

Westminster Presbytery **Regular** Meeting at Queens Avenue UC New Westminster, B.C Tuesday March 2, 2010

**Present: (lay)** Lois Brown, Carol Cox, Bruce Cowburn, Carol Cox, Carole Finch, Laberta Hamill, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Eileen Karyula, Sue Kellas, John Kim, Paul Kim, Sue Leest, Dona Lethbridge, Marilyn McCutcheon, Roger Nelson, Fred Nienaber, Jo Shearer, Angela Stevens, David Vervaet

**Ministry personnel:** Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Min-Goo Kang, Gabrielle McLarty, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Mary Nichol, Shannon Tennant, Doug Throop, Scott Turnbrook, Ria Van Holten,

**Visitors:** Brian Baybay, Georgia Runcie, Donna Dawson, Marina Gilson, Dave Nicol,

**Regrets:** Janet Babey, Brian Burke, Ross Dunning, Kathleen Edmunds, Julie Lebrun Cattarina Patrice, Pamela Scott, Barb Tunnicliffe, Jon Woo, Kathy Young, Michael Yoon

**Authority:** The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Dave Anderson at Queens Avenue United Church, New Westminster, B.C. at 5:30 pm.  
A Quorum was present.

**Call to order and prayer:** Due to the fact that Dave Anderson was delayed, Past Chair Carole Finch called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

**Introductions** Visitors and new delegates were introduced.

**Opening Prayer** Richard Bott led us in prayer.

### **Corresponding Privileges**

**Motion 07/2010** Moved and seconded (Doug Throop/Kevin Hegseth) That we grant corresponding privileges to visitors. **Carried**

### **Minutes**

**Motion 08/2010** Moved and seconded (Ria Van Holten/Angela Stevens) that we adopt the minutes of the regular meeting held December 2, 2009. **Carried**

**Motion 09/2010** Moved and seconded (Jo Shearer/Sue Leest) that we receive the minutes of the executive meetings held January 19, 2010 for information noting that Judy Dixon will solemnize marriages at Shiloh-sixth Avenue, United Church not Queens Avenue. **Carried**

**Joys and sorrows** Members of the court spoke about happenings in their congregations.

### **Correspondence**

1. General Council, We are camp - 2010 Awareness Campaign kit. - read
2. General Council, 2009 Statistical Forms and information - announce
3. General Council, 2009 Year Book Statistics - Oversight
4. General Council, names for Admission to Order of Ministry, United Church - read, publish
5. B. C. Conference, Spirit Care Network news, who is attending? - Richard Bott
6. General Council, Nominations Committee, pamphlets - distribute
7. VST, Summer Programs - post
8. Bethan Theunissen, request to be retained on the roll - action
9. B. C. Conference, requesting names of person attending May 5 & 6 settlement meeting - action
10. Residential Schools Update Newsletter - file
11. B. C. Conference, M & P News - file
12. General Council, extension of deadline for Remit #3 to June 15/10 - announce

**Ministers to be recommended for admission to the order of ministry in The United Church of Canada**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Recommending Presbytery</u>
Deborah Susan Bentham	Anglican Church of Canada	Cariboo
Basil Coward	Moravian Church	Toronto Southeast
Marc Gerard Doucet	Roman Catholic Church	Toronto Southeast
David Dyke	Disciples of Christ	Waterloo
Wilson Gonese	Dutch Reformed Church of Botswana	West District
Min Goo Kan	Presbyterian Church Republic of Korea	Westminster
Yoko Kihara	United Church of Christ in Japan	Fraser
David Anthony Steels	Salvation Army	Seaway Valley
Alice Szemok	Reformed Church (Hungarian)	Winnipeg
Willeminah van Arragon	Baptist Convention	Waterloo
Nathan William Wright	United Church of Christ	Vancouver Burrard

**Ministers to be recommended for re-admission to the order of ministry in The United Church of Canada**

Patricia Anne Hall	Selkirk
Susan Mary Palmer	Agassiz
Christine MacLeod	Sherbrooke

Dave Anderson arrived at 5:55 pm and assumed the chair.

**Agenda** The agenda was circulated and additions were called for.

**Youth Ministry Coordinator**

Carol Cox distributed the position description for the presbytery youth ministry coordinator and encouraged delegates to circulate it to potential applicants.

**Grant Application**

**Motion 10/2010** Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Scott Turnbrook) That Westminster Presbytery forward the Technology Support Grant Application from Pitt Meadows United Church requesting \$1,290.00 for a cordless microphone and hearing system. **Carried**

**Dinner** We sang grace and dinner was served. Dave Anderson thanked the folk who prepared the meal.

**Presbytery Strategic Review**

Marina Gilson made available the documents containing the statistics. She gave a power point presentation to illustrate how this material might be presented to pastoral charges. Marina is available to prepare power point presentations for individual churches.

Pastoral charges were asked to sent a copy of their 2009 Year Book Statistical Forms to Westminster Presbytery care of Dave Anderson at Eagle Ridge United Church.

**Small Group Encounter**

Those present broke off into groups of three and engaged in scripture study and prayer.

**Announcements**

Carol Cox announced the Youth Retreat and Mary Nichol announced the children's retreat.

**Business arising from minutes** none

**Overview of Division Structure and Function**

Dave Anderson outlined how the division structure works. Some people feel it isn't working!

## **Committee Reports**

### Education and Students

The Celebration of Ministry Service will be held Saturday June 5th, 4:00 pm at Ryerson United Church. Min Goo Kang will be received into the United Church and Kathleen Edmunds will be Ordained. pending settlement.

### Pastoral Relations

**Motion 11/2010** Moved and seconded (Kim Horwood/Doug Throop) That Westminster Presbytery approve Perry Richard Newbury to the call of full time ordained ministry at West Burnaby United Church beginning November 8, 2009 under the following terms: with annual salary of \$38,514.96, annual housing \$25,452.00, annual basic telephone \$312.00, annual study leave \$1,200.00 and all other terms according to the manual of The United Church of Canada. **Carried**

**Motion 12/2010** Moved and seconded ( Kim Horwood/Marilyn McCutcheon) That Westminster Presbytery approve the Authorization to Solemnize Marriages from Como Lake for George Elgstrand and Gerhard Bihl. **Carried**

Korean United gave notification that Rev. John Woo will be on sabbatical August 2010 to October 2010.

### Oversight

Jan Bihl reported that three person teams are in place to complete four oversight visits this year.

### Spiritual Care

**Motion 13/2010** Moved and seconded ( Richard Bott/Carol Cox) That Julie Lebrun chair of the Spiritual Care Division. **Carried**

More division members are urgently needed.

Richard Bott requested that all presbyters make a copy of the Presbytery Roll, highlight the names of the ministry personnel and pray for them regularly.

### Communications

Please update your email address with Communications via the presbytery's email westminsterpresbytery@telus.net if you are not receiving minutes and information.

### Treasurer's Report

Pastoral charges will be encouraged to place Westminster Presbytery on their PAR system to eliminate the need for post dated cheques.

### Funding Request

**Motion 14/2010** Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Jo Shearer) That Westminster Presbytery forward the request for funding for Sunday Supply during a sabbatical from the Korean United Church of Vancouver provided they meet the presbytery criteria that the pastoral charge's operating funds were in a deficit position at the end of its previous year and are currently in a deficit position (Motion 64/2009). **Carried**

### Remit #3

Shannon Tennant, assisted by Richard Bott, presented the information on Remit #3 "Transfer and Settlement to be Optional". Westminster Presbytery voted Yes on this remit. The secretary will convey this information to General Council.

### A Regional Vision for the United Churches in the Lougheed Corridor

Richard Bott spoke about this document that was distributed to presbyters for their information. Discussions are taking place in the eight congregations situated in the Lougheed Corridor (Como Lake, St. Andrew's Port Moody, IOCO, Eagle Ridge, Trinity, Pitt Meadows, Hammond and St. Andrew's Haney). The next step is to bring people together from these pastoral charges to further the discussion. Soon Westminster Presbytery will be asked to be part of the discussions.

**Emerging issues for Westminster Presbytery**

Dave Anderson spoke about his concerns that Presbytery will soon be facing some decisions regarding congregations that are struggling financially and/or numerically. Currently, nearly half of our congregations are in a vulnerable position. We need to use this time when we don't have any specific crises to deal with, in order to decide how we will use our resources to assist struggling congregations as it is clear that we are unable to provide unlimited help to congregations.

We must focus on mission and stewardship based ministries. This will require skilled/trained personnel to help analyze situations and assist pastoral charges in making difficult decisions.

One immediate need is to recruit enough presbyters to perform the ministries to which we are currently committed. We are strongly encouraging all pastoral charges to fill their complete allotment of delegates with people who are active and committed to the ministry of the wider church.

**Next Meeting of Presbytery**

It was agreed that we will meet May 4, 2010 to do business and that June 1, 2010 meeting be primarily a celebration for folk moving into new ministries.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

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Chair

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Secretary

**Executive meeting - TBA**

**Regular Meetings - May 4, 2010  
June 1, 2010 year end celebration  
Locations TBA**