

United Church of God *an International Association*

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Dear Fellow Elders,

It is a beautiful sunny day in Cincinnati and I am up in my room with the window open enjoying the crisp fresh air. Downstairs the workshops are about to end for the lunch break.

I apologize for the lateness and the brevity of this letter and agenda. The last month has been so jam-packed that I was not able to get out even a skeletal agenda to the Council until the day before I left for Cincinnati. Now that the business portion is over I can concentrate on getting ready for the start of meetings on Tuesday.

Before getting to the Council business I should mention the results of balloting to those of you who were either not present or connected by phone. All the items to be balloted upon—strategic plan, operation plan, budget, nomination process and relocation passed.

In the vote for Council members Victor Kubik and Clyde Kilough were returned to the Council. Roy Holladay and Bob Berendt will be coming onto the Council beginning in July and they will replace Les McCullough and Leon Walker. The changes on the Council always create mixed feelings. We will miss Les McCullough's wealth of experience upon which we were all able to draw. We also deeply appreciate his years of faithful service to United. We will also miss Leon's Walker's contributions in every aspect of council work, especially his tireless efforts to guide doctrinal studies and doctrinal review.

We welcome Bob Berendt as a brand new member of the Council and Roy Holladay as a seasoned veteran of Council work. In addition another transition took place just before the General Conference of Elders meeting with Dave Johnson replacing Gerald Seelig as Council Secretary. Gerald is one of a few who have served since the beginning of United and has handled one of the most challenging jobs within the organization.

Now to the agenda. All I can give you at this time is the same skeletal information I gave to the Council, plus one other item. On rare occasions the Council has determined the order of discussion when they arrived at the meeting itself and this will fundamentally be one of those meetings. In addition to the hectic pre-GCE pace, one other item kept us from nailing down our agenda and that was the possible need to deal with relocation issues.

With the relocation approved we will need to begin discussion of the next steps to be taken. I believe all of you are aware that a deposit was made to hold a property until the GCE determined whether or not we would relocate. The property owner was aware of our timetable so we will need to get back to him with plans to move forward. As with any piece of raw land, zoning and engineering issues must first be handled before we move ahead. These will need to be discussed as early as possible. With that one additional element, let me simply list for you the

possible items on the agenda. Some are pre-assigned for Tuesday; the rest will be divided between Wednesday and Thursday on a priority basis.

MAY 2007 COUNCIL OF ELDERS AGENDA ITEMS

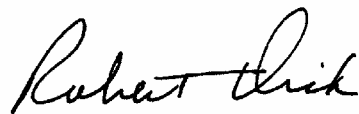
Tuesday, May 8, 2007

- Minutes
- President's Unified Report
- Establishment of the priority of agenda items
- Executive Session (to accommodate an elder's request for speak to the Council)
- Preliminary mapping out of steps to be taken from here regarding relocation
- New hymnal presentation to the Council by Steve Myers

Wednesday, May 9, 2007 and Thursday, May 10, 2007—agenda items which may be considered.

- Executive Session to address ordination requests
- GCE Exit survey and preliminary planning for GCE 2008—Dave Register
- Charles Melear's request to discuss: 1. Options for the 2008 GCE location and 2. Options for February 2008 COE meeting
- ERR Committee will need to update the committee members for EEAC, MAC and the Amendment Committee.
- Elder's Forum coordinator assignment
- Elder's Forum management questions
- Additional time for discussion of hymnal
- Council Reporter
- Initial steps to begin update of Strategic Plan
- The Council will need to determine the 2007 Amendment Schedule as the bylaws require that the Amendment Schedule be published no later than 10 days after the GCE meeting

On behalf of the Council of Elders,



Robert Dick