

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at St. Andrew's IOCO United Church Tues. April 3, 2007

**Present: (lay)** Janet Babey, Rob Berkowski, Louise Best, Brenda Biggs, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Rick Crooks, Carole Cox, Donna Dawson, Carole Finch, Ralph Johnston, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Jean MacLeod, Sheila McCall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Trudy Mile, Leanne Mill, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Leenane Shiels, Angela Stevens,

**(Ministry personnel)** Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Richard Bott, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Tim Lissimore, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Paulette Phillips, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Bethan Theunissen, Doug Throop, Gerildine Smith, Ria Van Holten, Maggie Watts-Hammond, Ann White

**(Visitors):** Donald Copan, Sue Livingstone

**Regrets:** Ross Dunning,, Kim Horwood, Barbara Tunnicliffe, Bruce Cowburn, Scott Turnbrook, Jo Shearer

**Authority:** The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Jean McLeod at St. Andrew's IOCO United Church, Burnaby, B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

**Opening Prayer and Welcome:**

Kevin Hegseth welcomed presbytery and gave the opening prayer.

**Corresponding Privileges:** Visitors were introduced.

**Motion 43/2007** Moved and Seconded (Tim Lissimore/Rob Berkowski) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

**Agenda**

**Motion 44/2007** Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Tim Lissimore) That we adopt the agenda. **Carried**

**Minutes**

**Motion 45/2007** Moved and Seconded (Tim Lissimore/Leenane Shiels) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 6, 2007. **Carried**

**Motion 46/2007** Moved and Seconded (Donna Dawson/Lois Brown) That we receive the executive minutes of March 20, 2007 for information. **Carried**

**Announcements:** Upcoming events such as talents shows, musical nights and fund-raisers were announced.

**Correspondence:**

1. Deer Lake United - Sunday School Teachers/Youth leaders Event May 6, 1-4 pm, \$15
2. Lecture at Burnaby Mosque, May 2, 7-9 pm
3. email from former presbyter Richard Day
4. D. McCrindle, Governance Review Committee questionnaire
5. General Council news release - The United Church Calls for a Full National Apology to Canada's First Nations
6. Richard Bott - invitations to send participants to Spiritual Care Network event April 18
7. Richard Bott - notice of pastoral relations meeting April 3, 4 pm
8. General Council - Middle East Visit marks beginning of Holy Week
9. Bruce Cowburn - message to M & S Enthusiasts
10. Pamela Jeffery - Youth Leadership Training Event, April 29, 10 - 8, Knox United, Vancouver
11. National Office - statistical forms not returned (Pastoral Charges contacted by secretary)
12. VST invitation to Convocation May 7 at 7 pm
13. Updated Admissions to United Church
14. Church Modernization Grant applications from Trinity and East Burnaby United Churches
15. Observer renewal kit (to Communications)

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**Action on Correspondence**

The following minister is to be recommended for readmission to the order of ministry in the United Church of Canada: John Patterson, recommending presbytery, Cochrane.

**Motion 47/2007** Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Rob Berkowski) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Church Modernization and Improvement Grant from Trinity United Church for \$5,000 and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

**Motion 48/2007** Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Angela Stevens) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Church Modernization and Improvement Grant from East Burnaby United Church for \$5,000 and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

**Business Arising**

Emerging Spirit

A lower mainland "Welcoming Congregations Event" is scheduled for June.

Environmental Footprint

Pastoral charges are reminded to be prepared to report to presbytery in June about what actions they have taken to lessen their environmental footprint. This can take the form of a written or verbal report.

**Divisions and Committees**

Women's Ministry Network

Donna Dawson announced that there will be a dessert meeting with a speaker for all women of the presbyterial May 14, 6:30 p.m. at South Burnaby. Conference UCW event will be held May 25-26.

Stewardship

Brenda Faust has contacted the nine pastoral charges that have not completed their M & S Commitment Forms. A list of the top 40 donors to Mission and Service has been published and South Burnaby, Trinity, Shiloh-Sixth Avenue and Como Lake are on the list. There is a M & S Enthusiasts workshop coming up. Brenda concluded her report by reading Bill Steadman's letter including the closing prayer.

Treasurer no report

Outreach no report

Chaplaincy

Doug Throop reported that the sale of Ellesmere's property will be complete by the end of April and the new building will be ready by the end of May. The new address is Ellesmere United Church, #160 - 8960 University High Street, Burnaby, B. C. V5A 4Y6. The moving sale at the old site is underway. There will be a memorial service for Ellie on Sunday April 15/07.

Doug will be attending the Campus Ministry United Church of Canada Consultation in June at McGill University.

Communications

Fred Nienaber informed the court that the web page would be updated April 22nd. A new presbyter's handbook is in progress. A card was sent to Rev. Pete Collins (retired) now living at Buchanan Lodge.

Dinner was served.

**Division and Committee (cont'd)**Visioning

Ian Macdonald reported that Visioning is discussing how to use the tithed gift that will be realized when the sale of Ellemere's property is complete. The board of South Burnaby has struck a committee to explore the approach from all Saints Anglican Church who wish to sell their building and join the congregation of South Burnaby. Visioning is also discussing ways to recognize the aboriginal bands within the bound of Presbytery. Tim Lissimore agreed to attend the next Visioning meeting to share ideas about 'green initiative' for churches.

Children and Youth

Ian Macdonald distributed registration information for the Connex Joy, Lego Blues youth retreat.

Nominations no reportPastoral Relations Richard Bott reporting

**Motion 49/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Carole Finch) That Westminster presbytery approve the appointment of Barbara Tunnicliffe as Staff Associate to South Burnaby United Church, on a part time (25 hours per week) basis, beginning July 1, 2006, ending June 30, 2007 under the following terms: annual salary of \$18,242 (eighteen thousand two hundred forty two dollars), annual housing allowance of \$13,125 (thirteen thousand one hundred twenty five dollars), monthly telephone of \$31.25 (thirty one dollars and twenty five cents), annual support for study of \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars). All other terms as designated by the Manual. Note that a current police records check has been seen. **Carried**

**Motion 50/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/ Fred Nienaber) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Pamela Jeffery as Staff Associate to Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church on a full time (40 hours per week) basis beginning July 1, 2006 ending December 31, 2006 under the following terms: Annual salary of \$32,652.03 (Thirty two thousand six hundred fifty two dollars and three cents), annual housing allowance of \$21,000 (twenty one thousand dollars), annual telephone of \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars), annual support for study of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars). All other terms as designated by the Manual. Note that a current police records check has been seen. **Carried**

**Motion 51/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Tim Lissimore) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Pamela Jeffery as Staff Associate to Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church on a full time (40 hours per week) basis beginning January 1, 2007 ending March 31, 2007 under the following terms: Annual salary of \$33,369.94 (Thirty three thousand three hundred sixty nine dollars and ninety four cents), annual housing allowance of \$21,624 (twenty one thousand six hundred twenty four dollars), annual telephone of \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars), annual support for study of \$1,500 (one thousand five hundred dollars). All other terms as designated by the Manual. **Carried**

**Motion 52/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Doug Throop) That Westminster Presbytery wave the requirement for ballot vote in the matter of Rev. Randy Antle's request to remain on the roll. **Carried**

**Motion 53/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Lois Brown) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference that the Rev. Randy Antle be retained on the roll 'in search of call or appointment'. Note that a current police records check has been seen. **Carried**

**Motion 54/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Donna Dawson) That Westminster Presbytery appoint Fred Nienaber as its lay representative and Rev. Richard Bott as its order of ministry representative to the settlement committee of B. C. Conference. **Carried**

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Pastoral Relations (cont'd)

**Motion 55/2007** Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Mary Duncan) That Westminster Presbytery authorize the payment of \$250 to help cover travel of interviewees for the interim ministry position at Queens Avenue United Church. **Carried**

A reminder to all persons whose appointments need to be re-appointed this summer - Pastoral Relations needs to have your forms by the June 5, 2007 presbytery meeting.

Oversight no report

Education and Students no report

**New Business**

Governance Model

Questionnaires were distributed to presbyters who agreed to complete them and return them to the Governance Model Review Committee by April 25, 2007.

Four Presbytery Task Group

Brenda Faust and Maggie Watts-Hammond agreed to serve on the task group that will be exploring advocacy and outreach involvement in United Churches throughout the lower mainland.

**Pastoral Relations Workshop**

Richard Bott conducted a workshop on Joint Search Committees to help presbyters understand their role on this committee.

**Worship**

Kevin Hegseth led us in a closing worship.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

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Chair

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Secretary

**Executive meeting Tuesday April 17, 2007 at Deer Lake United - 1:00 pm**

**Next regular meeting May 1, 2007 - TBA**