

Meeting of Westminster Presbytery  
November 18-20, 2010  
Chehalis Lodge

Lay Members Present: Lois Brown, Shannon Baird, Marilyn McCutcheon, Dave Nicol, Carol Cox, Brenda Phillips, Kathy Young, Ross Dunning, Jo Shearer, Eileen Karyula, David Vervaet, Sue Kellas,

Order of Ministry Present: Scott Turnbrook, Doug Throop, Ian MacDonald, Barb Tunnicliffe, Jacinto Baybay, Nathan Wright, Shannon Tennant, Mary Nichol, Jan Bihl, Dave Anderson, Kevin Hesgeth, Julie Lebrun, Brian Burke, Kathleen Edmunds, Kim Horwood, Richard Bott, Bruce Cameron

Youth: Megan Nicol, Breanna Nicol, Finn Leahy, Shayla Kennedy, Noah Wright, Cole B, Cassidy Andrey, Natasha Slattern, Hilani, Molly Lorette, Ashley Gabriel

Guests: Marina Gilson, Michael Yoon, Bruce Cowburn

Regrets: Ernie Roberts, Sue Leest

- 1 Order: Following an opening worship, the meeting of Westminster Presbytery was called to order by the Chair, Scott Turnbrook.
- 2 The Agenda was reviewed.
- 3 A response form is available for presbyters to indicate preference regarding the time and place of this retreat.
- 4 Education & Students:

**Motion65/2010:** Moved by Carol Cox, seconded by Nathan Wright that Westminster Presbytery, on recommendation of its Education and Students Committee, recommend Leenane Shiels for ordination to BC Conference at its next session, pending completion of all necessary course work. **Carried.**

**Motion 66/2010:** Moved by Carol Cox, seconded by Marilyn McCutcheon, that Westminster Presbytery, on recommendation of its Education and Students Committee, recommend Kimiko Karpoff for commissioning to BC Conference at its next session, pending completion of all necessary course work . **Carried.**

**Motion67/2010:** In exercising supervision as required by the Manual and on recommendation of the Education and Students Committee, it is moved by Carol Cox, seconded by Barb Tunnicliffe, that Westminster Presbytery confirm Mary Nichol as a candidate for Diaconal Ministry. **Carried.**

- 5 Budget:
  - 5.1 The Proposed Budget for 2011 was presented. It was noted that the Conference Allocation has not yet been set and that this represents a huge chunk of our budget.
- 6 East Burnaby United Church Assets: The proposal from BC Conference was distributed and reviewed. First there would be a time of jubilee in which VIM loans, mortgages and other debts held by Westminster Presbytery would be repaid. Then the remainder would be split between Westminster Presbytery (for a Ministry Fund) and BC Conference (for fund Conference sustainability).

**Motion:** It was moved by Sue Kellas, seconded Jan Bihl, to adjourn for the evening. **Carried.**

The Court reconvened on Friday morning at 10:45 a.m.

7 Budget:

- 7.1 It was noted that the line item for secretary/treasurer are for expenses not for honoraria. These monies will be redirected according to the following motion.

**Motion 68/2010:** It was moved by Marilyn McCutcheon, seconded by Lois Brown, that presbyters be encouraged to submit child care expenses for the purpose of attending meetings and that the amount budgeted be \$1000 for 2011. **Carried.**

**Motion 69/2010:** Moved by Nathan Wright, seconded by Dave Nichol, that the budget be approved. **Carried.**

8 Housing Allowance:

**Motion 70/2010:** Moved by Dave Nichol, seconded by Sue Kellas, that Westminster Presbytery adopt the \$2200/month housing allowance. **Carried.**

It is noted that the minimum continuing education allowance is \$1250 and that the travel allowance for Westminster Presbytery is based on \$0.52/kilometer.

- 9 The court moved into a creative discussion of vision and future directions which was led by Dave Anderson.

**Motion 71/2010:** Moved by Doug Throop, seconded by Lois Brown, that we as Westminster Presbytery spend monies to hire consultants to fulfill the Purpose of Westminster Presbytery. **Carried.**

- It was suggested that a facilitator from within the presbyter, aided by some presbyters with consulting experience, members of the congregational support and pastoral oversight divisions develop the details of this plan.

There was a break during which various workshops were presented.

The Presbytery Meeting reconvened at 8:45 pm.

Dave Anderson, past chair assumed the chair and declared there was a quorum.

10 Outstanding Business

**Motion 72/10:** Moved by Ross Dunning, seconded by Brian Burke, that Bruce Cowburn be named a member at large of Westminster Presbytery. **Carried.**

- 11 Report of the task group on Consultancy: Richard Bott presented the report of the task group that included a list of the areas we would require consultant to assist Westminster Presbytery with its ministry. He summarized the Next Steps around Consultancy (Appendix A).

**Motion 73/10:** Moved by Brian Burke, seconded by Marilyn McCutcheon, that Westminster Presbytery approve in principle the report on the Next Steps around Consultancy and refer it to the executive. **Carried.**

Dave Anderson vacated the chair and Jo Shearer, past chair, assumed the chair.

12 East Burnaby Property Assets

**Motion 74/10:** Moved by Richard Bott, seconded by Brian Burke, that Westminster Presbytery accept the document entitled "Proceeds from the Sale of East Burnaby United Church - A Proposal from B. C. Conference" dated October 12, 2010 and that criteria for the use of income and capital for the Presbytery portion of the funds be named by the February meeting of Presbytery. **Carried.**

12.1 Several Pastoral Charges will have their debt forgiven and some members of these pastoral charges including Ross Dunning, Carol Cox, Brenda Philips and Dave Anderson abstained from the vote.

Dave Anderson resumed the chair.

Carol Cox outlined the clean-up process.

The business portion of the Presbytery Retreat concluded. The Presbytery will reconvene Saturday November 20th to hear a report from the Youth and conclude with Communion.

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Chair

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Secretary

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Acting Chair (Friday Night)

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