

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at St. Andrew's Prt. Moody United Church Tues. May 1, 2007

Present: (lay) Janet Babey, Rob Berkowski, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Donna Dawson, Ross Dunning, Carole Finch, Sue Kellas, Kil Woo Kim, Sue Leest, Jean MacLeod, Sheila McCall, Marilyn McCutcheon, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Cattarina Patrice, Leenane Shiels, Jo Shearer, Angela Stevens, David Vervaet, Michael Yoon

(Ministry personnel) Dave Anderson, Bruce Cowburn, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Tim Lissimore, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Paulette Phillips, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Gerildine Smith, Ria Van Holten, Maggie Watts-Hammond Jong Woo

(Visitors): Donald Copan, Rev. Min Goo Kang, Ha-Na Park, Gerry Garnett, Kathleen Edmunds, Sandra Dunning, ,

Regrets: Richard Bott, Kimiko Karpoff,

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Jean McLeod at St. Andrew's United Church, Port Moody, B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Opening Prayer and Welcome:

Tim Lissimore welcomed presbytery, lit the Christ Candle and gave the opening prayer.

Corresponding Privileges: Visitors were introduced.

Motion 64/2007 Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Ria Van Holten) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

Agenda

Motion 65/2007 Moved and Seconded (Sue Leest/Sheila McCall) That we adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

Minutes

Motion 66/2007 Moved and Seconded (Lois Brown/Donna Dawson) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of April 3, 2007 noting the correction of IOCO United, IOCO, B. C.. **Carried**

Motion 67/2007 Moved and Seconded (Scott Turnbrook/Jo Shearer) That we receive the executive minutes of April 17, 2007 for information. **Carried**

Announcements: Upcoming events such as concerts, workshop and a film were announced. Flyers were distributed and delegates were encouraged to give Marie Pauls the details for the bulletin insert she produces. Gerry Garnett from Trinity, Port Coquitlam gave details of a proposed Seniors Complex that Trinity is considering and asked for volunteers to help with fund raising during the planning stages.

Correspondence:

1. United Church Camping Ministries newsletter "Camping News" sent to pastoral charges
2. Messages re Meet the Moderator May 1 at 4:30 pm at Conference Office
3. Invitation to attend discussions on intercultural ministry, May 9, 12 - 2:30, West Point Grey United
4. Homelessness Forum, May 8, St. Andrew's Wesley, 7 pm
5. Foresight - pension newsletter on General Council site,
6. United Church Delegation calls for end to Palestinian embargo
7. United Church encouraged by government commitment to search residential school records
8. Verna Adamson re certificate for sale of Ellesmere property
9. copy of letter send by Doug Throop to the Interfaith Committee, SFU re use of Interfaith Centre.
10. Residential Schools UPDATE newsletter
11. Doug Goodwin re trusteeship of Lister Street Property (Korean United)
12. General Council- statistical returns
13. Queens Avenue United environmental footprint report
14. Ellesmere United Church - certificate of trustees asking consent of presbytery to sell property
15. Deer Lake United - annual report

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Business Arising

Ellesmere

Property sale is complete.

Emerging Spirit

A lower mainland "Welcoming Congregations Event" is scheduled for June 1 & 2 at VST. Cost is \$100 per person.

Environmental Footprint

Pastoral charges were reminded to be prepared to report about their environmental footprint in June.

Governance Model Survey

The deadline for responses has been expended so please complete your questionnaire.

Divisions and Committees

Women's Ministry Network

Donna Dawson reminded pastoral charges of the Presbyterial Spring Event Monday May 14th, 6:30pm at South Burnaby United. The guest speaker is Dr. Wendy Fletcher-March, Principal of VST.

Stewardship

Brenda Faust referred to the Stewardship Campaign in the "Giving Magazine". She reminded pastoral charges that Stewardship Committees are a requirement according to the United Church Manual. She encouraged churches to tell their stories about outreach ministries and she provided a handout of useful tips. Plans are underway to hold some Stewardship events in the fall.

Home Missions

Applications for Home Missions Funding are due no later than October. Ian Macdonald will help pastoral charges complete their forms.

Visioning

Ian Macdonald distributed information to assist pastoral charges with their Environmental Footprint report. Visioning will be conducting a process to help us allocate the Conference Support for Lower Mainland Presbyteries Fund following dinner tonight.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe reported that a new youth group has been formed at West Burnaby United. South Burnaby's Youth group has been meeting with them. There was a final reminder about the Youth retreat May 5 & 6. Slides from the children's retreat will be presented at the next presbytery meeting. Barb indicated that she will be stepping down as chair of the Youth Cluster due to family and health issues. She suggested that we look at different ways of organizing this ministry and that some discussion might take place when we seek ways to utilize the Conference Support for Lower Mainland Presbyteries Fund.

Treasurer

Bruce Cowburn distributed updated budget information to Division Chairs. He indicated that travel costs will be reviewed. Most Presbytery allocations are paid in full to date.

Outreach no report

Dinner was served. Tim Lissimore said grace and Jean MacLeod thanked the ladies who prepared and served the meal

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Members of the Visioning Committee led us in an exercise to generate ideas and priorities to utilize the Conference Support for Lower Mainland Presbyteries Fund. The Committee will bring their findings to the next meeting of Presbytery.

Division and Committees (cont'd)Chaplaincy

Doug Throop gave the history of the move of Ellesmere United Church to SFU campus. He showed photos of the last days of "Ellie" and the new space at University.

Property

Motion 68/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Barry Morley) that Westminster Presbytery approve the sale of 340 Ellesmere Avenue, Burnaby, B. C. to Tara Development Ltd. For \$2,975,000.00 (Two million, nine hundred seventy five thousand dollars) including the terms outlined in the Certificate of Trustees Asking Consent of Presbytery dated 24 April, 2007 which is on file with the secretary of presbytery.

CarriedCommunications

Ross Dunning reported that the web site was "down" due to a registration error. The site is updated and very active. Fred Nienaber continues to keep the directory updated and requests presbyters to submit any changes. The directory can be accessed through the "People" link on the website by using the password.

Nominations

The executive will find a ministry personnel for Queens Avenue United's Transition team and a Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Como Lake United for the month of June.

Pastoral Relations Carol Finch reporting

Motion 69/2007 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Tim Lissimore) That Westminster presbytery approve the appointment of Kimiko Karpoff as Staff Associate to Shiloh-Sixth United Church, to the part time (20 hours per week) position, from May 1, 2007, to December 31, 2007 under the following terms: annual salary of \$14,915.00 (fourteen thousand nine hundred fifteen dollars), annual housing allowance of \$8,575.68 (eight thousand five hundred seventy five dollars and sixty eight cents), annual taxable housing of \$2,236.32 (two thousand two hundred thirty six dollars and thirty two cents), annual telephone of \$600.00 (six hundred dollars), annual support for study of \$750 (seven hundred fifty dollars). MSP as required. All other terms as designated by the Manual. Note that a current police records check has been seen. **Carried**

Motion 70/2007 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/ Tim Lissimore) That Westminster Presbytery approve the appointment of Perry R. Newbury as Ordained Supply (non-United) to a full time (40 hours per week) position at West Burnaby United Church from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 under the following terms: Annual salary of \$36,974 (Thirty six thousand nine hundred seventy four dollars), annual housing allowance of \$21,624 (twenty one thousand six hundred twenty four dollars), annual support for study of \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars). All other terms as designated by the Manual. Note that a current police records check has been seen. **Carried**

Motion 71/2007 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Sue Leest) That Westminster Presbytery approve the call of Rev. Janet Bihl to Como Lake United Church to the full time ministry position effective July 1, 2007 under the following terms: Annual salary of \$36,000 (Thirty six thousand dollars), annual housing allowance of \$20,592 (twenty thousand five hundred ninety two dollars), annual taxable mileage of \$3,000 (three thousand dollars), annual telephone of \$600 (six hundred dollars), annual book and continuing education allowance of \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars). MSP. All other terms as designated by the Manual. Note a current police record check has been seen. **Carried**

Motion 72/2007 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Tim Lissimore) That Westminster Presbytery request the transfer of membership for Rev. Jan Bihl from Cariboo Presbytery. **Carried**

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Pastoral Relations (cont'd)

For information - currently the Rev. Bethan Theunissen is on short-term leave. During her absence, the congregation has entered into an agreement with the Rev. Shannon Tennant to cover their administrative ministry. At a congregational meeting held at Queens Avenue United Church a motion of support was given to the appointment of the Rev. Wendy Read as Interim Minister. Paperwork is currently in process.

Oversight

Visits are in progress where appropriate and other processes are being followed to ensure support to pastoral charges in transition.

Education and Students

Conference Celebration of Ministry will take place Sunday May 27th, 4:00 p.m. at St. David's United Church in West Vancouver.

Worship

Tim Lissimore led us in a closing worship that included the covenanting with Kathleen Edmunds, candidate for ordained ministry.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Executive meeting Tuesday May 15 at Deer Lake United - 1:00 pm

Next regular meeting June 5, 2007 - TBA