



**DIAKONIA WORLD FEDERATION (DWF)
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) Zoom MEETING
November 5th / November 6th 2020**

PRESENT:

Members: Sandy Boyce (President); Ted Dodd (DOTAC Regional President); Marianne Uri Øverland (DRAE Regional President and Vice-President DWF); Meresiana Kuricava (DAP Regional President); Anne Russell-Brighty (DAP Vice-President); Christa Megaw, Advisor (DAP); Jan Cherry (DOTAC);

Ibironke Oworu (DRAE Vice-President); Gordon Pennykid (DRAE);
Sr. Elisabeth Meier (DRAE); Birgit Banzhaf (DRAE);

Officers: RFL Thorsten Walter; Sara Manning, Web Manager; Traude Leitenberger, Secretary

Sandy Boyce welcomed the Executive Committee Members.

Approval of the September 2020 minutes

The minutes from the September 2020 EC zoom meeting were **approved**.

Ted Dodd held the opening reflection on: **Matthew 25: 1-13, Parable of the Bridesmaids**

1. Reports

1.1 DRAE: Marianne Uri Øverland, *see report*

1.2 DOTAC: Ted Dodd, *see report*

1.3 DAP Christa Megaw, *see report*

Remarks:

- a. Deaconess Shaila John Wesley from the Bangalore Regional Deaconess, India has been called to eternal rest on the 15 September, 2020. Sandy will contact the community to find out about the successor.
- b. Diakonia Aotearoa New Zealand Association (DANZA) New Zealand: The website is a work in progress.

1.4 Website: Sara Manning started the work on the website

1.5 Secretary, *see report*

2. DIAKAID COVID-19 Grants update

All applicants were by Email informed in September. The successful applicants received the congratulation letter with information concerning the details. The applications not able to be supported received the decision also by Email.

> **DOTAC:** All grants have been received. Ted presented reports of the projects.

> **DAP:** All grants have been received.

> **DRAE:** Two grants have been received. The transfer to Rwanda has not yet been completed but the transfer is in progress.

Action: All report will be publish in the December E-News and also uploaded on DIAKONIA Website

3. New Charter Groups

The new Charter groups stated their work and announced the appointed persons.
The question was: How do the groups work?

How will be the feedback to the EC?

How are the different people connected?

4. Archive, Traude Leitenberger

All DWF documents are archived in Kaiserswerth and the current documents are added regularly. Inga Bengtzon's large legacy, her precious writings on DIAKONIA and diaconal work in a global context (2x250kg documents), need an extra agreement.

The personal and material costs for this project, taken over by Dr. Büttner, are estimated at € 4000 to € 5000.

Action: The Board unanimously decided to accept the offer.

5. Finances, Thorsten Walter, *see finance report*

The finance report was explained.

For investments, Thorsten prepared investment guidelines for the EC to approve. The guidelines are valid from 1.1.2021. The EC will regularly check the investment guidelines.

6. Re-di, Ted Dodd; *see report*

Ted attended a Zoom meeting in September. Re-Di offered DWF an opportunity for connection by membership. The annual membership fee is € 300,00. It was discussed whether it is possible to apply for a partnership.

A decision was postponed.

7. By – Laws, postponed to Special Zoom Conference November 23rd/24th 2020

8. World Assembly 2022

Ongoing discussion but no decision made due to the uncertainty of the pandemic.

Dates for Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 2020

November 23rd (DRAE, DOTAC), November 24th (DAP)

Dates for Executive Committee Zoom Meeting 2021

January 18th (DRAE, DOTAC), January 19th (DAP)

Mössingen, January 18, 2021



Sandy Boyce, President



Traude Leitenberger, Secretary