



# MINUTES OF KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERY

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE  
The United Church of Canada

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ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH AND CENTRE FOR PEACE  
GOLDEN, BRITISH COLUMBIA

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 21, 2011

- PRESENT:**
- Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers / Designated Lay Ministers:** (21) Wayne Atkinson, Juanita Austin, LeAnn Blackert, Graham Brownmiller, Bari Castle, Richard Chung, Bruce Comrie, Elaine Diggle, Sheila Dunbar, George Feenstra, Judith Hardcastle, Steve Hershey, Ken Jones, Nick Judson, Karen Medland, Teri Meyer, Jeff Seaton, Sandra Stickney, Laura Turnbull, Sharilynn Upsdell, Lily Watson; **RDLM** (2) Jim Hannah, Carol Stokes; **DLM** (1) Cheryl Perry
- Lay Delegates:** (28) Marie Allen, Heather Atkinson, Barbara Blysak, Maxine Coffey, Rob Couch, Luise Denter, Judith Farago, Ian Fraser, Sue Goodwin, Leona Harrison, Nan Hendrie, Dee Hershey, Marion Hollingshead, Kathy Johnson, Linda Langevin, Megan Loyer, Claire Mapes, Zoe McNair, Althea Naundorf, Jeannine Perritt, Bill Pullan, Edith Rice, Reta Robertson, Martha Scales, Marlene Smail, Leslie Stirling, Clifford Turner, Judy Valks, Peggy Whitley
- Members at Large:** (4) Bob Blakely, Louise Burton, Janet McDonald, Sue Sullivan
- Youth Council:** (12) voting: Emily Burke, Alexander Dreger, Jake Highfield, Barrett Hoops, Nina Maricle, Paz Morrison-Rainville, Aiden Rice, Maia Walker; non-voting: Christine Angle, Katie Coolidge, Riley Keigan, Jesse Sparks
- Youth Minister:** (1) Joanne Koster
- BC Conference Staff:** (1) Ivy Thomas
- Camping Ministries Representatives:** (1) Kenneth Perritt
- Resource Centre:** (1) Lorraine Hladik
- Registrar:** (1) Bob Hendrie
- Retired Order of Ministry:** (5) Harvie Barker, Heather Burton, Lorraine Powell, Dawne Taylor, Ruth Wright
- Guests:** (6) Beth Campbell, Hugh Chown, Patricia Chown, Marilyn Pullan, Don Seaton, Wendy Fletcher
- REGRETS** Martha Ashbaugh, Marion Best, Jack Best, Bruce Chalmers, Kelly Grittner, Cornelia King, Lee Fraser, Len Fraser, Norma Fraser, Linda McWhinnie, Barbara Pettie, Carolyn Ronald, Abigail Rutley, Michele Walker, Ann White
- DINNER** Volunteers from St. Andrew's United Church & Centre for Peace, as well as others from the community of Golden served the gathered masses a meal. Aiden Rice and Paz Morrison-Rainville offered grace.
- GATHERING IN MUSIC** We sang a number of musical selections to bring our voices together.

<b>GREETINGS &amp; INTRODUCTIONS</b>	<p>Karen Medland, Chair, welcomed folks to Presbytery and thanked St. Andrew's United Church &amp; Centre for Peace, Golden, for the hospitality that has already been offered. On behalf of St. Andrew's United Church &amp; Centre for Peace, Gil Cox welcomed us here. Judith Hardcastle offered some housekeeping items.</p> <p>Louise Burton acknowledged that Lorraine Powell was nominated and awarded the "Woman of Inspiration" in the village of Enderby, BC. This news was accompanied by applause.</p> <p>Karen Medland introduced our Guest, Wendy Fletcher who will lead us in our Theme conversations this weekend. Karen asked that new members to Presbytery might be introduced and welcomed by someone else from their Pastoral Charge.</p> <p>Ivy Thomas shared news with the court; Kent Israel, minister at Summerland United Church, is quite ill. Prayers of support are requested from the court for Kent, Susanne and the congregation of Summerland United Church. Ivy led us in prayer.</p>
<b>AUTHORITY &amp; CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>Pursuant to the authority of the 2011 Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP) at BC Conference, in Penticton, BC, the 2011 Fall meeting was Called to Order at St. Andrew's United Church &amp; Centre for Peace, Golden, BC, and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present.</p>
<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<p><b>MS</b> (N. Hendrie / L. Burton) that the minutes of the February 18-20, 2011 meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be adopted. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>MS</b> (S. Sullivan / M. Hollingshead ) that the minutes of the May 27, 2011 meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be adopted. <b>Carried</b></p>
<b>CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES</b>	<p><b>MS</b> (T. Meyer /L. Stirling ) that Corresponding Privileges be granted to visitors and guests to this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. <b>Carried</b></p>
<b>GIFTS &amp; CALLINGS</b>	<p>Reta Robertson provided an overview of the work of Gifts &amp; Callings. She and the committee (Sandy Stickney and Peggy Whitley) are always available to have conversations with interested parties about the vacant positions.</p>
<b>REMITTS</b>	<p>Secretary Graham Brownmiller spoke about the Remits from the General Council that are before the court; there are three remits before us this fall and there will be another three before us at the Spring Presbytery meeting. A request has been asked of the Leadership Circle to create a process for helping congregations to engage the remit questions for the spring.</p>
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>	<p>Karen Medland introduced The Rev. Wendy Fletcher, Principal and Dean of the Vancouver School of Theology.</p>
<b>THEME</b>	<p>Wendy Fletcher began our theme conversation for the weekend on <i>Transformational Leadership: Living in the Spirit of Christ</i>. Notes from Wendy's presentation are attached in Appendix I.</p>
<b>WORSHIP</b>	<p>Worship was led by the worship team and the Youth Council based on 2 Corinthians 4.</p>

## SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2011

<b>GATHERING IN SONG</b>	<p>The music team led us in some morning song.</p>
<b>MORNING WORSHIP</b>	<p>The worship team led us in morning worship, based on Dr. Seuss.</p>
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<p>After gathering in song, Karen Medland called us to order at 9:15 am with announcements, housekeeping and a review of the day's agenda.</p>
<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p><b>Spiritual Care Network</b> – Carol Stokes and Juanita Austin highlighted the work of the Spiritual Care Network in Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery.</p>

**Thanks** – Bruce Comrie announced that Martha Ashbaugh, current chair of Pastoral Relations is suffering from some physical pain. Thanks are to be expressed to her for her years of service to Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery and a card was made available to be signed.

**Gifts & Callings** – Reta Robertson again highlighted some of the positions available, and asked again that folk consider their desire to serve.

**Resource Centre** - Sue Sullivan shared information regarding the Resource Centre and announced that Brenda Timms will be resigning as of the end of December.

**Thompson Rivers University (TRU)** – George Feenstra shared information about the Chaplaincy program that he is working on at TRU to offer a liberal theological perspective. George is working closely with the congregations of Kamloops, especially Mount Paul.

**THEME TIME** Wendy Fletcher continued our theme conversation introducing Spiritual Practices, not only for individuals, but also for communities and for the gathered leaders.

**WELLNESS BREAK**

**THEME TIME CONT'D** Conversation continued.

**LUNCH & BREAK** Richard Chung offered grace as we went to lunch, served by the faithful volunteers from Golden. Lunch was followed by a short self-care free time break.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Naramata Centre** – Janet McDonald spoke about some of the exciting programs that have and will continue to happen at Naramata Centre. She spoke about the *Seventh Generation* and some of the opportunities especially available for youth and young adults.

**Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Boundary Training** – Graham Brownmiller announced that the mandated Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Boundary Training will be offered in Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery in the Spring. This is mandatory for Ministry Personnel and will be open to Lay folks as well.

**First United Church, Kelowna** – Karen Medland spoke about First United Church's Palm Sunday (March 30 & 31, 2012) presentation and conversation with Marcus Borg.

**OTHER PRESBYTERY BUSINESS**

**Executive Report**

Chair Karen Medland reported on some of the work of the Executive over the past months. She spoke about the New Models of Ministry Task Force that the Leadership Circle and Pastoral Relations have deemed important to begin work.

Karen also spoke about the continuing work of the Executive with Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church. At the request of the court, Karen shared the recommendations and directions that the Executive made to Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church.

Peggy Whitley and Carol Stokes from Oasis United Church and Laura Turnbull from Penticton United Church spoke to the floor regarding these recommendations and directions.

Karen Medland and Ivy Thomas responded to some of the questions that were raised by the speakers from the two congregations.

The Executive recognizes that there are still difficult considerations to come. As more information is available, it will be communicated to Presbytery.

Karen Medland offered prayer.

**Management Team** Steve Hershey, Chair of Management Team, offered an overview of the work of the Presbytery using our structure. He invited Louise Burton, Human Resources Coordinator and Leslie Stirling, Acting Administration Coordinator to give a word about the work that they oversee.

**Human Resources** On behalf of Pastoral Relations, Louise Burton welcomed Nick Judson, Jeff Seaton and Alice Watson to their work in this Presbytery. Louise also named those who will be leaving our presbytery and offered thanks and blessings to Judith Hardcastle, Ann White, and Len Fraser whose lives are moving them in a different direction.

Because the Presbytery is required to re-license Licensed Lay Worship Leaders every year, and on recommendation of Pastoral Relations:

**MS** (R. Robertson / D. Taylor) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery re-license the following Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, on recommendation of Pastoral Relations: Victor Ince, Fern Gibbard, Ian McLean, Louise Burton, John Carlson, Darlene Cockerill, Diane Huey, Lillian McLeod and Linda Langevin. **Carried**

Louise commented on Pastoral Oversight and invited anyone who is interested in serving on an Oversight visit to contact Lee Fraser, Chair.

Sharilynn Upsdell announced that Wade Lifton, a former member of this Presbytery, has been recommended as a Candidate for Ministry.

There is an Ecumenical Shared Ministry event happening at Sorrento Centre March 2-4, 2012. Information will be coming out shortly.

**Administration** The Financial Working Unit met during lunch and made some decisions to speak to the court. The minutes of this meeting are attached in *Appendix III*.

- forward four (4) Mission Support Grants to be forwarded to BC Conference Home Missions with Concurrence
  - Lumby – eight thousand five hundred dollars (\$8,500)
  - St. Andrew's Lillooet – nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)
  - North Thompson – nine thousand dollars (\$9,000)
  - Oasis, Penticton – ten thousand dollars (\$10,000)
- forward a Van Dusen grant application to BC Conference in the amount of one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500) for the Shared Ministry Event.
- forward with concurrence a Church Modernization Grant for Ashcroft Pastoral Charge in the amount of three thousand seven hundred forty seven dollars and seventy cents (\$4,747.70)
- heard updates on Kamloops United Church re-development
- approved Oliver to put three of their properties up for sale
- heard building information regarding Enderby and Summerland, but there were no specific requests from them
- heard updates on St. Paul's, Kelowna re-development

*The Manual* requires Presbytery approval for re-development of congregations, and we have received information from St. Paul's, Kelowna.

**MS** (L. Stirling / S. Hershey) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery give consent to the proposal for the re-development of the St. Paul's United Church, Kelowna property as set out in the certificate of Trustees asking for Consent of Presbytery dated October 7, 2011. **Carried unanimously.**

The certificate of Trustees asking for Consent of Presbytery is attached as Appendix II.

Leslie shared that the Resource Centre has returned two thousand two hundred thirty-five dollars (\$2,235) surplus to the Presbytery. These funds will be applied to Pastoral Charge Assessments.

Steve Hershey reminded the court of the policy regarding significant budget items requiring two presbytery meeting discussions: a notice of motion at one and conversation at the second. Because the Executive has not yet finished the work with Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church, there is need to have the **Notice of Motion** that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery give notice of a motion regarding financing a quarter-time position (.25 FTE) presbytery appointment

**ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH, KELOWNA**

Richard Chung, Sue Goodwin and Rob Couch made a presentation to the floor regarding the re-development of St. Paul's United Church, Kelowna.

**BUDGET**

Leslie Stirling, Treasurer, presented the 2012 Budget, which was sent out in preparation of this meeting. Leslie spent some time educating the court regarding budget, surplus and deficit budget.

**MS** (L. Stirling / S. Hershey) that we adopt a 2012 Budget with expenses of one-hundred and ninety two thousand, seventy-two dollars and fifty cents (\$192,072.50) and income of one-hundred and sixty seven thousand, seventy-two dollars and fifty cents (\$167,072.50) giving us a deficit of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) with the income and expenses to be corrected when BC Conference figures are received. **Carried**

Steve offered thanks to Leslie Stirling for her work as Treasurer and for her taking on the work of the Administration Coordinator for the past few months; the court demonstrated appreciation.

**PERMISSION TO LEAVE EARLY**

**MS** (H. Burton / L. Burton) that Richard Chung, Sue Goodwin and Lorraine Powell be granted permission to leave the court early. **Carried**

**WELLNESS BREAK**

**THEME TIME**

Wendy Fletcher continued to lead us in theme exploration.

**THANKS**

Karen Medland offered thanks to Wendy Fletcher on behalf of our Presbytery.

**WORSHIP**

The worship team led us in an evening worship including sharing communion.

**DINNER**

Laura Turnbull offered grace as folks went off to dinner, served by the fantastic crew in Golden.

**EVENING**

An evening concert by Paul Rumbolt was offered.

**SUNDAY OCTOBER 23, 2011**

**GATHERING & CALL TO ORDER**

We gathered our bodies and voices in song. When we were warmed up, Karen Medland called us to order at 9:15 am with a review of the day's agenda.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence has been forwarded to the appropriate Working Units or individuals for action.

**REMITs**

Remit #4 – Frequency and Timing of Conference Meetings

Does the Presbytery agree that Conferences shall be required simply to meet at least every third year; and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy, as follows: 7.6.1 (1) **Yes with 4 abstentions**

Remit #5a – Appointment of Designated Lay Ministers

Does the Presbytery agree that a Designated Lay Minister shall be appointed by a Presbytery only to a Pastoral Charge or other Presbytery Accountable Ministry; and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy, as follows: 6.2.1 **Yes with 6 abstentions**

Remit #5b – Presbytery Membership of Designated Lay Ministers

Does the Presbytery agree that, when the appointment of a Designated Lay Minister is at an end, the Presbytery may discern together with the Designated Lay Minister the question of ongoing Presbytery membership; and that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy, as follows: 6.2.1, 6.2.2, 6.2.3, and 6.2.4 **Yes with 16 abstentions**

Heather Burton is the General Council Executive Representative from BC Conference and offered that she is available and willing to answer background questions regarding the upcoming remits.

- YOUTH COUNCIL** Jake Highfield and Zoe McNair, co-chairs of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Youth Council shared some highlights of the work of the Youth Council. There were forty (40) participants at Naiiri Kir this spring and six (6) youth went to BC Conference in Penticton. At that BC Conference meeting, the proposal from the Youth Council, transmitted by Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery regarding Certified Ethically Raised meats was presented on the floor and defeated by a narrow margin. However, they were excited to note that serious consideration will be given to food at future events regarding food justice issues. There were thirty-five (35) youth from BC, two (2) from Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, that went to Rendez-Vous in Toronto this summer. They spent fifty-six (56) hours on a bus sharing in community and anticipating the event together. Jake and Zoe were excited to announce EVOLVE being held in Vancouver November 10-13 and the dates for Naiiri Kir at First United, Kelowna March 2-4, 2011. On behalf of the Youth Council, they thanked the volunteers from Golden for everything.
- REGISTRAR'S REPORT** Bob Hendrie, Registrar, reported that there were eighty-five (85) people present at this meeting. They are listed at the beginning of these minutes.
- Bob asked that folks be aware of their billeting needs, and pay attention to their commitment to offering as much notice as possible to those billets in the future. He will be resigning as registrar as of the Spring presbytery meeting, and is willing to train a new registrar.
- GIFTS & CALLINGS** Reta Robertson presented the following slate of nominations:
- Administration Coordinator: Don Seaton
- Resource Centre Management Committee: Maxine Coffey, David Martyn
- Archives: Kathy Johnson
- MS** (R. Robertson / L. Stirling ) that we accept this slate of nominations as presented. **Carried**
- There are still vacancies for: Registrar, Leadership Circle (we would like a lay person, particularly a youth or young adult), Stewardship and M&S, Worship Animation and Gifts & Callings. Thanks were expressed to Gifts & Callings for their hard work on our behalf.
- COURTESIES** Karen Medland thanked Judith Hardcastle, Barbara Blysak, St. Andrew's United Church & Centre for Peace and the various other volunteers from Golden for their hospitality.
- WHAT ARE WE TAKING HOME?** Ivy Thomas led us through an exercise to create our "What Are We Taking Home" items which will be circulated through the email list and on the Presbytery Website.
- Karen Medland offered thanks for the support that she received as chair during this meeting.
- Graham Brownmiller reminded folks to submit their evaluations either through the website or via the Secretary.
- MOTION TO EMPOWER** **MS** (G. Brownmiller / R. Robertson) that the Presbytery Executive be empowered to carry out the business of Presbytery until we meet at Winfield United Church in Winfield, BC, February 17-19, 2012. **Carried**
- SUNDAY WORSHIP** Sunday morning worship was celebrated with St. Andrew's United Church & Centre for Peace. During worship Graham Brownmiller thanked the congregation and members of the community for their hospitality and support over this weekend.
- ADJOURNMENT** We were adjourned with the Benediction of worship.

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Karen Medland, Chair

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Graham Brownmiller, Secretary