

Westminster Presbytery **Conference** Meeting Held Friday May 23, 2008
B. C. Conference, Capilano College, North Vancouver, B C.

Present: (lay) Lois Brown, Rob Berkowski, Carol Cox, Donna Dawson, Carole Finch, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Sue Kellas, Julie Lebrun, Sue Leest, Jean Macleod, Marilyn McCutcheon, Fred Nienaber, Marj Parker, Marie Paul, Jo Shearer Leenane Shiels,

(Ministry personnel) Randy Antle, Charles Ahn, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Dave Anderson, Bruce Cameron, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Helen Hobbs, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Ernie Roberts, Bethan Theunissen, Barb Tunnicliffe,

(Visitors): Kathleen Edmunds, Becca Moughtin

Regrets: Kim Horwood, Tim Lissimore, Scott Turnbrook

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Mary Duncan at Capilano College, North Vancouver B. C. at 12:10 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Agenda

An agenda was prepared on the chalkboard and there was agreement to follow it.

Presentations:

Mary Duncan presented Rev. Dr. Wendy Read with a special message created with candy bars as she leaves Westminster Presbytery to accept a call in Victoria Presbytery.

Jean Macleod and Carol Cox presented a liturgical stole to Candidate for Ordination Julie Lebrun.

Prayer

Jan Bihl and Richard Bott offered prayer.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe asked for advice about the closing date for applications for the Presbytery Youth Coordinator position. An end date of June 15/08 will be published with the advertisement in "The Bridge". Marie Paul, Carol Cox and Rick Newbury will interview applicants.

Barb had flyers and tickets for the Magic Show to be held June 21st at South Burnaby. This is a fund-raiser for the youth's Cuba trip.

Mediation with Queens

Richard Bott reported that Commissions from Queens Avenue United Church and Westminster Presbytery have met individually with mediator Derek Evans. Following receipt of a report from Derek, the two Commissions have agreed to work together on some substantive issues. This meeting is to take place mid June. The Appeal Process will resume if mediation fails. Westminster Presbytery has a lawyer who is acting as an advisor but not legal counsel.

Thanks and continued prayers were offered to those serving on the Commission: Richard Bott, Mary Duncan, Sue Kellas, and Jean Macleod plus Bruce Cowburn as alternate.

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Ian Macdonald presented a written report summarizing the agreements made following a meeting with Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary, David Smith, Conference Staff and Ian Macdonald regarding the requests of the Congregation and the Presbytery as East Burnaby prepares to close. (Appendix A)

Motion 95/2005 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Lois Brown) That Westminster Presbytery receive the Report to Westminster Presbytery in regard to East Burnaby United Church - May 23, 2008 for information.

Carried

East Burnaby (cont'd)

A special "discernment committee" will be established in September to do work around the future of East Burnaby's site.

Next Meeting

The June 3, 2008 presbytery meeting will be held at St. Andrew's Haney United Church in Maple Ridge. The meal will be a barbecue followed by a time of fellowship and recognition of those leaving Westminster Presbytery. The new chair of presbytery, Dave Anderson will be installed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting - Tuesday June 3, 2008, 5:30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Haney United Church

22165 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge

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Next Executive Meeting

At the Call of the Chair