

United Church of God *an International Association*

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Letter From the Chairman February 21, 2003

Dear Brethren,

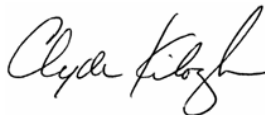
This is just a short letter to let you know that the Council of Elders will be convening at the home office on Sunday, February 23, for our quarterly face-to-face conference. A lot of preliminary work takes place in the committee meetings Monday and Tuesday, then Wednesday commences five-and-a-half days of regular meetings.

Finalizing the Strategic Plan, Operation Plan and Budget for 2003-04 is a priority, in order to present it to the General Conference of Elders for ratification in May at the Annual Meeting of the General Conference of Elders. We will also put the final touches on the Annual Meeting itself, which promises to be one of the best yet. The new GCE planning committee has worked hard for several months now to produce a high-quality conference, and we hope as many elders as possible can make plans to attend.

As you can see from the agenda below, we have the usual varied assortment of topics to cover, ranging from minor business affairs for which the Council has responsibility, to critically important issues such as how to more effectively preach the gospel. Daily reports will be posted, of course, on the United Web site, and your pastor will have them as well for distribution.

As always, we ask you to remember us daily in your prayers so that God's Spirit guides our thinking and decision-making. Thank you in advance for your heartfelt spiritual support.

In Christ's service, with kind regards,



Clyde Kilough
Chairman

Council of Elders Meeting Agenda
February 26 – March 4, 2003 – Cincinnati, Ohio

MONDAY – FEBRUARY 24

Committee Meetings:

- Doctrine Committee
- Ethics, Roles and Rules Committee

TUESDAY – FEBRUARY 25

Committee Meetings:

- Strategic Planning and Finance Committee
- Education/Ministerial Services Committee
- Media and Communications Committee

WEDNESDAY – FEBRUARY 26

Morning **Opening remarks, approval of past meeting minutes (Clyde Kilough)**

Report from the President (Roy Holladay)

Report from the Treasurer (Tom Kirkpatrick)

- Current budget report
- Proposed budget for 2003-04

Afternoon **Media Operations report (Peter Eddington)**

2003 General Conference of Elders Planning (Gary Antion and Dave Register)

- Consider recommendations from planning committee and give final approval

THURSDAY – FEBRUARY 27

Morning **Strategic Plan (Aaron Dean)**

- Discussion and approval of Strategic Plan for 2003

Doctrinal Papers (Jim Franks)

- Several papers are under consideration. The final list that will come to the Council is yet to be determined, depending on progress in the Doctrine Committee meetings

Afternoon **Doctrinal Papers (continued)**

Ministerial Services (Richard Pinelli)

- Clarification on certain ministerial expense items
- Report on church hymnal

FRIDAY – FEBRUARY 28

Morning **Media and Communications (Vic Kubik)**

- Summary of media focus meetings February 2-3
- Seek Council direction for the content, the “voice” or “personality” of our literature, resolving questions about “evangelism,” first contact literature, audience awareness, our identity, specific recommendations and ideas for more effectively preaching the gospel

Afternoon **Television (Peter Eddington)**

- Discuss future of cable access television

- Ideas for the future regarding television

SUNDAY – MARCH 2

Morning **Committee Standards and Practices Task Force Report** (Bob Dick)
LifeNets (Roy Holladay)

- UCG’s affiliation

Afternoon **Executive Session**

- Ordination and credentialing requests
- Personnel matters

MONDAY – MARCH 3

Morning **Ethics, Roles and Rules Committee matters** (Gary Antion)

- Resolve process for GCE ratification of Joel Meeker
- Member Appeal Committee appointees
- Bylaw suggested revisions
- Procedures for annual assessment of officers

Proposed Amendments from the Council of Elders

- Interpret bylaws to determine whether 2/3 or 3/4 needed to pass certain proposed amendments

Afternoon **Education/Ministerial Services Committee matters** (Richard Thompson)

- Christ-Centered Servant Leadership – recommendations for proceeding
- Feast of Tabernacles Transfer Policy re Council of Elders

Feast of Tabernacles video (Peter Eddington)

TUESDAY – MARCH 4

Morning **Strategic Planning and Finance Committee** (Aaron Dean)

- HR Policy matters
- Executive session (legal matter concerning individual estate)

Committee assignments for Joel Meeker
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