

**Catholic Labor Network
Meeting of Organizing Committee
St. Matthews Cathedral
Washington, DC
11 February 2007
10:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Fr. Sinclair Oubre, Mr. John Taylor, Mr. Clayton Sinyai, Deacon Bob Miller, Miss Makenzie Barris, Mr. Phillip Tabbita, Miss Doreen M. Badeaux

Also Present:

Mr. Paul Edwards (General Secretary - World Movement of Christian Workers), Cmdr. R. Jon Furukawa (Vice-President – Apostleship of the Sea of the United States of America)
Kana Furukawa

Discussion of Formal Establishment of Catholic Labor Network

Fr. Sinclair stated that the group present for the Catholic Labor Network gathering just one day prior posed some questions that the group needs to look at.

- The Catholic Labor Network needs to be formally organized. (This has been stated at the last 3 meetings and the group now seems ready to move on this issue in a real way.)
- As part of this organization, the Catholic Labor Network needs to establish a bank account in order to have donated funds properly accounted for.
- The Catholic Labor Network needs to consider a establishing a formal relationship with the World Movement of Christian Workers

Establishment of the Catholic Labor Network into a Formal Organization

It was stated that before the group could establish a bank account, the group must exist formally, and so the first order of business should be the establishment of the formal organization. It was also stated that this is somewhat of a chicken and the egg situation in that no official board members have been elected, and yet the group is expected to move forward to formally organize. Also, funds already exist, and Fr. Sinclair would feel more comfortable if the group had control over the funds. Ordinarily, board members must be named in order to set up an account, but perhaps organizing members could be named on the account instead.

It was agreed that the organizing group present would have to take some initiatives in order to make things begin to happen. The establishment of the formal organization and the bank account will first require minutes from today's meeting. Doreen volunteered to take notes for this purpose. The minutes of this meeting will also be shared with all others in the Catholic Labor Network.

Establishment of a formal relationship with the World Movement of Christian Workers

Fr. Sinclair and Clayton Sinyai asked Paul Edwards what it would take for the C-L Network to be eligible to become a member of the World Movement of Christian Workers.

Paul stated that they should be able to become a contact organization. The C-L Network would need to write a letter to him (Paul Edwards), stating that the group is in the process of organizing itself formally and interested in joining the movement.

He will find out any other necessary procedures, dues amount, etc, and send that information to the group.

If the CL Network joins, it would be invited to the next meeting of the WMCW, which will be held in May 2008, in Barcelona.

Clayton expressed concerns about not being able to view membership amounts, etc on any of the paperwork or online information, which WMCW has. Paul agreed that this is a problem and that this is one of the items which will be added, as the website is currently being revised. In the meantime, he will send the Constitution and Standing Orders of WMCW, and find out what dues arrangements would be incurred by the CL Network.

Fr. Sinclair spoke of the importance of having canonical status. This is a valuable benefit, which WMCW would bring to the C-L Network if it becomes a member.

Deacon Bob Miller motioned that the Catholic Labor Network pursue an association with the World Movement of Christian Workers. McKenzie Barris seconded, and all present approved.

Establishment of a bank account for the Catholic Labor Network

Doreen Badeaux motioned that the group empower Clayton Sinyai, McKenzie Barris and Phillip Tabbita (since they are all in the DC area) to establish a bank account in the Washington DC area on behalf of the Catholic Labor Network. Deacon Bob Miller seconded. All approved.

Website Concerns

Fr. Sinclair expressed concerns about the current web server and asked Clayton to check into moving the website to a more reliable, and less expensive provider. Clayton agreed to do this. Phillip had some suggestions for possibly asking a local University, or some other such entity to host the website. He and Clayton will work on getting more information together regarding the website host.

The meeting ended at approximately 11:05 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Doreen M. Badeaux