only Bro. Thomas K. Varghese could come who had a quick review of the accounts of the last 6 years. He will give the report soon. The report will be presented to the CG members in the next meeting.

REQUESTS FOR NEW STATES/REGIONS: Applications for approval of the following new states/ regions were received. The floor strictly insisted that there should be a proper procedure and process and criteria, transparency in granting any area the status of a state or region. No nepotism, bias, etc. should be there. There should not be any personal interest. There should be sufficient justification for creating a new state/region. There should be adequate number of churches and workers. Also, before approving any state/region, a commission should go to respective area for a feasibility study and report their findings to the GC and based on which GC will decide on each application.

(1) MIZORAM: A commission comprising Pr. Jacob John, Pr. Sam George, Pr. Thomas George & Adv. Sham Kuruvilla who will visit Mizoram and report to the GC

(2) BHUTAN: Pr. Valsan Abraham and Pr. Shibu Thomas constitute the commission and visit Bhutan and report.

(3) PONDICHERY : No commission. Bro. Joice Chacko objected the move to appoint any new leadership there, as his son is working there for a long time spending Rs. 80,000/ per month.

(4) NAGALAND : The commission to Mizoram will go to Nagaland.

(5) UTHERAKHAND : Pr. Sam George and Joseph Abraham form the commission to visit the area

(6) CANADA: Pr. Dr. Baby Varghese, Pr. Sam George, & Bro. Kurian Mathew form the commission

(7) PATNA : Pr. Jacob John & Pr. Sam George as commission for Patna

Konni Center: The application for approval of Konni as a center forwarded to Kerala State Council as it is in Kerala.

Report by HQ Building Core committee: On behalf of the core committee, Bro. Jacob Thomas (Shaji) presented a detailed report of the findings pertaining to the construction of the International Building, STP. Also, suggested renovation of the Auditorium. Printed copy of the report was given to all the members. For details refer to the attached report.

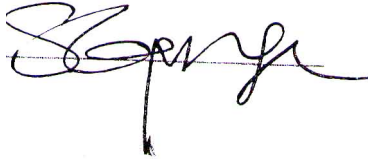
Security Personnel: The floor got very much upset with the peeping in and opening of the council hall door etc. by media people and general public for hearing the discussions is very much annoying and unethical and unscrupulous and therefore, should be addressed by any means. Members suggested that one or two security personnel are called in for service on days of General council meetings. It was decided to have security men from next meeting onwards.

Toilets and Bore-well: Temporary toilets will be installed wherever necessary during the convention. Also a bore well will be made for the convention purpose.

PRAYER AT HEBRONPURAM: Pastor Jacob John informed the floor that he will be in prayer from December 8 – January 16, 2016 and the last 7 days will be with fasting.

The next General Council meeting will be on Jan 7, 2016. The meeting was concluded at 5:15 p.m. with the prayer of Pr. V.G. Thomaskutty and Benediction of Pr. Dr. Baby Varghese. There were 33 members attended the meeting.

For IPC General Council



PASTOR SAM GEORGE
General Secretary in charge