

Minutes of WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERY MEETING

June 7, 2011 from 5:30-9:30
Hammond United Church, Maple Ridge

Order of Ministry Present: Kimiko Karpoff, Ernie Roberts, Jan Bihl, Douglas Throop, Leenane Shiels, Jong Woo, Shannon Tennant, Ian Macdonald, Barb Tunnicliffe, Brian Burke, Rick Newbury, Charles Ahn, Mary Nichol

Lay Members Present: Leanne Mill, Marilyn McCutcheon, Jean Johnson, Carol Cox, Lois Brown, David Vervaet, Gil Kim, Eileen Karyula, Roger Nelson, Janet Babey, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch, Kathy Young, Ross Dunning, Reine Hitchen

Corresponding Members:

Students: Barbara Grant

Guests

Vi Bailey, Fred Nienaber

1. Call to Order

The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the Vice Chair, Doug Throop, at Hammond United Church, Maple Ridge, who declared that a quorum was present.

2. An opening worship was done in small groups and ended with prayer.

3. Adoption of the Agenda:

4. **Motion 62/2011:** It was moved by Dave Nichol, seconded by Brian Burke, that the agenda be adopted with the addition of a discussion of the date for the Fall Meeting (New Business). **Carried.**

5. Corresponding Privileges

Motion 63/2011: It was moved by Carole Finch, seconded by David Vervaet that corresponding privileges be extended to visitors. **Carried.**

6. Regrets were received from:

Order of Ministry: Nathan Wright, Julie Lebrun, Scott Turnbrook, Dave Anderson, Kevin Hegseth, Richard Bott, Kathleen Edmunds

Lay Representatives: Laurie Scott, Betty McLean, Ralph Johnston, Brenda Phillips,

7. Introductions of New Members & Visitors: Barbara Grant, a student for ministry; Bethan Theunissen (who has been doing further studies abroad); Fred Nienaber, former member of Presbytery and keeper of emails; Vi Bailey, member of Hammond United Church

8. Joy, Sorrows & Announcements: retirement of Ian MacDonald with celebrations at South Burnaby (June 10-12); Common Cup Concert at Trinity United in Port Coquitlam (June 12, 7 p.m.); George Stegan (retired clergy) passed away;

9. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion 63/2011: It was moved by Ross Dunning, seconded by Kathy Young, that the Minutes of the Meeting held April 5, 2011 be adopted with the addition of the name of Betty Turcotte who is going to the UCW Conference with Sandra Dunning. **Carried.**

Motion 64/2011: It was moved by Carole Finch, seconded by Barb Tunnicliffe, that the Minutes of the Meeting held May 27, 2011 be adopted. **Carried.**

Motion 65/2011: It was moved by Shannon Tennant, seconded by Bruce Cowburn, that the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held April 13, 2011, be received for information. **Carried.**

10. Celebration of Ministries

The ministries of Ernie Roberts and Kevin Hegseth, who are moving on to serve other congregations, were celebrated.

Ian MacDonald, who is retiring from full time ministry, was thanked for his years of service to the United Church of Canada in general and to South Burnaby United Church in particular.

A covenant with Barbara Grant, candidate for Ordained Ministry, was celebrated.

11. Divisional Reports

11.1. *Pastoral Relations (Sue Kellas)*

- a) Three (3) Joint Needs Assessment Committees are winding up their work: Cliff Avenue United Church, Como Lake United Church, South Burnaby United. Another will be needed at loco United Church soon. Joint Search Committees will be needed next, as well as pastoral charge supervisors;
- b) Kimiko expressed her gratitude at the work that Sue had done to facilitate Kimiko's appointment to Cliff Avenue United Church in time for her to be Commissioned.

11.2. *Oversight (Jan Bihl)*

- a) Oversight visits have been completed at loco, Deer Lake & Cliff Avenue United Churches, with the reports going to the Presbytery Executive for their next meeting.

11.3. *Congregational Support (Brian Burke) – no report*

11.4. *Education & Students (Carol Cox)*

- a) A clergy representative for a discernment committee will be needed
- b) BC Conference is a test conference for the new Candidacy Pathway Process

11.5. *Youth Ministry (Mary Nichol)*

- a) There are many events for the youth which are described in the Westminster Presbytery Youth Newsletter.
- b) Thanks were extended to Mary for the good work she has been doing with the youth.

11.6. *United Church Women (Cheryl Blake) – no report*

11.7. *Treasurer (Bruce Cowburn)*

- a) The archives project is underway again this year Previously done videos are available on youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/wmpresbytery>
- b) PAR is working well

11.8. *Communication*

- a) Ross Dunning expressed concern that there are very few hits on the presbytery website.

12. Date for daylong meeting in the fall: This year Westminster Presbytery will be trying a one-day workshop meeting in the Fall. It was decided that this meeting will be on a Friday, either September 9th or 30th.

13. Terms of Reference: The court moved into small groups to discuss the terms of reference. The following concerns were reported back to the Court:

- question: would this fund provide monies for such things as a parish nurse; consultants, short term training, homeless program;
- the limitation of \$15 000 for consultancy was questioned: should it just be consultancy & ministry without dollar amounts so that we do not restrict ourselves;
- it can be hard to measure outcomes - maybe something requiring less detail or with indications of what kind of non-numerical outcomes could be used;
- agree that money from the sale of the Ellesmere United Church building (the Westminster Presbytery fund) and from the sale of the East Burnaby United Church building should be kept distinct, appreciated the material on p. 2&3, but liked the criteria for spending to be the same for both
- good document, really need to make ourselves familiar with it so we can take it back to congregations & start spending it
- question: are the same kinds of policies in place in other presbyteries; is 2016 a good time to change from 80-40%?; is it possible for one group to get all \$30 000 and no one else?

Motion 66/2011: It was moved by Ross Dunning, seconded by Rita van Holten, that Westminster Presbytery accept in principle the document before it and hand it over to the executive for further study and refinement, and that a decision be made by the executive as soon as possible. **Carried.**

Motion 67/2010: Dave Nichol moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Acting Chair (Doug Throop)

Secretary