

Westminster Presbytery **Regular Meeting Held at Como Lake United Church, Tuesday March 3, 2009**

**Present: (lay),** Janet Babey, Brian Baybay, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Don Copan, Carol Cox, Bruce Cowburn, Donna Dawson, Ross Dunning, Carole Finch, Eileen Karyula, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Marilyn McCutcheon, Becca Moughtin, Roger Nelson, Fred Nienaber, Cattarina Patrice, Georgia Runcie, Nick Stebbing, Ruth Stebbing, Kil Woo Kim,

**Ministry personnel:** Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Brian Burke, Bruce Cameron, Julie Lebrun, Ian Macdonald, Gabrielle McLarty, Rick Newbury, Mary Nichol, Ernie Roberts, Shannon Tennant, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Ria Van Holten, Ann White, Jong Chul Woo, Michael Yoon

**Students:** Betty Ann Dempsey, Kathleen Edmunds, Kimiko Karpoff, Nick Judson, Laurie Lamb, Leenane Shiels,

**Visitors:** Paul Kim, Kay Paul,

**Regrets:** Doug Alexander, Robert Berkowski, Louise Best, Richard Bott, Kevin Hegseth, Ralph Johnston, Marie Paul, Doug Throop, David Vervae

**Authority:** The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Dave Anderson at Como Lake United Church, Couitlam, BC. at 5:30 pm.  
A Quorum was present.

**Call to order and prayer:** Dave Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

**Motion 9/2009** Moved and seconded (Ria Van Holten/Barb Tunnicliffe) that we adopt the agenda as circulated.  
**Carried**

**Introductions of new members and visitors to the court:** Brian Burke and Laurie Lamb were introduced.

**Motion 10/2009** Moved and seconded (Ann White/Gabrielle McLarty) that we grant corresponding privileges to our visitors.  
**Carried**

**Joys, sorrows and announcements:**

Announcements were made about Youth Retreat, a concert at Willingdon Heights in April, and the spring Presbyterian event.

Mission and Service commitment forms are now overdue. Complete them on-line.

President of Conference Hilde Seal was unable to attend tonight's meeting. She is providing pottery bowls for each congregation in the Conference to fill with prayers and bring to the Annual Meeting in May.

Prayers were requested for Adele Rupert, Anna Gilliatt and Peggy Booth.

Covenanting services were held for Julie Lebrun, Shannon Tennant and Mary Nichols. Covenanting service for Doug Alexander, Queens Avenue will be held Tuesday April 7/09 at 7:00 pm. Doug Goodwin will preach.

**Motion 11/2009** Moved and seconded (Ross Dunning/Scott Turnbrook) that we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting of December 2/08 noting the spelling of Kerry Child's name under regrets.  
**Carried**

**Motion 12/2009** Moved and seconded (Ross Dunning/Jan Bihl) that we receive the minutes of the executive meetings held December 17/08, January 20/09 and February 17/09 for information.  
**Carried**

**Business Arising from Regular Minutes:**

The executive responded to a letter from South Burnaby United Church concerning the presbytery housing allowance policy. The executive is working on this policy and will present it at the next regular meeting.

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1. Como Lake UC, renovation plans - executive
2. B. C. Conference, Youth at General Council & B. C. Conference - Education and Students
3. General Council, Willis Bulletin - file
4. Men's Ministry Network information - distribute
5. B. C. Settlement & Transfer - completed paperwork for D. Alexander, B. Tunnicliffe - file
6. B. C. Conference, reminders of M & P Events - distributed
7. Clergy Care Events - distributed
8. Moderator's Pastoral Letter on the Economy - file
9. B. C. Conference, Youth at Conference - distributed
10. Bruce Sanguin, Multifaith Society Ecological Initiative - distributed
11. VST - posted to web site
12. Brenda Wolff, Trina Duncan's missing library book - announce
13. Residential School Update newsletter - file

**Ministers to be recommended for admission from other denominations to The United Church**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Recommending Presbytery</u>
Dale Wallace Johnson	The American Baptist Church	Vancouver Burrard
J. W. David McMaster	The Wesleyan Church of Christ	Toronto South
Deian Elfed Evans	The Congregational Church of Wales	Toronto South
Géza Szemók	Reformed Church (Hungarian)	Winnipeg
Norman Hennig-Pereira	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada	Toronto West
Ian George Olive	Churches of Christ (Australia)	Agassiz
Ingrid Peters Derry	Mennonite Church Canada	Winnipeg
John Richard Matthews	Methodist Church of South Africa	Vancouver Burrard
Michael Blair	The Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec	Toronto South
Perry Richard Newbury	United Methodist	Westminster
Suzanne Eileen Edgar	Anglican Church of Canada	Renfrew
Taeil Yang	The Presbyterian Church in The Republic of Korea	Winnipeg
Wayne Gerald Sanderson	The United Methodist Church	Cambrian
Wayne Glenwood Smith	Presbyterian Church of Canada	Chignecto

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

**Dinner:** Ernie Roberts said grace.

Dinner was served and Dave Anderson thanked the catering crew.

**Treasurer's Report**

Bruce Cowburn thanked congregations for supporting Mission and Service and pointed out that Trinity Port Coquitlam was the largest giver thanks to contributions made by their UCW.

All presbytery allocations are in and up to date.

**Motion 13/2009** Moved and Seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Carole Finch) That the Westminster Presbytery investment account held by the United Church Foundation be moved into GIC's with Vancity.

**Carried**

It was recommended that the treasurer ensure that our investments are ethically suitable.

Permission to leave the court was granted to Sue Leest and Brian Burke at 7:40.

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**Disposition of Proposals**

Ian Macdonald presented a proposal on behalf of the Official Board of South Burnaby United Church.

Exemption from Centralized Payroll

That General Council exempt from participation in the centralized payroll system those congregations which meet the following criteria:

- They have an accounting system in place for all its staff that does all the payroll work proposed to be done by ADP plus accounts for extra monies such as fees for weddings and funerals, vacation replacements and the like.
- They pay on time, that their T4's are accurate, they report on time to Pensions department, CPP, Income Tax and Employment insurance.
- They have no problems with recording data or the paying of compensation and do so with very little expenditure of Staff time.
- They have in place financial management plans that allow them to raise money for the mission of the Congregation from funds invested to come due in time to meet payroll and bills. They contribute significantly to the Mission and Service Fund as well as other outreach causes and are good stewards.
- That a possible fee for non-participation be considered.

**Motion 14/2009** Moved and Seconded (Ian Macdonald/Donna Dawson) That we transmit the proposal "Exemption from Centralized Payroll" received from South Burnaby United Church through B. C. Conference to General Council with concurrence. **Defeated**

We will forward the proposal to B. C. Conference with non-concurrence.

**Nominations for General Council Commissioners**

Nominations received from the floor included Ordered - Charles Ahn and Shannon Tennant and Lay - Robert Berkowski, Bruce Cowburn and David Vervaet. Following a ballot it was determined that Westminster Presbytery's General Council Commissioner nominees are Charles Ahn, Shannon Tennant, Bruce Cowburn and David Vervaet. Nominees must submit a photo and a bio. to B. C. Conference Office.

**Committee/Task Group/Ministry Reports**

Education and Students

Ruth Stebbing introduced Nick Judson - Candidate for Ordination, Betty Anne Dempsey - Candidate for Diaconal Ministry, Ann White - Designated Lay Ministry and Rick Newbury - Admission to the United Church who will be recognized at the Conference Annual Meeting in May.

Carole Cox led Presbytery in a covenanting with Kimiko Karpoff, candidate for Diaconal Ministry.

Pastoral Relations - Shannon Tennant

**Motion 15/2009** Moved and seconded (Shannon Tennant/Ross Dunning) That Westminster Presbytery request that B. C. Conference license the following individuals to solemnize marriages for Como Lake United Church: George Elgstrand and the Rev. Gerhard Bihl. **Carried**

**Motion 16/2009** Moved and seconded (Shannon Tennant/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery accept the Joint Needs Assessment Report of the West Burnaby pastoral charge; that the Presbytery approve the congregation's request for 13.5 hour per week "Designated Church and Community Church Worker" and that it designate this a "Level 3 Congregational Designated Minister" position. **Carried**

Trinity Port Coquitlam is currently interviewing for its full-time order of ministry vacancy.

Congregational Support – Ian Macdonald

No report

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Youth Visioning

Kerry Child's report was distributed and is available on the website. The Youth Visioning Committee, Carole Cox, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Nichol and Gabrielle McLarty will meet at the call of Barb Tunnicliffe to discuss the recommendations.

Oversight - Jan Bihl

No report. The executive has received the committee's guidelines. Jan requested annual reports from pastoral charges.

Spiritual Care – Ann White

Ann reported that she is looking for a location for the spring clergy retreat.

Communications – Fred Nienaber/Ross Dunning

Ross Dunning will compile a Holy Week announcement page for the Presbytery Web Site. He requested submissions from congregations.

**New Business**

Sue Kellas gave a positive update on Queens Avenue. Mention was made of the 150th Anniversary celebrations April 18th and 19th.

Rick Newbury thanked the Presbytery for their support as he is received into the United Church.

East Burnaby's property has been transferred to B. C. Conference and a report about the property's use will be available at the next regular meeting.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm with prayer.

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Chair

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Secretary

**Executive meeting - Tuesday March 24/09, 1:00 pm, Eagle Ridge**  
**Next regular meeting - lunch on Friday May 22/09 at B. C. Conference AGM**  
**Following Meeting - Tuesday June 2/09, Como Lake United Church**

**Covenanting Service for the Rev. Doug Alexander**  
**Tuesday April 7/09, 7:00 pm at Queens Avenue United Church**