



MINUTES OF
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 Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

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CONFERENCE CALL

PRESENT	Norma Fraser, Elaine Diggle, Dawne Taylor, Ian Fraser, Jim Hannah, Reta Robertson, Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister), Graham Brownmiller (Secretary), Karen Medland (Chair)
REGRETS	Lily Watson
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the 2011 Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP) at BC Conference, the Leadership Circle of KOP was Called to Order at 1 pm via Conference Call and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present. Karen offered an opening blessing.
PURPOSE	The purpose of this Conference Call is two-fold: to speak about Keynote speakers for future Presbytery Meetings; and to speak about the New Ministry Task Force that we approved creating during our August 2011 Meeting.
KEYNOTE SPEAKERS FOR FUTURE PRESBYTERY	<p>Working from the list of topics that was created at the Spring 2010 meeting in Penticton, Ivy Thomas, Conference Minister noted that we have five topics remaining: Worship & Liturgy; Visioning; Connecting to the Wider World; and Moving Forward. It would make sense that the next theme we should be working at would include the creation of vision, in order to do the other topics.</p> <p>A few suggestions were offered as possible names for this topic: John Pentland (Hillhurst United, Calgary), Lawrence Pierce (Alban Institute), Bruce Sanguin (Canadian Memorial, Vancouver), Lillian Daniel (First Congregational Church of Glen Allen, Chicago, Illinois), Ron Buford (United Church of Christ), Rob Dalgleish (General Council), Richard Bott (St. Andrew's, Maple Ridge), Richard Chung (St. Paul's, Kelowna)</p> <p>Some comments were offered: it would be helpful if the topic were not too academic; it would be helpful if they could offer tools that are versatile in terms of congregational size; it would be nice if the person chosen were local (for context and ethos) but it would also be a good opportunity to have a new voice.</p> <p>A question was raised about the possibility of partnering with another group: Vancouver School of Theology, Naramata Centre, Sorrento Centre. Also, widening the audience and inviting other people and communities: Kootenay Presbytery, Fraser Presbytery, perhaps other denominations.</p> <p>With these conversations having happened, it is left to Ivy Thomas and Karen Medland to continue the conversation, get information, and figure out logistics.</p>
NEW MINISTRY TASK FORCE	There were sixteen (16) names that received the invitation to participate in the New Ministry Task Force. There were nine responses: six (6) in the affirmative and three (3) in the negative. That leaves at least six (6) who didn't respond, as we know that one person did not receive the invitation.

Karen Medland and Ivy Thomas will make personal contact with those who have yet to respond, and speak more about the opportunity and the invitation.

Discussion continued, as it was agreed around the circle that six (6) people is not sufficient. It was also noted that there is a lack of balance, especially regarding gender and status (i.e., Ministry Personnel vs. laity).

There was a desire to have at least two (2) groups: a listening team and an implementation team, so a desired number would be ten (10).

The Terms of Reference need to be clearly laid out for those who have said yes.

There needs to be some affirmation of and contact with those who have said yes, in order to keep their energy and desire high. The contact should include a way to say "Thanks!" and offer plans for the next steps in this journey.

It was suggested that a letter be sent to the Ministry Staff in the Presbytery in order to solicit other names.

The planning that has already happened included the idea of a retreat for this Task Force, led by Karen Medland and Ivy Thomas. The retreat would be a time for discernment of gifts and the leading by the Spirit to determine a leader/chair person. The date for that retreat may be, based on current schedules, in December.

Karen Medland will report to the floor of Presbytery regarding this work of the Task Force, both in her written report and in a verbal report.

Names of those who are identified as further options should be forwarded to the Secretary by September 30, 2011 and the same letter will be sent out to those people.

NEXT MEETING

Executive Meeting (with Management Team) – Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 10:00 am at Trinity United Church, Vernon. A day for creating Vision will happen on Thursday, November 3, 2011 beginning at 10 am at Trinity UC Vernon.

ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

BLESSING

Karen Medland, Chair, blessed us into the day.

Karen Medland, Chair

Graham Brownmiller, Secretary