

48/2008

Westminster Presbytery **Regular** Meeting Held at Trinity United Church Tuesday October 7, 2008

Present: (lay), Janet Babey, Brian Baybay, Robert Berkowski, Louise Best, Lois Brown, Carol Cox, Donna Dawson, Ralph Johnston, Eileen Karyula, Sue Kellas, Jean Macleod, Marilyn McCutcheon, Becca Moughtin, Roger Nelson, Fred Nienaber, Cattarina Patrice, Kaye Reyes, Georgia Runcie, Jo Shearer, Ruth Stebbing, Angela Stevens, Erick Vejerano,

(Students) Betty Anne Dempsey, Nick Judson, Pamela Scott,

(Ministry personnel) Charles Ahn, Dave Anderson, Gerhard Bihl, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Bruce Cameron, Bruce Cowburn, Kerry Child, Brenda Faust, Kevin Hegseth, Kim Horwood, Julie Lebrun, Ian Macdonald, Gabrielle McLarty, Rick Newbury, Mary Nichol, Ernie Roberts, Shannon Tennant, Doug Throop, Barb Tunnicliffe, Scott Turnbrook, Ria Van Holten, Ann White

(Visitors): Marj Parker, Sue Rogers, Susan Morrow

Regrets: Barbara Copan, Ross Dunning, Kathleen Edmunds, Carole Finch, Kim Horwood, Marie Paul, Dawn Purdy-Karkut, Leenane Shiels, Jenna Wray, Michael Yoon

Authority: The meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened at the call of the chair Dave Anderson at Trinity United Church, Port Coquitlam, B. C. at 5:30 p.m.
A Quorum was present.

Welcome and Small Group Worship

Presbytery Chair Dave Anderson welcomed everyone and offered prayer. Music Coordinator from Trinity, Wayne Sawyer led in singing. Presbyters then broke into small groups for a time of reflection on scripture.

Call to Order: Dave Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

Agenda

Motion 127/2008 Moved and seconded (Jean Macleod/Donna Dawson) That we adopt the agenda as circulated. **Carried**

Corresponding Privileges

Visitors and new delegates were introduced.

Motion 128/2008 Moved and seconded (Brenda Faust/Doug Throop) That corresponding privileges be granted to visitors. **Carried**

Joys , Sorrows and Announcements were shared. It was noted that details of announcements are not placed in the minutes but should be directed to Communication for inclusion on the presbytery web site.

Minutes

Motion 129/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Jo Shearer) That we approve the minutes of the meetings of Westminster Presbytery held September 4 and 5, 2008. **Carried**

Motion 130/2008 Moved and seconded (Jean Macleod/Ria Van Holten) That we receive the minutes of the executive meeting held September 18, 2008 for information.

Business Arising from Minutes

Queen's Avenue Update

Richard Bott reported that an agreement was mediated by Commissions appointed by Presbytery and Queen's Avenue to allow the pastoral charge to remain open under presbytery's supervision. Sue Kellas and Richard Bott will serve on Queen's Board and two people will be appointed to Queen's Board of Trustees. The Executive is searching for a suitable minister. Members of the Presbytery and Queen's

Commission were thanked for their work.

Page
49/2008

Westminster Presbytery **Regular** Meeting Held at Trinity United Church Tuesday October 7, 2008

Correspondence

1. General Council - press release Appeal for Caribbean Hurricane Relief - file
2. B. C. Conference - Conference on Conflict Resolution - distributed
3. London Conference - request to Transfer Judith Gilliland to Oxford Presbytery - completed
4. United Church Pensions - approval of leave for Bethan Theunissen - Pastoral Relations
5. St. Andrew's Haney - documents requesting permission to sell manse - action
6. VST - invitation to lecture by Rev. Dr. Patricia Dutcher-Walls Nov. 6/08 at 7:00 p.m.

New Business

Sale of Manse

Richard Bott and Shannon Tennant declared a conflict of interest and left the meeting.
A letter was read outlining a request from St. Andrew's Haney to sell their church manse.

Motion 131/2008 Moved and seconded (Jo Shearer/Scott Turnbrook) That St. Andrew's Haney United Church be given permission to sell their church manse. **Carried**

It was recommended that the funds be place in a separate account or if that is not feasible that the funds be tracked.

Internship Site

Motion 132/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jan Bihl) That the Education and Students Committee of Presbytery be given authority to recommend to Conference the appropriateness of an internship site. **Carried**

Home Missions Grant

Motion 133/2008 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Ralph Johnston) That Westminster Presbytery, having received the request for a Home Mission Grant of \$10,000.00 from Willingdon Heights United Church and having determined that this grant was needed to further the plans of the congregation to pursue its mission as an Inter-Cultural Ministry, now approve and forward their request to the Home Missions Committee of

B. C. Conference.

Carried

Dinner was served by the ladies of Trinity United. Dave Anderson thanked the ladies.

New Business (cont'd)

Youth Work Researcher

Dave Anderson introduced Kerry Child, Presbytery Youth Researcher. Kerry thanked those who have completed her survey about youth within the bounds of Presbytery. Once the information is collated Kerry plans to hold cluster meetings to discuss the future of a presbytery youth minister.

Presbytery Structure Review

Dave Anderson outlined the work accomplished at the Retreat. Information was distributed (Appendix A) containing a diagram of the new structure and terms of reference for each committee. Delegates were then asked to choose a committee to work on. The committees broke off to hold individual meetings.

Adjournment The committee meetings were scheduled to adjourn at 9:00 p.m. with prayer.

Next Regular Meeting: December 2, 2008
Deer Lake United, Burnaby

**Next Executive Meeting: Wednesday October 29, 1:00 p.m.
Eagle Ridge United Church**