

Westminster Presbytery **Regular Meeting Held at IOCO United Church, Tuesday June 2, 2009, 2009**

Present: (lay), Janet Babey, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Carol Cox, Bruce Cowburn, Rich Crooks, Donna Dawson, Eileen Karyula, Sue Kellas, Gil Woo Kim, Sue Leest, Marilyn McCutcheon, Leanne Mill, Becca Moughtin, Fred Nienaber, Cattarina Patrice, Jo Shearer, Leenane Shiels, Ruth Stebbing, Angela Stevens, David Vervaeet

Ministry personnel: Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Brian Burke, Betty Anne Dempsey, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Nick Judson, Min-Go Kang, Julie Lebrun, Gabrielle McLarty, Rick Newbury, Ernie Roberts, Ann White, Michael Yoon

Visitors: Evelyn Barker, Sue Livingston, Don Copan

Regrets: Richard Bott, Kathleen Edmunds, Brenda Faust, Carole Finch, Ralph Johnston, Mary Nichol, Ian Macdonald, Dawn Purdy, Shannon Tennant, Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Ria Van Holten, Jong Woo

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Dave Anderson at IOCO United Church, IOCO BC. at 5:40 pm.
A Quorum was present.

Call to order and prayer: Dave Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m and opened with prayer.

Agenda: approved as circulated.

Joys, sorrows and announcements:

Prayers of condolence were asked for the family of Jim Ulrich and also for Ian Macdonald who will conduct the memorial service for his friend.

Welcome

Kevin Hegseth welcomed us to IOCO and Rich Crook and Sue Livingston sang for us.

Minutes

Motion 23/2009 Moved and seconded (Jo Shearer/Donna Dawson) that we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held March 2,2009. **Carried**

Motion 24/2009 Moved and seconded (Jo Shearer/Donna Dawson) that we receive the minutes of the executive meetings held April 28, 2009 for information. **Carried**

Motion 25/2009 Moved and seconded (Ruth Stebbing/Brian Burke) that we adopt the minutes of the May 22, 2009 meeting noting the correction in Motion 22/2009 to read ". . . and installation of a welcoming sign."

Carried

Small Group Time: Presbyters broke into small groups for a time of sharing, prayer and reflection on scripture.

Dinner: Dave Anderson said grace.

An outdoor barbeque was served and Julie Lebrun thanked the catering crew.

Correspondence

1. B. C. Conference, completed appointment forms, Brian Burke - file
2. Fellowship newsletter - file
3. Centre for Christian Studies, Transcript for Betty Anne Dempsey - Education and Students
4. National Office, Willis Insurance Bulletin - file
5. Residential School Update newsletter - file
6. General Council, Preparing for Pandemic - forwarded
7. General Council, news release: Global Conflict - file
8. National Office, appointments/call and Payroll service - pastoral relations
9. National Office, Statistical Forms outstanding - IOCO
10. General Council news release, grants available - forwarded
11. Brenda Wolff, Building Skills in Transitional Ministry Course - forward
12. National Office, National Day of Prayer June 10 - forwarded

Election of Executive Members

Past chair Jo Shearer took the chair and conducted the elections. The positions are as follows:

Chair: Dave Anderson	Secretary: Sue Kellas
Treasurer: Bruce Cowburn	Oversight: Jan Bihl
Pastoral Relations: Kim Horwood	Spiritual Care: Richard Bott
Communications: Fred Nienaber	Congregational Support: Ian Macdonald
Conference Executive Carole Finch	Education & Students: Carol Cox and Ruth Stebbing

Dave Anderson returned to the chair.

Motion 26/2009 Moved and seconded (Marilyn McCutcheon/Brian Burke) That Ruth Stebbing be named a Member at Large. **Carried**

Treasurer's Report

Bruce Cowburn has contacted church treasurers about the 2010 housing allowance and is waiting to hear back from them. Bruce also reminded pastoral charges who are not on The National Payroll System that they will not be able to enter into a new pastoral relationship or apply for grants until they join the system.

Farewells

Dave Anderson presented Betty Anne Dempsey and Nick Judson with a fun bag of "useful items" to help them survive their first pastoral charge. He then commissioned them on behalf of presbytery.

Dave also offered a blessing for Becca Moughtin as she moves to Smithers.

New Business

St. Andrew's Port Moody is experiencing financial short fall due to the reduction in interest on their funding source with The Vancouver Foundation. They are completing a stewardship campaign and looking at sustainability.

Motion 27/2009 Moved and seconded (Lois Brown/Carol Cox) That Westminster Presbytery give approval to St. Andrew's Port Moody to use funds from their manse account (up to \$40,000) to cover a deficit budget.

Carried

Committee/Task Group/Ministry Reports

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Education and Students

Carol Cox and Becca Moughtin shared photos and a thank you card from the youth retreat.

Carol outlined the work to date on the proposed youth minister for Westminster Presbytery. The task group is preparing a job description and calculating the financial implications for each pastoral charge. A recommendation will be presented in the Fall.

Carol proposed that each pastoral charge send a youth delegate to the presbytery fall retreat. These youth will form a youth council that will plan Fall events for the presbytery youth.

Fall Retreat

Plans are underway to hold our fall retreat at Chehalis Lodge either October 16 - 18 or October 23 - 25.

Presbyters are asked to let Dave Anderson know their preferred date.

Pastoral Relations - Kim Horwood

Motion 28/2009 Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Kevin Hegseth) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Gabrielle McLarty, designated lay minister part time (20 hours per week) at Ellesmere United Church from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 with annual salary \$18,637.00, annual housing \$12,726.00, annual telephone \$264.00 and annual financial support for study \$600.00. **Carried**

Long Term Planning

Dave Anderson spoke about his concerns for The United Church based on reports by David Ewart and Derrick Evans. Derrick's report is on the Fraser Presbytery Web Site. Dave wishes to focus on "If we were to create the United Church today, what would it look like?" as our theme at the Fall retreat.

Donna Dawson wishes to see a review of the new committee structure and meeting schedule included in the retreat discussion.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and Ernie Roberts gave the benediction.

Chair

Secretary

Executive meeting - Tuesday June 9/09, 1:00 pm, Eagle Ridge

Regular Meeting - October 2009