

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at Cliff United Church Tues. March 6, 2007

Present: (lay) Louise Best, Lois Brown, Rick Crooks, Carole Cox, Ross Dunning, Carole Finch, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Sue Kellas, Jean MacLeod, Sheila McCall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Trudy Mile, Leanne Mill, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Leenane Shiels, Angela Stevens, Bruce VanLuven

(Ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Randy Antle, Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Helen Hobbs, Tim Lissimore, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Paulette Phillips, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Barbara Tunnicliffe, Doug Throop, Scott Turnbrook, Gerildine Smith, Ria Van Holten, Jong Chul Woo

(Visitors): Barbara Copan, Donald Copan, David Vervaet, Kathleen Edmunds

Regrets: Janet Babey, Donna Dawson, Pamela Jeffery, Bethan Theunissen,, Kim Horwood, Sue Leest, Maggie Watts-Hammond

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Jean McLeod at Cliff Avenue United Church, Burnaby, B. C. at 5:35 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Opening Prayer and Welcome:

Ernie Roberts offered an opening prayer and Jean Banfield, Chair of the Board of Cliff Avenue welcomed Presbytery.

Corresponding Privileges: Visitors were introduced.

Motion 23/2007 Moved and Seconded (Ria Van Holten/Trudy Milne) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

Agenda

Motion 24/2007 Moved and Seconded (Carole Finch/Richard Bott) That we adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

Minutes

Motion 25/2007 Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Gerildine Smith) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February 6, 2007 noting the addition of Doug Throop's name under Present: (Ministry Personnel)

Carried

Motion 26/2007 Moved and Seconded (Ralph Johnston/Brenda Faust) That we receive the executive minutes of February 20, 2007 for information.

Carried

Joys and Concerns: Joys, concerns and various announcements were made. Flyers advertising events were placed on tables for presbyters to take to their churches. It was agreed to offer concerns during worship.

Correspondence:

1. General Council list of ministers recommended for admission to the United Church (read)
2. Completed record of transfer's for Richard Bott and Shannon Tennant
3. Evaluation for "Living in Right Relationships" from Justice, Global and Economic Relations

Unit

4. Invitation to Burnaby Mosque, Canada Way, Open House March 18: 10:00 - 4:00
5. Scott Turnbrook offering to coordinate a brochure for Holy Week Events within presbytery
6. B. C. Conference training sessions for "Sexual Abuse Policy" April 19, Bowen Island and May 15, Naramata
7. B. C. Conference correspondence from Governance Review Committee (referred to executive)
8. Ellesmere United Church's annual reports

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Admissions to the United Church of Canada:

The following persons have been recommended for admission from other denominations to the order of ministry in The United Church of Canada;

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Recommending</u>
<u>Presbytery</u>		
William(Bill) James Abra Perth	Baptist Convention of Ottawa & Quebec	Huron-
John (Jack) Thomas Paleczny Waterloo	Roman Catholic Church	
Maki Fuashii	Japan Baptist Convention Church	Vancouver South
Attila Laszlo Gyorgy	Reformed Church of Gardony-Hungary	Montreal
Scott Kerr Hunter	Baptist Convention of Ontario & Quebec	Montreal
Jung Hyun Shin Coronation	United Church of Christ (USA)	
Murray Laverty	Moravian Church of America	Calgary
Wayne Lewry	Wesleyan Methodist Church (USA)	Calgary

David Fines is recommended for re-admission to the order of ministry in the United Church of Canada by Laurentien Presbytery.

Business Arising

Ellesmere Doug Throop

Burnaby City Council approved the rezoning of the Cornerstone Building at SFU that will permit the presence of a church. Construction should begin Monday. Negotiations with SFU have assured the Ellesmere congregation of meeting space through to May. Sunday September 9 is the date for the official opening at SFU with Dr. Michael Stevenson, President of SFU, in attendance. Ellesmere United Church is moving forward to hire a youth minister and the job description is posted on the Presbytery Web Site. A moving sale is taking place at Ellesmere Avenue.

Emerging Spirit

A lower mainland "Welcoming Congregations Event" is scheduled for June.

Environmental Footprint

Pastoral charges are reminded to begin a review of their energy usage. Visioning requested contact names from each church. Report back in June. Web sites of interest include: greensacredspaces and earthministry.org.

Divisions and Committees

Education and Students Tim Lissimore

Motion 27/2007 Moved and Seconded (Doug Miller/Mary Duncan) That Westminster Presbytery receive Kathleen Edmunds as a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada.

Carried

The committee affirmed the many gifts articulated by the discernment committee. Kathleen is described as having a sparkle and energy that contributes to wanting to have conversation with her. She is a deep person of great integrity and faith.

Motion 28/2007 Moved and Seconded (Carol Cox/Scott Turnbrook) That Westminster Presbytery accept the application of Trinity United Church, Port Coquitlam to be a learning site for an internship in 2007-2008 year.

Carried

Women's Ministry Network no report

Stewardship

Brenda Faust reminded presbyters of the year-end figures for M & S and she extended thanks, from the National Office, to the UCW for their contributions. Pastoral Charges are reminded to complete their on-line M & S commitment forms by March 31. There will be an M & S Enthusiasts Workshop April 28th. - details to come.

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Home Missions

Bruce Cowburn indicated that there are some pastoral charges in Westminster Presbytery who are considering applying for Mission Support Grants. Please speak to Ian Macdonald to see if you are eligible to apply. Brenda Faust and Bruce have applications forms.

Treasurer

Bruce Cowburn reminded pastoral charges to submit their year-end, or most recent financial statement by March 31st.

Pensions

Convenor Bruce Cowburn and a number of pensioners are frustrated with the communication and lack of call back and response from the United Church Pensions Board.

Outreach

Como Lake United is hosting Helen Richmond from The Uniting Church of Australia, Monday March 19. Helen will speak on "Living today as God's people in this place"

Kimiko Karpoff reported that funding may be available for Shiloh-Sixth Avenue's Hospitality Program. She also reported that meetings have been taking place with other churches that are doing outreach ministry to brainstorm and share ideas about ways to work collaboratively. The next meeting will be at West Burnaby United, March 28 at 11:30 am.

Pastoral Relations Richard Bott reporting

Motion 29/2007 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Tim Lissimore) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference that they approve the request of Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church that Nicholas Judson be given permission to Solemnize Marriages in the year 2007.

Carried

Motion 30/2007 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Marie Pauls) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference that they approve the request of Deer Lake United Church that George Stegan and Audrey Lans be given permission to Solemnize Marriages in the year 2007.

Carried

Motion 31/2007 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference that they approve the request of South Burnaby United Church that

Dawn Purdy-Karkut and Gary Begin be given permission to Solemnize Marriages in the year 2007.

Carried

Motion 32/2007 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Ria Van Holten) That Westminster Presbytery recommend to B. C. Conference that they approve the request of Como Lake United Church that Bruce Cowburn be given permission to Solemnize Marriages in the year 2007. **Carried**

Pastoral Relations has received one request to be retained on the roll and a number of requests for appointments that will be brought to the presbytery when Police Records Checks are made available.

Dinner was served and thanks offered by Jean Macleod

Divisions and Committees (cont'd)

Chaplaincy no report

Property no report

Communications

Fred Nienaber reminded presbyters to sign in if they wish their name recorded in the minutes. A draft directory is available for pick-up. Updated presbytery directories are available on the presbytery web site, "Our People" link, password available on request. Marie Paul was thanked for producing the bulletin inserts.

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Visioning

Ian Macdonald spoke about the successful Lenten Luncheons held on Wednesdays at South Burnaby United Church. He further reported that Visioning is looking into a process whereby Westminster Presbytery might once again enter into dialogue with the First Nations in our geographic area to address the request of the National Church to study Theology of the Covenant of Land.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe thanked those involved in making the recent children's retreat a success. She provided details of the Presbytery Youth Retreat May 4,6 and 6, and a variety of Conference Events including an Environmental Justice Camp, Meet the Moderator, and trips to Guatemala and Thailand. Details are available on the presbytery web site.

Rick Newbury, West Burnaby United announced that they will forming a youth group.

Nominations no report

New Business

Presbytery Retreat

Incoming Chair Mary Duncan announced that a committee consisting of Richard Bott, Jean Macleod, Mary Duncan and Paulette Phillips, has been formed to identify the mission for the future of Westminster Presbytery.

Motion 33/2007 Moved and seconded (Mary Duncan/Bruce Cowburn) That Westminster Presbytery approve in principal that a committee investigate the possibility of holding a presbytery retreat September 2007.

Carried

The committee will now investigate a facility where we could hold a Friday night/Saturday retreat and find a process facilitator. They will bring back a budget for approval, noting that a percentage of the Conference Support Fund was designated by presbytery for a retreat.

B. C. Conference Executive Representative

Carole Finch, Westminster Presbytery's B. C. Conference Executive Representative read a letter from Doug Goodwin concerning the progress of the Camp Future Project. Terry Harrison has been engaged to facilitate this project.

Pastoral Relations Workshop

Richard Bott conducted a workshop on Joint Needs Assessment Committees to help presbyters understand their role on these committees.

Worship

Ernie Roberts led us in a closing worship.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Executive meeting Tuesday March 20, 2007 at Deer Lake United - 1:00 pm

Next regular meeting April 3, 2007 - TBA