

Westminster Presbytery Work Session, Keats Camp, Keats Island, B. C. Saturday September 21/22, 2007

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Lois Brown, Carol Cox, Donna Dawson, Betty Ann Dempsey, Mary Duncan, Helen Hobbs, Kim Horwood, Ralph Johnston, Sue Kellas, Tim Lissimore, Marilyn McCutcheon, Ian Macdonad, Jean McLeod, Fred Nienaber, Marj Parker, Marie Paul, Wendy Read, Ernie Roberts, Jo Shearer, Gerildine Smith, Barb Tunnicliffe, Ria Van Holten, David Vervaet, Ann White

Visitors: Gerhard Bihl, George Eastcott (and Missy), Kim MacMillan, Janet Uren

Quorum present

Chairperson: Mary Duncan

Secretary: Sue Kellas

Authority: The work session meeting of Westminster Presbytery of the United Church of Canada was convened by Mary Duncan at 4:45 pm on September 21, 2007 at Keats Island, B. C..

Community Building

Facilitator Kim MacMillian, Conference Minister for Kootenay/Kamloops-Okanagan led in a community building exercise.

Dinner

Worship

Richard Bott led opening worship. The theme of the Work Session was "A New Heart, A New Spirit".

Mission Statement

Working in small groups, members discussed the current mission statement for Westminster Presbytery. A task group consisting of Dave Anderson, Richard Bott, Carol Cox and Marie Paul were asked to revise our mission statement and report back in the morning.

Saturday September 22/07 Program

Opening Worship

Mary Duncan led morning worship. Jean MacLeod provided accompaniment throughout the two day event.

Mission Statement and Beyond

The revised mission statement was accepted by consensus. It reads: "That Westminster Presbytery's purpose is to empower congregations, ministry personnel and special ministries as they raise up disciples of Jesus Christ".

Under the guidance of facilitator Kim MacMillian presbyters worked on developing assumptions about presbytery and ideas for structure that would allow presbytery do its work more effectively. Wendy Read acted as scribe when small groups reported in.

Information was provided about the new structure that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery is following. A link will be provided on the Westminster Presbytery web site to allow all presbyters to view this document.

Discussion took place about how presbytery's budget might change to reflex the new mission statement.

Next Step

It was agreed to establish two task groups that will work and report back to the next regular meeting of presbytery. Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Carol Cox and Marie Paul will use the notes taken by Wendy Read to develop some criteria to help presbytery understand its mandate under the new mission statement and suggest ways that we might do our work more effectively. Bruce Cowburn, Mary Duncan, Ralph Johnston, Marj Parker and Gerildine Smith will work with the budget to see what changes will be necessary to reflect our new mission statement.

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Motion 114/2007 Moved and seconded (Ian Macdonald/Jo Shearer) That Westminster Presbytery not hold a meeting in October. **Carried**

Closing Worship

Closing worship, including Communion was led by Ann White.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Chair

Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting November 6/07 at 5:00 pm
Willingdon Heights United Church
4304 Parker Street, Burnaby, B. C. 604 298-6916**

Next Executive Meeting Tuesday October 9/07 Eagle Ridge United Church 1:00 pm