

Westminster Presbytery Regular Meeting Held at Deer Lake United Church Tues. November 7, 2006

Present: (lay) Janet Babey, Robert Berkowski, Louise Best, Lois Brown, Richard Crooks, Donna Dawson, Ralph Danbert, Treena Duncan, Carole Finch, Pamela Jeffery, Ralph Johnston, Kimiko Karpoff, Sue Kellas, Sue Leest, Jean MacLeod, Marilyn McCutcheon, Trudy Mile, Leanne Mill, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Leenane Shiels, Jo Shearer,

(ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Tim Lissimore, Paulette Phillips, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Shannon Tennant, Bethan Theunissen, Doug Throop, Barbara Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Ria Van Holten, Ann White

(visitors): George Bott, Kathy Woods, Cattarina Patrice, Jim King, Sandra Fairchild

Regrets: Richard Day, Ross Dunning, Marian Elliott, Sheila McCall, John Petty, Maggie Watts-Hammond Michael Yoon,

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Jean McLeod at Deer Lake United Church, Burnaby, B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Welcome: Scott Turnbrook welcomed us to Deer Lake and offered an opening prayer.

Agenda

Motion 124/2006 Moved and Seconded (Tim Lissimore/Scott Turnbrook) That we adopted the agenda as circulated. **Carried**

Minutes

Motion 125/2006 Moved and Seconded (Doug Throop/Jo Shearer) That we approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 3, 2006. **Carried**

Motion 126/2006 Moved and Seconded (Carole Finch/Ian Macdonald) That we receive the executive minutes of October 17/06 for information. **Carried**

Visitors

Several visitors were introduced. George Bott brought greetings from Manitoba and Northwestern Conference and also from the Moderator.

Corresponding Privileges:

Motion 127/2006 Moved and Seconded (Ria Van Holten/Richard Bott) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

Joys and Concerns: Joys and concerns and various announcements were made.

Correspondence:

1. News release from National Office "U.C. says no to reopening debate over same -sex marriages in House of Commons"
2. Doug Goodwin granting Ann White a license to administer sacraments
3. Residential Schools Newsletter UPDATE
4. The United Theological College Winnipeg: info on Ministry Based Ordination Program
5. Peter Rolston's death - service Saturday. November 11, 2:00 pm at Northwood United
6. West Burnaby's Covenanting Sunday November 19 at 2:00 pm
7. VST pamphlets on Diploma program in Spiritual Direction
8. Fraser Resource Centre requesting financial support from Westminster Presbytery
9. Hammond United re use of manse funds for repairs
10. National Office re General Insurance Plan

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Doug Throop reported that Ellesmere decided not to hold a service for the National Day of Remembrance and Action Against Violence Against Women this year. Reference was made to a recent article about Ellesmere in The Observer and some corrections noted. The sale of the Ellesmere property is subject to a rezoning. Tenant improvements to the space at SFU are eagerly awaited. Ellesmere's minutes were reviewed by Dal McCrindle at the request of Doug Throop and found to be in order.

Communication no reportVisioning

Ian Macdonald reported that the Korean United is looking into redeveloping their property to accommodate seniors. Jo Shearer, Ian Macdonald and Charles Ahn are part of these conversations. Shiloh-Sixth Avenue is working on a series of profiles in conjunction with their five-year sustainability plan. Visioning is in conversation with Ellesmere about the title on the funds from the sale of their property.

Nominations

Motion 128/2006 Moved and seconded (Jo Shearer/Donna Dawson) That Richard Bott be named pastoral relations convener for Westminster Presbytery. **Carried**

Children and Youth

Barb Tunnicliffe reported that there will be a young adult trip to Seattle January 4-6 and the youth retreat is booked for May 4,5 and 6. Details of the Go Project were available and the next event is January 14th at South Burnaby. Pamela Jeffery has brochures available for a children's retreat (details on the web site). Christmas shopping ideas included Fair Trade - 10,000 Villages on Commercial Drive and a Book Fair (see Barb Tunnicliffe for details).

Pastoral Relations Richard Bott reporting

Motion 129/2006 Moved and Seconded (Richard Bott/Jo Shearer) That Westminster Presbytery approve the settlement of Charles Ahn to the full-time ministry personnel position at Willingdon Heights United Church, effective July 1, 2006 under the following terms: Salary \$29,642 (twenty nine thousand, six hundred forty two dollars) annually; basic telephone, financial support for study \$1,200 (one thousand two hundred dollars) annually; B. C. Medical and all other terms as defined by the Manual.

Motion 130/2006 Moved and Seconded (Mary Duncan/Scott Turnbrook) That motion 129/2006 be tabled pending receipt of more information. **Carried**

Motion 131/2006 Moved and Seconded (Richard Bott/Jo Shearer) That Westminster Presbytery approve the settlement of Maggie Watts-Hammond to the part-time (20 hours/week) ministry personnel position at West Burnaby United church effective July 1, 2006 under the following terms: Salary \$14,756 (fourteen thousand seven hundred fifty six dollars) annually housing allowance \$10,500 (ten thousand five hundred dollars) annually, basic telephone \$420 (four hundred twenty dollars) annually, financial support for study \$600 (six hundred dollars) annually and all other terms as defined by the Manual. **Carried**

Motion 132/2006 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Jo Shearer) That Carole Finch be appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor to Queens Avenue United Church effective June 1, 2006 **Carried**

Motion 133/2006 Moved and Seconded (Richard Bott/Jo Shearer) That Pastoral Relations offer four educational events to presbyters in the coming year: 1. working with Joint Needs Assessments; 2. working with Joint Search; 3. doing Pastoral Oversight; 4. being a Pastoral Charge Supervisor. **Carried**

Forms must be given to the Pastoral Relations Committee ten days prior to the presbytery meeting
Police Record Checks (level 2) are due every three years and are considered stale in three months.

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Education and Students

Tim Lissimore reported that the committee plans to hold a Discernment Committee workshop. Presbytery E & S interviews are upcoming and volunteers were called for. Kimiko Karpoff's discernment committee has begun and Kathleen Edmunds discernment is concluding. Be aware of people in your congregations with skills for ministry.

Women's ministry Network - no report

Stewardship

Brenda Faust reported that White Gift M & S envelopes were made available. The Luther Snow stewardship event on asset mapping was very successful

Pensions

Bruce Cowburn reported that Westminster Presbytery has forty-seven pensioners on their list and a form has been distributed to update information. The Christmas luncheon will be held November 16th at Lakeview United.

Outreach

Kimiko Karpoff reported on Homelessness Awareness week at Shiloh-Sixth Avenue and Doug Throop encouraged pastoral charges to support First United's 1st Gifts Program (details on their web site).

Dinner was served and thanks offered by Jean McLeod.

New Business

Hammond United Church

Sandra Fairchild, chair of the Board of Hammond United Church distributed and presented information about the recent repairs and need for future repairs to their gym. The Visioning Division will try to provide a team to work with Hammond on their visioning process. It was suggested that a person with interim ministry skills might be useful.

Motion 134/2006 Moved and Seconded (Ralph Danbert/Barry Morley) That Westminster Presbytery approve the use of Hammond United Church's manse funds to complete repairs to their gym. **Carried**

Compensation Model

Jim King distributed information on the new Compensation for Ministry Personnel proposal. He spoke about the areas that will be changing as the model is put into action. These include centralized payroll, comprehensive salary, clergy couple deductions and inequities between male and female paid staff.

Budget

Printed copies on the 2007 Presbytery Budget were distributed. It was noted that our Conference allocation has increased by \$1,990.

Motion 135/2006 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Carole Finch) That the administration budget for 2007 by \$2,800.00 (two thousand eight hundred dollars). **Carried**

Motion 136/2007 Moved and seconded (Barb Tunnicliffe/Kimiko Karpoff) That the children and youth budget for 2007 be \$14,200.00 (fourteen thousand two hundred dollars) **Carried**

Motion 136/2006 Moved and seconded (Fred Nienaber/Carole Finch) That the communication budget for 2007 be \$4,415.00 (four thousand four hundred fifteen dollars). **Carried**

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Budget (cont'd)

Motion 137/2006 Moved and seconded (Tim Lissimore/Jo Shearer) That the education and student budget for 2007 be \$1,300.00 (one thousand three hundred dollars). **Carried**

Motion 138/2006 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Donna Dawson) That the pastoral relations budget for 2007 be \$1,600.00 (one thousand six hundred dollars). **Carried**

Motion 139/2006 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Doug Throop) That the visioning budget for 2007 be \$5,100.00 (five thousand one hundred dollars). **Carried**

Presbytery allocations will be mailed out by late November.

Housing Allowances

Motion 140/2006 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Gerildine Smith) That the minimum monthly housing allowance for Westminster Presbytery in 2007 be: Burnaby/New Westminster \$1,802.00 (one thousand eight two dollars), Tri Cities \$1,716.00 (one thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars) and Maple Ridge/Pitt Meadows \$1,676.00 (one thousand six hundred seventy six dollars).

Eligible for sabbatical 2006/07

Bethan Theunissen's name should be added to the list.

Worship

Richard Bott and Shannon Tennant led us in a meaningful worship. Jean McLeod played the piano

Adjournment was at 9:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

Executive meeting Tuesday November 21/06 at Deer Lake United - 1:00 pm

Next regular meeting December 5/06 - place TBA