

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at Hammond United Church Tues. December 4, 2007

Present: (lay) Janet Babey, Rob Berkowski, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Carol Cox, Donna Dawson, Betty Anne Dempsey, Ralph Danbert, Ross Dunning, Carole Finch, Jean Johnson, Ralph Johnston, Sue Johnston, Sue Kellas, Jean MacLeod, Marilyn McCutcheon, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marj Parker, Jo Shearer, David Vervaet, Michael Yoon

(Ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Mary Duncan, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Ian Macdonald, Mary Nichol, Wendy Read, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Bethan Theunissen, Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Janet Uren, Ria Van Holten, Frank Ward, Ann White,

(Visitors): Donald Copan, Eileem Karyula, Kathleen Danbert, Peggy Booth

Regrets: Rick Crooks, Tim Lissimore, Bruce Cowburn, Brenda Faust, Rick Newbury, Kimiko Karpoff

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Mary Duncan at Hammond United Church, Maple Ridge B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Agenda

Motion 154/2007 Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Doug Miller) That we adopt the agenda as printed.
Carried

Corresponding Privileges

Motion 155/2007 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ross Dunning) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors.
Carried

Joys and Concerns were shared.

Worship Opening worship was led by Kim Horwood. Former presbyter Peggy Booth shared thoughts on her experiences in Westminster Presbytery.

Minutes

Motion 156/2007 Moved and Seconded (Scott Turnbrook/Carole Finch) That we approve the minutes of the meeting of Westminster Presbytery held November 6 2007 noting corrections to the list of those present (Add Carole Finch/ Betty Anne Dempsey and delete Paulette Philips/Dave Anderson). **Carried**

Motion 157/2007 Moved and Seconded (Wendy Read/Ross Dunning) That we receive the executive minutes of November 20, 2007 for information noting the correction to the Ellesmere report "increase in contractor's fees".
Carried

Business Arising from Minutes

Queen's Avenue Report

Jean MacLeod summarized the actions to date concerning the decision to disband Queen Avenue United Church. An opportunity was provided for questions. Dave Anderson thanked the executive for their work.

Correspondence

1. Doug Goodwin - summary of B. C. Conference Executive work (on file)
2. Deborah Phelan, Queens Avenue, questions re meeting at Queens Avenue (Executive)
3. John Wilson, request to speak about Queens Avenue (Richard Bott responded)
4. Virginia Barteluk, thoughts on Queens Avenue (Mary Duncan responded)
5. Deborah Phelan, thoughts on Queens Avenue (Executive)
6. Julie Lebrun, correction to minutes (Tim Lissimore responded)
7. Task group from September meeting, Purpose Statement document (for discussion)
8. Janet Gear, VST, thanks you for support to students (file)
9. Pitt Meadows and East Burnaby grant applications (for action)

Divisions and Committees

Pastoral Relations

Richard Bott requested two people to sit on JNAC for Trinity and Shiloh-Sixth Avenue.

Ellesmere/SFU United Chaplaincy

Doug Throop requested supply for a mid-week service of Holy Communion in the absence of the regular minister. There is a faithful core of students and faculty who attend this service. Please contact Doug immediately if you are able to support this ministry.

Noelle Boughton's lectures on the spirituality of Margaret Lawrence were held and books by Noelle were made available for sale.

The arts and music gathering organized by Sean Bayntun, Music Director of Ellesmere United Church, was a tremendous success.

In recognition of Black History Month, Ellesmere has invited Professor Flora Wilson-Bridges of the University of Seattle to speak on Womanist Theology February 2, 3 and 4, 2008.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe reminded presbyters of the upcoming events: February 16 - Young Adults, February 22 - Children and May 2 - Teens. Names were collected of current youth contacts in congregations.

Communication

Ross Dunning will add a list of Advent Events in churches throughout the presbytery. An e-mails invitation for submissions will go to all churches. Fred Nienaber encouraged presbyters to check the directory on the presbytery website and report changes so that it is kept current. During January our e-mail will need to be staffed by someone else, as will bulk e-mails.

Treasurer

In Bruce's absence, Ian Macdonald presented a number of grant applications.

Motion 158/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Fred Nienaber) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Technology Support Grant Application from Pitt Meadows United Church for \$1,084 for a computer, software, printer and accessories, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

Motion 159/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Scott Turnbrook) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Technology Support Grant Application from Cliff Avenue United Church for \$745.65 for a motorized screen, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

Motion 160/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Fred Nienaber) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Church Modernization and Improvement Grant Application from Hammond United Church for \$5,000 for a new shingle roof, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

Dinner

Jean Macleod led us in grace and dinner was served. Carole Finch thanked those who prepared and served the meal.

Treasurer (cont'd)

Motion 161/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jo Shearer) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Church Modernization and Improvement Grant Application from Willingdon Heights United Church for \$4,532 for upgrades and improvements, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

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Motion 162/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Ria Van Holten) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Technology Support Grant Application from East Burnaby United Church for \$1,500 for a computer printer and software, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

Motion 163/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Scott Turnbrook) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Technology Support Grant Application from Hammond United Church for \$428 for a computer, and monitor, and forward the application to B. C. Conference. **Carried**

Motion 164/2007 Moved and Seconded (Ian Macdonald/Ernie Roberts) That Westminster Presbytery accept the housing allowances for 2008 as follows: Burnaby/New Westminster \$2,020, Tri Cities \$1,990 and Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows \$1,960. **Carried**

Report from the Working Group on the Purpose Statement

Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl and Carol Cox presented a document containing Assumptions and a Philosophy of Ministry to accompany the purpose statement developed at the Keats Island retreat. Discussion took place in table groups and input was received by the working group. The working group will revise the document to reflect the suggestions that were agreed upon.

Motion 165/2007 (Barb Tunnicliffe/Robert Berkowski) That Westminster Presbytery adopt, in principle, the Purpose of Westminster Presbytery document including the Assumptions and Philosophy of Ministry statements as presented by the task group and review this document in 2010. (Appendix A) **Carried**

New Business

Doug Throop thanked presbytery on behalf of the ministry personnel who attended the Bowen Island spiritual retreat. Special mention was made of the wonderful meals prepared by Bruce Cowburn. Next years retreat date has been set.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m and Jan Bihl closed with prayer.

Chair

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday February 6/08 at Como Lake Church - 5:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday January 22/08 at Eagle Ridge United - 12:30 p.m.