

IMPLEMENTATION WORKING GROUP

Report from the CUC Board Social Responsibility Task Force

Recommendations for Implementation after a Resolution Passes

BOARD:

- * Replaces/appoints Monitoring Group(MG) Chairs
- * Designates a Board member to be Social Responsibility (SR)Liaison
- * Includes SR resolution issues on Board agenda whenever applicable
- * Ensure media consultant is available
- * Fund an Ottawa based CUC SR media/political Parliamentary monitor and lobbyist

PRESIDENT (OR DESIGNATE):

- * Approves letters from MG or initiates letters/press releases for public/ media or politicians; spokesperson on social justice issues
- * Available to the media

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND STAFF:

- * Says yes! Acts as a communication conduit: sends resolutions to Ministers, Board Presidents, RE, Youth Social Action Coordinator(SAC) following Annual Congregational Meeting; works with media consultant
- * Ensures relevant stakeholders (e.g. media consultant, President, review press releases/ letters before release.
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- * Develops and/or distributes media “How To” resources for Monitoring Groups, Annual Meeting delegates, Congregations, Board Presidents,Ministers, etc.
- * CUC Annual Meeting; has press releases ready for delegates to take home.

MONITORING GROUPS (KEY TO PROCESS)

- * Chair communicates with Board SR liaison
- * Continually monitor relevant Social Justice issues
- * When necessary, writes letters/press releases for public distribution over the Presidents signature (ED is coordinator of this process)
- * Create “implementation Kit” and make available to Congregations
- * Each Monitoring Group has a list of the contact person in every Congregation or works with/through Social Responsibility committee
- * With approval of President and Executive Director, may seek alliances with coalition partners and communicate these to Congregations.
- * Works to include a diverse group including young adults and youth.
- * At Fall Gatherings, Monitoring Groups of most recent resolution may run

“How to Implement” Workshops that include politics/congregational projects/media and may host a display table on aforementioned resolution.

MINISTERS:

- * Are informed about resolutions/Monitoring Groups by the Executive Director in August, in order to plan Social Responsibility worship services, projects, programming.
- * Dedicate a worship service, forum etc. to Social Resolution passed
- * Are encouraged to create/work with his/her local SR implementation group in congregations/fellowships

YOUTH GROUPS:

- * Regional Social Action Coordinators (SAC's) get resolution in June from Executive Director and create a “guide” for implementation
- * SAC presents to youth at Fall Regional Gathering or youth Conference and distributes guide.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

- * Executive Director communicates resolution to Directors(DRE's) and Ministers of Religious Education (MRE's) through LREDA etc.
- * DRE/MRE conveys resolutions to RE Committees/teachers who then work it into lesson plans/projects

REGIONAL NETWORKING GROUPS (RNGs)

- * Media training and congregation SR training through RNG's
- * SR information from Executive Director can be communicated through congregational networkers.

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