



MINUTES OF
KAMLOOPS OKANAGAN PRESBYTERY

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
The United Church of Canada

February 19 – 21, 2010

PENTICTON UNITED CHURCH
PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2010

PRESENT:

Ministry Personnel: (23) Wayne Atkinson, Juanita Austin, Janni Belgum, LeAnn Blackert, Graham Brownmiller, Heather Burton, Bruce Chalmers, Richard Chung, Elaine Diggie, Sheila Dunbar, Leonard Fraser, Judith Hardcastle, Steve Hershey, Kent Israel, Kathleen Jones, Ken Jones, Karen Medland, David Sparks, Ralph Spencer, Sandra Stickney, Sharilynn Upsdell, Lily Watson, Ruth Wright

RDLM- (1) Carol Stokes

DLM – (1) Jim Hannah

Students: (2) Leanne Benoit, Sarah Chapman

Lay Delegates: (34) Heather Atkinson, Bob Blakely, John Carlson, Tom Cole, Grace Duncan, Donna Easto, Ken English, Carol Fairweather, Eva Farquhar, Mary Fields, Ian Fraser, Leona Harrison, Nan Hendrie, Marion Hollingshead, Linda Hutchinson, Kathy Johnson, Linda Langevin, Megan Loyer, Doreen MacDonald, Janet Makar, Claire Mapes, David Matthew, Janet McDonald, Althea Naundorf, Dieter Nitsche, Kenneth Perritt, Edith Rice, Virginia Rogers, Abigail Rutley, Martha Scales, Pamela Smith, Judy Valks, Michele Walker, Peggy Whitley

Members at Large: (6) Louise Burton, Fred Duck, Warren Grabinsky, Cornelia King, Leslie Stirling, Jim Taylor

Youth Council: (7) Alexander Dreger, Jake Highfield, Barret Hoops, Nina Maricle, Stephanie Samsom, Chris Swank, Morgan Swift

Youth Minister: (1) Joanne Koster

BC Conference Staff: (1) Ivy Thomas

Camping Ministries Representatives: (2) Marj Bailey, Judy Symington

Resource Centre: (3) Irene Hart, Brenda Timm, Bette Cardinal

Registrar: (1) Bob Hendrie

Guests: (8) Alice Duck, Lloyd Fairweather, Judith Farago, Dee Hershey, Jeannine Perritt, Arden Stokes, Lorne Tremblay, Trudy Weiler

REGRETS:

Martha Ashbaugh, Marion Best, Jack Best, Bari Castle, Bruce Comrie, Sharon Ferguson-Hood, Norma Fraser, Lee Fraser, Phyllis Gray, Cheryl Perry, Rick Potter, Reta Robertson, Carolyn Ronald, Susan Sullivan, Dawne Taylor, Ann White

**PRE-PRESBYTERY
WORKSHOP**

On Friday afternoon we gathered in a pre-presbytery workshop, led by Richard Chung; this was the Racial Justice workshop developed by the National Church.

DINNER	Supper was served by volunteers from Penticton United Church.
GATHERING IN MUSIC	We sang a number of musical selections to bring us together and to help us find our voices.
GREETINGS	Greetings were brought from Sheila MacDermott, Chair of Penticton United Church and Gary Lidtke, one of the Councilors of the Penticton City Council. Sheila MacDermott gave some logistical announcements from the local arrangements committee.
INTRODUCTIONS	Kent Israel asked that new members of KOP be introduced by someone from their church.
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the 2009 Fall Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the 2010 Spring meeting was Called to Order at Penticton United Church, Penticton, BC and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Judith Hardcastle presiding. A quorum was present. Judith opened with prayer.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	<i>MS (L. Stirling / K. Medland) that the minutes of the October 23-25, 2009 meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be adopted as circulated. Carried</i>
CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES	<i>MS (L. Burton / J. Belgium) that Corresponding Privileges be granted to visitors and guests to this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. Carried</i>
EXECUTIVE INFORMATION	Penticton Commission - Kelly Grittner from the Penticton Commission shared information with the Court regarding the Commission and results of that work. Earlier this month KOP Executive, on receiving this information from the Commission, officially formed Oasis United Church as a congregation of the Presbytery in Penticton, BC. Kent thanked and expressed the Presbytery's appreciation for the work of the Commission and those that served on that Commission: Kelly Grittner, John Burton and Kim Haslebacher. Travel Policy – at the Fall Presbytery meeting there was a request to the Management team to look at the travel policy of KOP and bring the result of that conversation back to the court of Presbytery. Having considered the policy, the Management Team felt that the policy should remain in place. Arriving from the floor the following motion was raised and conversation ensued: <i>MS (W. Atkinson / S. Stickney) that those who have been excused on compassionate grounds or have been granted permission to leave the court early, be paid full travel. Carried with a significant number of abstentions.</i> Further discussion yielded this motion: <i>MS (L. Stirling / E. Diggle) that we reinstate the 2004 travel policy - that the rate for vehicles and driver traveling to presbytery be set at \$0.08 less than the previous year General Council rate, plus reimbursement of \$0.07 for any passengers. Carried</i>
GETTING TO KNOW YOU	Jim Taylor led a "getting to know you" exercise for those in presbytery to get to know each other.
EVENING WORSHIP	The Worship Animation Working Unit led closing worship.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2010

CALL TO ORDER & ANNOUNCEMENTS	Judith Hardcastle called us back to order at 8:30 am with announcements and a review of the agenda.
MORNING WORSHIP	The Worship Animation Working Unit led morning worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HOUSEKEEPING Thank you to all for observing the No Scents policy to provide a safe space for all people. Carol Stokes spoke about the Spiritual Care Network (SCN) of KOP (and BC Conference). New folk who joined the court this morning were introduced.

GIFTS AND CALLINGS Louise Burton requested that people discern if they are called to serve:

- Leadership Circle – 2 people are needed
- Conference Executive Representative
- Gifts & Callings – need a few members to help fill the slate (at least one OM)
- Property & Manses – need a coordinator (or co-coordinators)
- Notice that sometime soon, KOP will need an archivist
- Worship Animation Working Unit – need a few people

CORRESPONDENCE Graham presented some correspondence and information for the court.

- Extra 2009 Annual Statistic forms are available (and are now available to do online)
- Camping Package has arrived and he has it with him
- We will need to vote on Remit #3 which asks “Does the Presbytery agree that Candidates for the Order of Ministry ought to be able to choose either to agree to transfer and settlement, or to seek a call or an appointment; And that the Basis of Union should be amended to reflect this policy” Information is available.
- Having received the names of those seeking Admission / Re-Admission to the Order of Ministry in the United Church of Canada, there is a requirement of ***The Manual (031(w))*** that the names are read at the Presbytery meeting and recorded in the Minutes:

Admissions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Rec. Presbytery</u>
Betham, Deborah Susan	The Anglican Church of Canada	Cariboo
Coward, Basil	Moravian Church	Toronto Southeast
Doucet, Marc Gerard	Roman Catholic Church	Toronto Southeast
Dyke, David	Disciples of Christ	Waterloo
Gonese, Wilson	Dutch Reformed Ch. of Botswana	West District
Kang, Min Goo	Pres. Ch. in Repub. Of Korea	Westminster
Kihara, Yoko	United Ch. of Christ in Japan	Fraser
Steele, David Anthony	Salvation Army	Seaway Valley
Szemok, Alice	Reformed Ch. (Hungarian)	Winnipeg
van Arragon, Willeminah	Baptist Convention	Waterloo
Wright, Nathan William	United Church of Christ	Vancouver Burrard

Re-Admissions

<u>Name</u>	<u>Recommending Presbytery</u>
Hall, Patricia Anne	Selkirk
Palmer, Susan Mary	Agassiz
MacLeod, Christine	Sherbrooke

CAMPING	Judy Symington spoke to the court about Camping Ministries and some of the events and projects that are happening at the Camps in KOP.
YOUTH COUNCIL	<p>Jake Highfield and Morgan Swift (co-chairs of the KOP Youth Council) spoke to the court about Naarai Kir "Under Construction" being held March 26-28, 2010 at Trinity United Church, Vernon BC.</p> <p>Tonight at the social time there will be a coffee house with proceeds helping to support Naarai Kir.</p>
RESOURCE CENTRE	Brenda Timm presented a few of the resources offered in the Resource Centre.
WORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT	LeAnn reminded us about prayerfully considering what growth we are dreaming of and bringing those tonight for worship where we will be attaching them to the tree on the wall.
TRANSFORMATIONAL LEADERSHIP	<p>Elements of Transformational Leadership – Ivy opened up a time of discussion about Transformation. She quoted that "change happens around us, transformation happens within us." We were challenged with the question, "How do we use Spiritual Practices as a means of transformation?"</p> <p>The Leadership Circle has some plans in the works to bring in Keynote Speakers to talk about Transformational Ministry – ways to transform the Church. But it's important to figure out where KOP is at and what we are looking for in terms of Transformation. Ivy led us through a process of determining what we think of when we hear the terms <i>Transformational Ministry</i> or <i>Transformation</i> in the Church. We ended up with a large list which Ivy will tabulate and bring back to us later today.</p>
WELLNESS BREAK	
WORKING UNITS	Working units met together until lunch.
LUNCH	Lunch was once again served by the volunteers from Penticton United Church.
GATHERING	We re-gathered at 1:30 pm with music and singing.
SPIRITUAL CARE NETWORK	<p>Carol Stokes spoke further about the Spiritual Care Network. Heather Burton has stepped down from this position and Juanita Austin has been appointed as the new contact person for those in the Northern part of the Presbytery. Carol, who is responsible for south of Winfield can be contacted at Oasis United Church 250-770-0182 or by email at cjs@telus.net and Juanita, who is responsible for north of Winfield can be contacted at First United Church (Salmon Arm) by phone 250-832-3860.</p> <p>The other role of the SCN in KOP is to host an annual retreat for Ministry Personnel. This retreat, <i>The Art of Contemplation</i>, will be held April 6-8, 2010 (Tues – Thurs after Easter) at Sorrento Centre. Lois Huey-Heck is the facilitator for this retreat. Cost is \$150 and congregations are expected to encourage their Ministry Personnel to attend, not as Con Ed or Vacation, but as work time.</p> <p>Early June there are plans for a <i>Quiet Garden Day</i>. John and Heather Burton have offered to facilitate this day at their home.</p>
GIFTS & CALLINGS	<p>Louise Burton spoke to the court and told them of the spaces which have been filled since the report this morning. Still looking for a co-chair for Property & Manses</p> <p>There were two folks who offered themselves for Conference Executive: Karen Medland and Ian Fraser. Karen and Ian shared a piece of themselves. We will need to have an election this evening between these two candidates.</p> <p>Please continue to consider where you might feel called to offer your gifts and skills in Presbytery.</p>

REMITTS	A summary was precirculated by e-mail and the details were available to read over the last day. Remit #3 – Transfer and Settlement to be Optional. Carried
PERMISSION TO LEAVE	MS (L. Blackert / L. Langevin) that Judy Symington, Leanne Benoit, Nan Hendrie, Bob Hendrie, Wayne Atkinson, Heather Atkinson, Sheila Dunbar, Jim Hannah, Lorraine Powell be given permission to leave early. Carried
COMMUNICATION WORKING UNIT	Jim Taylor presented work of the Communication Working Unit meeting of this morning. He reminded folk that if they show films/movies in a public setting, they need to report that movie usage to Leslie Ross lesross@telus.net every quarter. Please resend your October – December to Leslie as her computer has broken down and she may have lost any emails that you sent her for that time period. There are some preliminary posters for the Resource Fair to be held October 2, 2010 at Trinity United Church (Vernon). Jim Hannah will be the keynote speaker. The registration form will be out by April 1, 2010.
EDUCATION & STUDENTS	Richard Chung informed that court that Jim Hannah was approved at the BC Conference Education & Students Committee for recognition as a Designated Lay Minister at the Celebration of Ministry on June 5, 2010 at Ryerson United Church in Vancouver.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	Primarily for camping, but for anyone interested, there will be a Labour Relations Workshop with Treena Duncan and Jon Jessiman with a focus on the application of labour standards in our Camping Ministry, March 4, 2010 at Trinity United Church (Vernon). This information was emailed out to the Presbytery Email list earlier this month.
LEADERSHIP CIRCLE & MANAGEMENT TEAM	Judith shared some reflections from the Leadership Circle. Kent shared some reflections from the Management Team. Graham apologized for not having sent out minutes of the Executive, Leadership Circle or Management Team minutes of the past few months. In an effort to be transparent, those will be sent out to the email list in a timely matter.
CONFERENCE MINISTER	Ivy shared some reflections about her role as Conference Minister. As a majority of her work is confidential in nature, she decided that a written report was not appropriate. She is being proactive and creating some workshops (or developing a base of skilled people) to offer to Presbytery members that will ensure proper order and will be available to all.
WELLNESS BREAK	
NARAMATA CENTRE	Janet McDonald, Executive Director of Naramata Centre, spoke to the court. Janet highlighted some of the Centre programs and talked about the Centre's book of history, <i>The Edge of the Centre</i> .
TRANSFORMATIONAL MINISTRY	Continued to workshop around Transformational Ministry and sharing our desire to move forward. Ivy brought back 7 overarching themes that were apparent in our sharing from earlier: Facing Realities, Worship/Liturgy, Visioning, Spiritual Practice, Connecting to the Wider World, Leadership, Moving Forward We brainstormed keynote speakers who might be able to address some of these areas.
WORKING UNIT / FREE TIME	
SUPPER	Dinner served by members of Penticton United Church.
GATHERING	We gathered in song.
REGISTRAR'S REPORT	Bob Hendrie reported that there were 93 people present at this Meeting of Presbytery.

ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Jim Taylor made an announcement regarding the Pancake Dinner before Ruth Wright's covenanting service. He wanted to know who would be there in order to better arrange meals and numbers.</p> <p>March 14 - Sunday evening service at Winfield United Church will be the Rev. Tim Elliot, an Anglican Priest from Toronto (Christ Church Deer Park). He is a renowned Jazz Pianist who is willing to not only do the service (and workshop) at Winfield, but also other congregations in Presbytery.</p>
ELECTION FOR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE	<p>A ballot vote was taken regarding the election of the Conference Executive Representative: Karen Medland and Ian Fraser are the folks who have let their names stand.</p>
ADMISSIONS	<p>There has been an objection raised by a member of the court regarding one of the names presented for Admission to the Order of Ministry of the United Church of Canada. Following procedure of <i>The Manual</i> (031 (w)) it is the responsibility of the Presbytery Secretary to make the objection in writing, supported by documentation, to the admitting Presbytery and the appropriate General Council working unit. Once a Commission, established by the receiving presbytery, considers the objection it will be reported back to us, via the Management Team.</p>
ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>LeAnn Blackert, chair of the Youth and Young Adult (YAYA) Working Unit spoke to the court. There has not yet been a JNAC for the Youth Minister's Liaison Job Description but it is beginning. LeAnn also provided some information and feedback from the Youth Council that was gained today in some conversation with them, including challenges to the court about including Youth and Young Adults in our gathering time.</p>
ELECTION FOR CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE REPRESENTATIVE	<p>Louise Burton announced the result of the ballot: Ian Fraser has been elected to the position for a 3-year term.</p> <p>Louise Burton presented the Gifts & Callings slate with many blank positions filled.</p>
GIFTS & CALLING	<p>Leadership Circle: (continuing) Lily Watson, Jim Taylor, Jim Hannah, Marion Hollingshead and Judith Hardcastle; (new members) Dawne Taylor, Ian Fraser and Karen Medland</p> <p>Management Team: (continuing) Kent Israel, Norma Fraser, Leslie Stirling, and Joanne Koster; (in a new role) Louise Burton (new member) Graham Brownmiller</p> <p>Gifts & Callings: (continuing) Reta Robertson, Peggy Whitley</p> <p>Administration: (continuing) Kent Israel, Wayne Atkinson, Irene Hart, Bruce Comrie, Bob Hendrie; (new member) Bob Blakely</p> <p>Discipleship: Norma Fraser</p> <p>Worship Animation: Judith Hardcastle, Juanita Austin (Sabbatical)</p> <p>Stewardship/ M&S: Ken English</p> <p>Outdoor Ministry: Marj Bailey</p> <p>Christian Formation: Lily Waton and Elaine Diggle</p> <p>Youth Council: Joanne Koster</p> <p>Youth and Young Adults: LeAnn Blackert</p> <p>Peace & Justice: Kathy Johnson</p> <p>Human Resources: Louise Burton</p> <p>Pastoral Oversight: Lee Fraser</p>

Pastoral Relations: Martha Ashbaugh

Education & Students: Richard Chung and Sue Sullivan

Pensions: Bob Thompson (Vernon)

Shared Ministries: Harvie Barker

Archivist: Reta Robertson

Settlement: Martha Ashbaugh and Ken Jones

Presbytery Resource Management Team: Leslie Ross and Wayne Atkinson

*MS (L. Burton / J. Belgium) that we accept this slate of Gifts & Callings. **Carried***

*MS (L. Stirling / E. Diggle) that we destroy the ballots of the election for BC Conference Executive. **Carried***

PERMISSION TO LEAVE *MS (H. Barker / N. Hendrie) that Sandy Stickney, David Sparks and Elaine Diggle be given permission to leave early. **Carried***

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jim Hannah reminded us about the Social Evening prepared for us.

Worship tomorrow morning begins with announcements at 9:50 and worship beginning around 10:00.

GENERAL COUNCIL LOCAL ARRANGEMENTS COMMITTEE Kent informed us that the \$12,000 that was left over in the Local Arrangements Committee Accounts has been returned to the Mission & Service Fund of the General Council. Jim Taylor will submit a write up for the Minute for Mission Booklet.

OTHER BUSINESS Ivy recognized Linda Langevin for preparing and leading music during our Presbytery meeting.

BC Conference 2011 - We were asked if there had been any further information from BC Conference regarding the hosting of BC Conference General Meeting 2011 and we were advised that there is not yet a decision but as soon as we know, we will let the Presbytery know.

THANKS Thanks given to those who are retiring and leaving positions of our Presbytery, especially Fred Duck and Janni Belgium. Appreciation was shown with applause. It was also Ralph Spencer's final presbytery meeting with us.

MOTION TO EMPOWER *MS (G. Brownmiller / J. Hannah) that the Presbytery Executive be empowered to carry out the business of presbytery until we meet again October 22 – 24, 2010 at First United Church, Kelowna, BC, after this meeting of presbytery ends with the Benediction at worship tomorrow morning. **Carried***

EVENING WORSHIP Worship was led by the Worship Animation Working Unit.

SOCIAL TIME Following worship, a social time including the sharing of talents occurred. The Youth sold coffee, tea, and goodies to support Naarai Kir.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 21, 2010

SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday morning worship with Penticton United Church. This meeting of Presbytery ended with the Benediction.

Judith Hardcastle, Chair (Leadership)

Graham Brownmiller, Secretary

Kent Israel, Chair (Management)

<p>#1 (10 points) FACING THE REALITIES Janet McDonald, Peter Short, Reginald Bibby, B. Brown-Taylor, Leonard Sweet, Tony Robinson</p>	<p>waking up to the reality, death, dying, uncertainty, open to change, becoming relevant, stepping out, people change and needs change, giving up old wineskins, intentional dying, flexibility, openness, losing the ego,</p>
<p>#6 (1 point) WORSHIP/LITURGY</p>	<p>inclusive language, vibrant music, telling old stories in new ways, willingness to try, to risk, willingness to let go, and what gets retained, if it's not broken - don't fix it, looking at how you worship,</p>
<p>#4 (6 points – tied) VISIONING Peter Short, David Weber (Presbyterian – Kootenays)</p>	<p>acknowledging that camps do faith formation, ecumenical openness, re-birth, finding our joy, remembering who we are and where we come from, discovering who you are now, discovering a larger vision of who you are, jumping off a cliff/learning to fly,</p>
<p>#5 (5 points) SPIRITUAL PRACTICE Diana Butler-Bass, Lois Huey-Heck, Lynn McNaughton, David Guilliano</p>	<p>enlightenment, relationship with God, overcoming fear, mystery, uncertainty, living waters, gestation (don't know what it will turn into, but give it time to grow), deepening discernment, being inspired, what is our (spiritual) legacy, trusting God, centered in prayer</p>
<p>#2 (9 points) CONNECTING TO THE WIDER WORLD John Pentland (Calgary)</p>	<p>connected to the community, diversity, can we be so inclusive that you become exclusive,</p>
<p>#4 (6 points – tied) LEADERSHIP Janet McDonald, Peter Short</p>	<p>lay involvement, listening to everything that people have to say, wisdom, decisions and commitments, vision and leadership, struggle with not being at the same place, how to provide leadership in all of this,</p>
<p>#3 (7 points) MOVING FORWARD Leonard Sweet, Janet McDonald, Gil Rendle</p>	<p>living in <i>koinonia</i>, synthesis, living from a place of joyful passion, allowing creativeness to flourish, communication, doing something with ^all of the above^, trendy new word – helps us to stay in our comfort place – how to move from that, no matter how far you change there will be people lost – how to let them journey on their way, saying goodbye (to honour their and our journeys), how do we hold together when some want to hold back and others forge forward,</p>