

Westminster Presbytery **Regular** Meeting Held at Willingdon Heights United Church Tues. Nov. 6, 2007

Present: (lay) Janet Babey, Rob Berkowski, Louise Best, Lois Brown, Barbara Copan, Carol Cox, Rick Crooks, Jean Johnson, Sue Kellas, Jean MacLeod, Marilyn McCutcheon, Doug Miller, Barry Morley, Fred Nienaber, Marie Paul, Marj Parker, Leenane Shiels, Jo Shearer, David Vervaet,

(Ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Helen Hobbs, Kim Horwood, Ian Macdonald, Rick Newbury, Mary Nichol, Paulette Phillips, Wendy Read, Ernie Roberts, Gerildine Smith, Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Janet Uren, Ria Van Holten, Ann White, Jong Chul Woo

(Visitors): Donald Copan, Anna Gilliatt, Paul Kim, Laurie Lamb, Bruce Cameron, Kwang Beom Cho, Richard Day
Regrets: Richard Bott, Ross Dunning, Sue Leest, Tim Lissimore, Bethan Theunissen, Ralph Johnston, Jan Bihl, David Anderson

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Mary Duncan at Willingdon Heights United Church, Burnaby, B. C. at 5:30 p.m. A Quorum was present.

Corresponding Privileges

Motion 131/2007 Moved and seconded (Doug Throop/Ria Van Holten) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

Welcome: Charles Ahn, minister of Willingdon Heights, welcomed presbytery.

Joys and Concerns Information and announcements were shared.

Worship Opening worship was led by Charles Ahn. Mary Duncan offered the closing prayer.

Agenda

Motion 132/2007 Moved and Seconded (Jean Macleod/Robert Berkowski) That we adopt the agenda as amended. **Carried**

Minutes

Motion 133/2007 Moved and Seconded (Lois Brown/Ann White) That we approve the minutes of the working meeting of Westminster Presbytery held September 21/22 2007 **Carried**

Motion 134/2007 Moved and Seconded (Donna Dawson/Carole Finch) That we receive the executive minutes of September 4 and 15 and October 9 and 25, 2007 for information. **Carried**

Correspondence:

1. General Council News Release - October (received for information)
2. General Council - UCC Mission Theme consultation(received for information)
3. General Council - The United Church Archives (received for information)
4. General Council - News Release October 29/07 (received for information)
5. Doug Goodwin - General Meeting 2008 Petitions (received for information)
6. General Council - Moderator to Resume Duties (received for information)
7. Residential Schools UPDATE (received for information)
8. Pamela Jeffery re Children's Retreat (for records)
9. Queens Avenue motion and minutes from October 22/07 Pastoral Charge Meeting
(referred to executive)
10. Winifred Franklin Queens Avenue re disposal of church property (to executive)
11. Montreal Presbytery motion - General Council decision re Planning and Priorities
(received for information)
12. St. Andrew's Haney re Godly Play workshop November 16 an 17/07
(received for information)
13. VST Children and the Church Event March 1/08 (received for information)
14. Bethan Theunissen Thoughts on Queens Avenue (referred to executive)

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Business Arising from Minutes

The committee working on our purpose statement will report to the December meeting. Budget planning took place at the committee level and will be reported tonight.

B. C. Conference Representative

Carole Finch presented a report from the November meeting of significant actions taken by the Conference Executive.

Dinner Brenda Faust said grace and dinner was served.

Queens Avenue Report

Jean Macleod reported on the steps Presbytery has followed since the Manual Section 333 report was received for Queens Avenue. An exit package is being arranged for Wendy Read and Shannon Tennant will do Sunday Supply and one day per week pastoral care. A congregational meeting is scheduled for November 18/07 and the Presbytery Executive will meet November 20/07 to make final decisions. Wendy Read thanked everyone who has supported her.

Divisions and Committees

Treasurer no report

Education and Students

Following interviews held November 3/07 Education and Students Committee recommend Ann White, Betty Anne Dempsey, Kathleen Edmonds and Rick Newbury continue their education programs.

Motion 135/2007 Moved and seconded (Doug Miller/Barb Tunnicliffe) That Leenane Shiels be received by Westminster Presbytery as a candidate for ordained ministry in the United Church of Canada. **Carried**

Motion 136/2007 Moved and seconded (Doug Miller/Carole Finch) That Julie Lebrun be recommended to B. C. Conference for ordination in 2008 pending the completion of her degree and all other requirements of the Manual. **Carried**

There was also a request for a budget increase of \$300.00

Chaplaincy

Doug Troop gave an update on the work of Chaplaincy at Simon Fraser University. A sign up list was circulated to gather names of those who would help with Wednesday Communion at Ellesmere when Doug is away. An invitation was extended to attend the various cultural events that are planned. Ellesmere can be reached by calling the office at 778 872-8474, the minister at 778 872-8475 or the FAX line 778 872-8476.

Pastoral Relations no report

Oversight

Donna Dawson reminded pastoral charges to complete their visits to neighbouring congregations according to the schedule distributed February/07 that was summarized in the September 4/07 Executive minutes page 38/2007.

Visioning

Ian Macdonald reported that Donna Dawson and Ralph Johnston will be calling pastoral charges to get the name of their Environmental Steward. The committee is in conversation with Shiloh-Sixth Avenue to make arrangements for Kimiko Karpoff to be designated to oversee the Hospitality Project.

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Stewardship

Brenda Faust had White Gift Envelopes available for pick up. Notification was given that M & S response forms will be available in January. Brenda will assist with completion of these forms and requested the name of pastoral charges' M & S Enthusiast.

Technology and Church Improvement Grants must be received prior to the December meeting. Brenda listed those congregations which are eligible.

Children and Youth

Barb Tunncliffe reported that a Children's event is planned for the four lower mainland presbyteries. The spring Youth Retreat will have youth from Toronto and Victoria attending. The August Cuba event is in the planning stages. Forms are available to gather information for a Youth Leader's data base.

Communication

Fred Nienaber reported that cards were sent to Dave Anderson, Lois Brown and Pam Jeffery. Observer subscriptions were completed for hospitals and public organizations. The website has been updated and continues to be maintained as our information centre with space for some photos and news. Check the e-mail list and roll (security protected) available under People on our website for accuracy and forward corrections to Westminster Presbytery. The roster for meeting locations is on the website under Bulletin Board.

Property no report

Nominations no report

Outreach Check emails sent by Bruce Cowburn for updates.

Special Guest

Richard Day, former delegate from Pitt Meadows United Church, spoke about his experiences working as a tax consultant in Afghanistan. He invited presbyters to visit his Blog that will be listed on the Presbytery Website.

New Business

Budget

Bruce Cowburn and division/committee chairs presented budget requests for 2008.

Motion 137/2007 Moved and seconded (Bruce Cowburn/Ian Macdonald) That Westminster Presbytery accept the budget for 2008 as presented. **Carried**

There will be a review of conference allocations once decisions are made concerning the possible disbanding of Queens Avenue United Church.

Announcement

Gerildine Smith distributed information about coming events at Trinity United Port Coquitlam.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Ernie Roberts closed with prayer.

Chair

Secretary

Next Regular Meeting: Tuesday December 4/07 at Hammond United Church - 5:30 pm

Next Executive Meeting: Tuesday November. 20/07 at St. Andrew's Port Moody - 12:30 p.m.