

Westminster Presbytery **Executive Meeting Held at Eagle Ridge United Church, Tues. January 19, 2010.**

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl , Richard Bott, Carol Cox, Carole Finch, Kim Horwood, Sue Kellas, Ian Macdonald, Barb Tunnicliffe

Regrets: Bruce Cowburn, Fred Nienaber

Quorum present

Chairperson: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Authority: The executive meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened by Dave Anderson at Eagle Ridge United Church, Coquitlam B. C. at 1:00 pm on Tuesday January 19, 2010

Check In: Members were given an opportunity to check in.

Agenda

A printed agenda was circulated

Education and Students

Carol Cox reported that we have 9 students at various places in their studies. Kathleen Edmunds and Min- Go Kang will be interviewed by Conference next week.

Youth Ministry

Carol Cox distributed registration information for the Youth Retreat to be held March 5 to 7 at Chehalis Healing House. The theme is "If I had 10 Million Dollars". There will be two cluster events on an Olympic Theme to help youth get on board for the retreat.

Carol encouraged anyone interested in the Youth Ministry position at Westminster Presbytery to attend the retreat as a volunteer.

A group of youth are willing to come to congregations and perform the "10 Million Dollar" song if there is an audience of youth available.

Carol Cox was excused from the meeting.

Opening Prayer: Dave Anderson offered an opening prayer.

Minutes

Motion 01/2010 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we approve the minutes from the executive meeting held November 17, 2009. **Carried**

Business Arising - none

Correspondence

1. General Council, Remit 3 - Transfer and settlement to be optional - action
 2. General Council Ecumenical Officer, Executive Summary of The St. Brigid Report - file
 3. B. C. Conference, copy of letter to Korean United re loan repayment - file
 4. General Council, Vulnerable Sector Check - Pastoral Relations
 5. VST, Invitation to inauguration of Iona Pacific Inter-Religious Centre - file
 6. B. C. Conference, Permission to Solemnize Marriages due March 31/10 - Pastoral Relations
 7. B. Conference, Minutes & Roll 80th General Meeting - file
 8. Georgia Runcie, Board of Fair Haven, new CEO Carol Mothersill effective January 1, 2010
 9. Notification that our website domain name is due to expire - action
- * All emails received were forwarded or posted on website

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The secretary will provide a copy of the remit material to Shannon Tennant our General Council Commission. Richard Bott will contact Fred Nienaber, Communications Chair about the website domain expiration.

Committee BusinessPastoral Relations

Motion 02/2010 Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Barb Tunnicliffe) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference the following person license to solemnize marriages be renewed:

South Burnaby - Gary Begin, Carla Wilks, Dawn Purdy-Karkut

St. Andrew's Haney - Carole Finch

Hammond - Kathleen Dorans

Queens Avenue - Judy Dixon

Trinity - Wilfred Carson

Carried (Carole Finch abstained)

The JNAC report for Pitt Meadows United Church was reviewed by the executive.

Motion 03/2010 Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Jan Bihl) That we approve the report of the JNAC for Pitt Meadows United with the following changes: 1) a priority for the position will be to help the pastoral charge in visioning and developing their mission and purpose statement, 2) the position is open to "Ministry Personnel", 3) candidates must be made aware that at present, the pastoral charge's finances will hit a crisis point in 18 months.

Carried (1 abstention)

Motion 04/2010 Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Carole Finch) That Westminster Presbytery declare a 32 hours per week ministry personnel vacancy at Pitt Meadows United Church effective immediately.

Carried

Motion 05/2010 Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery appoint Carole Finch and Shannon Tennant as Westminster Presbytery's representative on the search committee for Pitt Meadow United.

Carried

Oversight

Jan Bihl reported that four pastoral charge oversight visits will take place this year. Richard Bott will head the team to visit Korean United. Ellesmere, Hammond and Willingdon Heights will also be visited and Jan Bihl will be contacting Brian Burke, Shannon Tennant and Ria Van Holten to assign these visits.

Kim Horwood was excused from the meeting.

Spiritual Care

Richard Bott and Julie Lebrun continue to make contact with the ministry personnel of Westminster Presbytery. Ministers are meeting together in geographic clusters for mutual support. It was announced that the Rev. Peter Collins died last week, shortly after his wife Dorothy.

Congregational Support

There was no official report but a discussion took place about ways to facilitate networking between pastoral charges in the area of visioning, goals and mission statements. The chairs of Congregational Support, Spiritual Care, Oversight and Pastoral Relations will be meeting to discuss ideas.

Richard Bott was excused from the meeting.

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Other Business

East Burnaby Property

The sale of the East Burnaby United Church property is complete. St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church purchased the property. It was possible for the day care to remain as tenants. Dave Anderson will send an email to presbyters with this announcement.

Dave Anderson and Richard Bott will meet with Executive Secretary Doug Goodwin to begin negotiations concerning the dispersment of the funds from the sale of East Burnaby. Specific criteria, based on Presbytery's Mission, will be developed for the use of any funds that may be allocated to presbytery.

Grant Application

Motion 06/2010 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we forward to B.C. Conference the Church Modernization and Improvement Grant from Willingdon Heights United Church for \$5,000 for roofing and sidewalk repairs. **Carried**

Strategy Review

The updated report will be ready for distribution to presbytery delegates next week. Presbyters are to check the document for errors and send their input to Dave Anderson.

Environics

Korean United will be contacted to send their postal code data to Dave Anderson.

Racial Justice Workshops for 2010

The Chair received a letter from General Council alerting all presbyteries that pastoral relations chairs and presbytery chairs will be required to participate in a Racial Justice Workshop. Dave suggested that the chairs from the four lower mainland presbyteries should consider organizing a workshop.

Web Site

It was agreed that our website must be updated. It was suggested that we consider hiring a person to do this work. Ian Macdonald agreed to make some contacts.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm

Chair: Dave Anderson

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Next Executive Meeting TBA

**Next regular meeting Tues. March 2, 2010. 5:30 pm
Queens Avenue United Church**