

Westminster Presbytery **Executive Meeting Held by Teleconference Thursday September 18, 2008**

Present: Dave Anderson, Jan Bihl, Richard Bott, Bruce Cowburn, Carol Cox, Sue Kellas, Brenda Faust, Carole Finch, Ian Macdonald, Fred Nienaber, Barb Tunnicliffe

It was noted that Jean Macleod has been left off the executive email list. Dave Anderson will attend to this.

Regrets:**Quorum present****Chairperson: Dave Anderson****Secretary: Sue Kellas**

Authority: The executive meeting of Westminster Presbytery of The United Church of Canada was convened by Dave Anderson by Teleconference at 9:35 am on Thursday September 18, 2008.

Opening Prayer

Dave Anderson opened the meeting with prayer.

Announcements

Carol Cox announced that Kerry Child has begun her work as Presbytery Children and Youth researcher. She has contacted all presbyters by email and attached a survey form.

Jan Bihl announced that a Covenanting Service for Julie Lebrun will be held Friday October 17th at St. Andrew's Port Moody.

Dave Anderson announced that Rick Newbury and his partner have had their temporary residency extended for another three years. The secretary was asked to write a letter of congratulations.

Pastoral Relations

Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church search committee is working towards hiring a lead minister. Mary Nichol will continue to fill the interim Children and Youth position.

Motion 121/2008 Moved and seconded (Richard Bott/Barb Tunnicliffe) That we approve the continuation of the appointment of Mary Nichol to the interim Children and Youth position at Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church until the search committee is ready to post the position. **Carried**

Motion 122/2008 That we transfer Judith Gilliland to Oxford Presbytery where she has been appointed to Faith United, Woodstock, Ontario, effective immediately. **Carried**

Motion 123/2008 That we transfer Randy Antle to Fraser Presbytery where he has been appointed to Colebrook United, effective immediately. **Carried**

Motion 124/2008 That we appoint Shannon Tennant to Shiloh-Sixth Avenue United Church as United Church Supply from October 1, 2008 to February 28, 2009 with monthly salary in 2008 \$3,240.50 and in 2009 \$3,309.58, monthly housing allowance \$2,020.00, monthly basic telephone \$40.00 and monthly study/book allowance \$100.00 and church related cell phone calls are expensible. All other terms according to The Manual. A police record check was seen.

Carried**Richard Bott abstained due to conflict of interest****Queens Avenue United Church**

Richard Bott and Dave Anderson have completed the details of the mediated agreement and behaviour covenant between pastoral charge and Westminster Presbytery. These details have been conveyed to Queens Avenue mediation team chair Robert Parks. On Sunday October 28th Richard Bott will lead worship and share the details with the congregation. Members of the presbytery mediation team Bruce Cowburn, Sue Kellas and Jean Macleod were asked to attend the worship service.

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Queens Avenue United Church (cont'd)

Motion 125/2008 Moved and seconded (Carole Finch/Ian Macdonald) That Sue Kellas and Richard Bott be appointed presbytery support to Queens Avenue effective immediately. **Carried**

Motion 126/2008 Moved and seconded (Jan Bihl/Brenda Faust) That Richard Bott be appointed Pastoral Charge Supervisor at Queens Avenue United Church effective October 1st until a full time minister has been appointed. **Carried**

Bruce Cowburn will post the vacancy at Queens Avenue on the Conference list. This is a full time position, not interim, for a term of three years. It was agreed to have a closing date of October 20/08 and conduct interviews in that same week.. Ian Macdonald will serve on the interview team and Jean Macleod is to be asked to serve. Dave Anderson and Richard Bott will act as the contact people.

New Business

Barb Tunnicliffe requested a site to host a Cuba Night October 26th. Carol Cox will help with this.

Bruce Cowburn announced that Home Mission Grant applications are due at the October 7/08 meeting. Pastoral Charges who are applying have been contacted.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:20 am

Chair

Secretary

**Next Regular Meeting
Tuesday October 7, 2008 at 5:30 pm
Trinity United Church, Port Coquitlam
2211 Prairie Avenue, 604 942-0022**

**Next Executive Meeting
Wednesday October 29, 2008 at 1:00 pm
Eagle Ridge United Church**