

Westminster Presbytery
Executive Meeting

June 22, 2010

Present: Scott Turnbrook, Bruce Cowburn, Carol Cox, Carol Finch, Jan Bihl, Shannon Tennant, Dave Anderson, Julie Lebrun

Regrets: Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe

MIA: Brian Burke, Kim Horwood

Authority: The meeting of the Executive of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair, Scott Turnbrook, at Eagle Ridge United Church, Coquitlam, B.C., at 10 a.m.

The meeting began with a check in and reflection around the spiritual gifts brought by the members of the executive.

Overview of Presbytery Operating System

Dave reviewed the governance structure of presbytery. The purpose of Westminster presbytery is **to support, encourage and oversee congregations, ministry personnel and special ministries as they raise up disciples of the great Jesus Christ**. Traditionally oversight has been the primary purpose, but we, in Westminster Presbytery, are trying to focus more on support and encouragement and be clear that it is the work of the congregations to raise up disciples.

Adoption of Agenda - The Agenda was adopted.

Minutes of Previous Executive Meeting

Motion 39/2010 - The Minutes of the May 18th meeting were reviewed. Bruce moved, seconded by Jan, that they be accepted. **Carried**.

Business Arising from Minutes:

The work on *Gift-based Ministry* needs further development. Since upcoming changes across the United Church of Canada may affect this process, it was agreed that, for now, members of the executive will gather ideas of consultants they know and the areas in which they consult and pass these ideas to Dave Anderson. Jan Bihl will provide ideas of what particular areas of expertise will be most useful. The same principle will be applied to the job description for the *Presbytery Support Minister*.

Correspondence

June 10 – Letter from the Moderator, *You've Given Me Hope* – distributed.

Meetings Times & Locations for Executive and Full Court

The **executive** will meet at Eagle Ridge United Church from 9:30-12h on the second Wednesday of the month.

The first meeting of the **full court** of presbytery will be October 5 at 5:30, tentatively at Willingdon Heights United Church. Bruce will check with Charles Ahn.

The **full court** of presbytery will meet at the retreat November 18-20, during which time the budget will be considered and divisions will meet.

2011 meetings are planned for: February 1, April 5, June 7, and during Conference in May.

Divisions

Pastoral Relations:

Two covenanting services need to be organized: for Kathleen Edmunds at Pitt Meadows United Church, Nathan Wright at Queens Avenue United Church.

Education & Students: no report

Oversight:

Reports received from visits to Willingdon Heights and Hammond United Churches were distributed. It was noted that in future it would helpful for the oversight team to have had a look at the environs report before the visit. It was agreed that a summary of the findings for each visit could be distributed to the full court of presbytery.

The only immediate issue arising from these Oversight Visits was to make sure that Charles Ahn takes some holiday time and to encourage the Board of Willingdon Heights United Church to insist on this. Scott and Julie will be in contact with Charles.

Congregational Support: no report

Communication:

Motion 40/2010: It was moved by Dave Anderson and seconded by Bruce Cowburn that Chair of Communication not be an executive position. **Carried.**

Spiritual Care Network:

Wendy Bily has been booked for a presbytery retreat for ministry personnel, date to be announced.

New Business

St Andrew's Port Moody:

Motion 41/2010: Julie moved, seconded by Carol, that St Andrew's (Port Moody) enter an agreement with Rogers to rent land for the installation of a cell communication tower for \$18 000/ year for a 10 year committment. **Carried.**

Signing Officers :

Motion 42/2010: It was moved by Bruce Cowburn, seconded by Carol Cox, that Scott Turnbrook and Shannon Tennant be signing officers for Westminster Presbytery. **Carried.**

Motion 43/2010: It was moved by Bruce Cowburn, seconded by Carol Cox, that Fred Nienaber and Sue Kellas be removed as signing officers effective september 1, 2010.

From Conference Office:

The executive was informed that Korean United Church has decided to defer repayment of their loan for a year and that this has been approved by conference. It was noted that this actually requires our approval first. It was further noted that this congregation wants to hire someone to replace Min Goo, and that this will require a JNAC.

Future Meetings:

Due to widespread vacation activity, there will be electronic discussions over the summer, on such issues as the website and the two oversight reports.

Everybody left and the meeting was over.

Chair

Secretary