

## **Minutes of WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MEETING**

**April 5, 2011 from 5:30**  
Ellesmere United Church, Burnaby

Order of Ministry Present: Scott Turnbrook, Leenane Shiels, Kathleen Edmunds, Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Rick Newbury, Mary Nichol, Jan Bihl, Nathan Wright, Richard Bott, Ernie Roberts, Brian Burke, Charles Ahn, Douglas Throop, Ian McDonald, Ria Van Holten

Lay Members Present: Carol Cox, Eileen Karyula, Ross Dunning, Angela Stevens, Lois Brown, Janet Babey, Carole Finch, Paul Kim, Leanne Mill, Cheryl Blake, Marilyn McCutcheon, Dave Nichol, Jean Johnson, Laurie Scott, Brenda Phillips, Roger Nelson, Barb Tunnicliffe, Sue Kellas, Kathy Young

Regrets:

Ministry Personnel: Julie Lebrun, Shannon Tennant

Laypeople: Jo Shearer, Ralph Johnston, Reine Hitchen, Michael Yoon, David Vervet, Pam Kennedy

Absent:

Ministry Personnel: Kevin Hegseth, John Chul Woo, Dawn Purdy-Karkut

Laypeople: Gil W. Kim, John Kim, Rich Crooks, Sue Leest-Johnston, Samatha Hardy, Georgia Runcie, Bruce Cowburn, Donna Dawson

Corresponding Member (Candidate): Kimiko Karpoff

Visitor: Paul Kim

Presbyters were called together by the Rev. Scott Turnbrook at 5:43pm, at Ellesmere United Church, with the ringing of the bowl and prayer.

There was a small group exploration was focused on Ezekiel 37.1-14 which ended with prayer.

The group broke for dinner.

The Meeting recovered at 7 p.m.

1 Call to Order :

The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the Chair, Scott Turnbrook, at Ellesmere United Church, Burnaby, B.C. with a quorum present.

2 Adoption of the Agenda:

**Motion 34/2011:** It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Ernie Roberts, that the agenda be accepted, with the addition of correspondence. **Carried.**

3 Corresponding Privileges:

**Motion 35/2011:** It was moved by Ross Dunning, seconded by Carole Finch, that corresponding privileges be extended to visitors to the court. **Carried.**

4 Introduction of New Members and Visitors to Court:

Jean Johnson was introduced as a new Presbyter from Deer Lake.

5 Joys, Sorrows and Announcements

Ross Dunning's daughter is getting married; Eagle Ridge is still in a state of stunned disbelief that they are debt free and is inviting all of the congregations that helped, the Presbytery and the folks from East Burnaby to a celebration; Sandra and Ross Dunning and the congregation of Trinity are doing the Passion Play tour again this year (July 11-18; information can be found on the Presbytery website); Kimiko Karpoff has graduated and now is in the process of seeking call or appointment; an infant baptism and 10 adult baptisms with profession of faith will happen at West Burnaby United Church on Easter Sunday; Doug informed the court about the artwork around the room; Barb invited Presbytery to join with West Burnaby to a Common Cup celebration on June 10<sup>th</sup> and party in celebration of Ian's retirement on June 11<sup>th</sup>; St. Andrew's Haney UC is hosting a "What's Next?" event on Sunday with Pitt Meadows UC, Hammond UC, St. Andrew's Haney UC and Whonnock-Websters Corners exploring possibilities for future; Paul Kim has raised funds through the Sun Run for intercultural education at Korean United Church, and thanked the members of Presbytery for their support.

6 Approval of Minutes

**Motion 36/2011:** It was moved by Ria Van Holten, seconded by Brian Burke, that the Minutes of the February 1, 2011 meeting of Westminster Presbytery be approved as circulated. **Carried.**

**Motion 37/2011:** It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Barb Tunnicliffe, that the Minutes of the October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010; January 12, 2011; and February 16, 2011 meeting of the Executive of Westminster Presbytery be received for information. **Carried.**

7 Correspondence:

7.1 Letter from *Doug Goodwin*, Executive Secretary BC Conference, asking if Presbytery will be meeting at Conference and informing of a proposal for the 'connexional' visiting of Presbyters.

**7.1.1 It was announced that Westminster Presbytery will be meeting during the Annual Meeting of BC Conference, during the lunch hour on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011.**

7.2 Email from *General Council* regarding the dates for the upcoming Racial Justice online training discussions.

7.3 Letter from *Tom Broadhurst*, letting Westminster Presbytery know that Cliff Avenue UC, Eagle Ridge UC, Hammond UC, loco UC, Korean UC, Queens Avenue UC and Willingdon Heights UC have not yet submitted their stats forms.

7.4 Letter from *North Bay Presbytery* regarding financial support for youth and young adults participating in *Rendez-vous 2011*. The court directed the letter to Mary Nichol, asking her to find out what financial assistance is needed from youth and young adults in our Presbytery to participate in *Rendez-vous 2011*, reporting back to Presbytery Executive.

7.5 Letter from *General Council* regarding Ministry Personnel being recommended for admission or readmission to the Order of Ministry in The United Church of Canada:

<b>Candidates for Admission</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Denomination</i>	<i>Recommending Presbytery</i>
Basil Coward	Moravian Church	Toronto Southeast
Chang Han Kim	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Calgary
Craig Steven Miller	Presbyterian Church USA	Assiniboine
Douglas du Charme	Presbyterian Church in Canada	Toronto Southeast
Erasmus Johannes Van Zyl	Presbyterian/Congregational Church of South Africa	South Alberta
Eun-Joo Park	Presbyterian Church in Canada	London Conference
John E. Porter	The United Church of Christ USA	London Conference
Kathleen Ann Petrie	Baptist Convention of Ontario & Quebec	Seaway Valley
LeAnn Blackert	The United Church of Christ USA	Kamloops-Okanagan
Margaret Roberts	Evangelical Lutheran Church of Guyana	Toronto Southwest
Mathias M. Ross	Church of North India	Saskatchewan Conference
Rose Ann Vita	Evangelical Lutheran Church in America	Niagara
Scott Douglas Gale	Roman Catholic Church	Cambrian
Therese Descamp	The United Church of Christ	Kootenay
<b>Candidate for Re-admission</b>		
<i>Name</i>	<i>Recommending Presbytery</i>	
Edward Firmin Barbezat	Montreal	

If you have concerns about any of these individuals, please contact their recommending Presbytery.

#### 8 Pastoral Relations – Sue Kellas

**Motion 38/2011:** It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded by Lois Brown, that after further consideration of Motion 30/2011, Westminster Presbytery initiate a combined Oversight Visit and JNAC at Cliff Avenue United Church and that Richard Bott, Kathleen Edmunds and Janet Babey comprise the team. **Carried.**

**Motion 39/2011:** It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded by Ria Van Holten, that having received notification of Rev. Jon-Chul Woo's intentions to take Sabbatical Leave April 1 to June 30, 2011 we appoint Charles Ahn as pastoral charge supervisor. **Carried.**

**Motion 40/2011:** It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded by Dave Nichol, that having received a request from the board of Como Lake United Church to re-vamp their ministry personnel position description and add an additional half-time ministry personnel, we establish a JNAC naming Richard Bott and Sue Kellas as the presbytery Page

representatives. **Carried.**

**Motion 41/2011:** It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded by Carol Cox, that having received a request from Kevin Hegseth for a change in pastoral relations in order to accept a call, we establish a JNAC at St. Andrew's IOCO and name Carole Finch and Rick Newbury as the presbytery representative. **Carried.**

9 Treasurer's Report - No report.

10 Oversight – Jan Bihl

- 10.1 Deer Lake, loco, Cliff oversight visits will be taking place in April.
- 10.2 If you haven't handed in your annual report, please send three copies to Jan Bihl.
- 10.3 Beginning our first consultant contract to work with Ellesmere United Church.

11 Congregational Support – Brian Burke

- 11.1 This coming Tuesday, the United Churches in Burnaby are going to be meeting at South Burnaby to explore ways of being in partnership together. There will also be representatives from All Saints Anglican Church.

12 Education & Students – Carol Cox

**Motion 42/2011:** It was moved by Carol Cox, seconded by Nathan Wright that Westminster Presbytery, on the advice of its Education & Students Committee, which has:

- reviewed the application CAN202(b) of the individual;
- reviewed the report of the Discernment Committee and the Session or its equivalent DIS202(a);
- reviewed the report of the Conference Interview Board;
- met with and interviewed the Inquirer;
- ensured a current police records check has been sent;

receive Barbara Joan Grant as a candidate for ordained ministry and agrees that the applicant has demonstrated capacity to undertake the M.Div. Program of studies.

**Carried.**

We will be inviting Barb to join us at the June meeting for covenant with Presbytery.

13 Spiritual Care – Brian Burke - No report.

14 Youth Ministry Advisory – Mary Nichol

Newsletters are available: Presbytery youth retreat, dates for youth planning and leading worship at St. Andrew's Haney and Eagle Ridge.

**Motion 43/2011:** : It was moved by Mary Nichol, seconded: Barb Tunnicliff, that Finn Leahy, Lannie Baybay, Moria Anderson be Westminster Presbytery's youth voting delegates to BC Conference, and that Katrina Anderson be Westminster Presbytery's non-voting delegate to BC Conference. **Carried.**

15 UCW – Marilyn McCutcheon

- 15.1 UCW spring social Monday, May 16, 6:30-8:00pm at Trinity United Church, posters available.
- 15.2 The BC Conference for Presbyterial is April 29 to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Donna Dawson is looking for representatives from our presbytery.

- 15.3 Sandra Dunning & \_\_\_\_\_ will be representing UCW at the Methodist & Uniting Churches Women in Johannesburg, South Africa in August.

16 Communication – Ross Dunning

- 16.1 Ross discussed thoughts around posting photos on the website, working to ensure that we are following both legal requirements and ethical concerns. If you are concerned about having your image on the Westminster Presbytery page, please inform Ross Dunning.
- 16.2 Ross is working on rebuilding the website, to use a Content Management System to allow for better use of the website. Ross is concerned that there would be some cost to this move (specifically a need to increase payment for the webmaster), and is asking the Executive to discuss this.
- 16.3 Ross has been asked not to post unapproved minutes to the website. People are asking to download the minutes so they can have them before the meeting. Could we please post draft minutes, clearly noting them as draft.

17 New Business

**Motion 44/2011:** : It was moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Ross Dunning, that Westminster Presbytery cover the \$45 Conference facility fee for Presbyters who are attending as delegates. **Carried.**  
Individuals who have already paid can submit for reimbursement from Presbytery.  
Individuals who wish to pay for the facility fee will submit their fees to Presbytery.

18 Table Group Discussion

*Terms of Reference re: Allocation of East Burnaby United Church funds to Westminster Presbytery*  
Notes were collated by table secretaries and to be emailed to Scott Turnbrook for the Executive to use in developing terms of reference.

19 New Motion re: Financial Support for Refugee Sponsorship

**Motion 45/2011:** : It was moved by Ian Macdonald, seconded by Doug Throop, that Westminster Presbytery, in support of its Congregations who have pledged money or participation in a Refugee sponsorship to bring a refugee family from the Al Hol Refugee Camp in northern Syria, match the money (\$8,000) congregations have raised to support this ministry from the funds available to Presbytery from the sale of Ellesmere.

**Motion 46/2011:** : It was moved by Brian Burke, seconded by Carole Finch, that the motion be referred to Executive. **Defeated.**

**Motion 47/2011:** : It was moved by Dave Anderson, seconded by Ria Van Holten, that the order of the day be extended to 9:30pm. **Carried.**

Discussion returned to the original motion. Motion was **Carried.**

Brian Burke, Carol Cox, and Leenane Shiels asked that their abstentions be recorded.

20 Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at 9:30pm.

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Chair

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Acting Secretary