



MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE
Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
The United Church of Canada

June 20, 2012
FIRST UNITED CHURCH
KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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- PRESENT** Don Seaton, Louise Burton, Reta Robertson, Leslie Stirling, Teri Meyer, Norma Fraser, Ian Fraser, Lily Watson, Steve Hershey (Chair of Management Team), Graham Brownmiller (Secretary), Karen Medland (Chair), Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister)
- GUEST** George Meier (Penticton Commission)
- REGRETS** Dawne Taylor, Elaine Diggle, Jake Highfield, Jim Hannah, Joanne Koster
- AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER** Pursuant to the authority of the 2012 Spring Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Executive of KOP was Called to Order at 4 pm at First United Church, Kelowna, BC, and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present.
- OPENING WORSHIP** Graham Brownmiller led us in worship and a check-in. There was a grounding prayer offered for our work in this item of business.
- PENTICTON UNITED & OASIS UNITED COMMISSION** The Executive meeting began with conversation regarding the Commission report and Joint Proposal from Oasis United Church and Penticton United Church that have been received.
MS (L. Stirling / S. Hershey) that we receive the report of George Meier including the Joint Proposal of Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church.
The Report and Joint Proposal are attached as Appendix I and II.
MS (R. Robertson / I. Fraser) that an expression of thanks be offered to George Meier, Bob Garrett and Dave Kroschinsky for their work on this proposal and work. Carried.
George Meier joined our conversation via Skype to offer some further explanation and clarification regarding his report and the Joint Proposal.
Deep discernment occurred by the Presbytery Executive.
- PREAMBLE** Recognizing that this situation in Penticton, BC has been a unique situation in the history of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, we further recognize that decisions made in the past were made with good intention and in good faith.
Both Penticton and Oasis United Churches have agreed that a good solution and an “agreed upon” closure to a very difficult issue would be the financial contribution of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery to bridge the gap between where the two congregations arrived in their negotiations.
The congregations have indicated that support from Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery would help to restore trust in, and a feeling of support by the Presbytery.
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Recognizing that the Executive tasked a group with bringing us a proposal, and they have, we discerned whether we would accept the proposal.

Prayer for discernment was offered, and the Executive took a dinner break.

MOTIONS

MS (L. Stirling / L. Burton) that the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Executive:

accept in principle the Joint Proposal from Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church; recognize Penticton United Church's offer of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) to Oasis United Church request of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000);

and that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery supply the difference of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000).

Carried with two contrary votes.

MS (D. Seaton / N. Fraser) to implement this decision, the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Executive gives consideration to the 1st Task Group recommendation:

1. Penticton United Church will pay Oasis United Church through Presbytery the sum of fifty-thousand dollars (\$50,000) by September 30, 2012.
2. Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery will supplement an additional ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) to make this resolution possible. Thus, the total amount to be paid to Oasis United Church would be sixty-thousand dollars (\$60,000) in accordance with their joint proposal.
3. The funds would be released to Oasis United Church upon a release and satisfaction of all interest in the Penticton United Church real property by Oasis United Church and any claim against Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery by either church by September 30, 2012.

Carried.

MS (D. Seaton / L. Burton) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Executive authorize Karen Medland to engage with BC Conference Legal Representation to draft and approve the releases for the interested parties in this matter. **Carried.**

MS (L. Stirling / N. Fraser) that the ten-thousand dollars (\$10,000) be drawn from the contingency fund. **Carried.**

The Chair and Secretary will correspond these decisions to Oasis and Penticton United Churches and request a response by July 31, 2012.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

MS (G. Brownmiller / D. Seaton) that the minutes of the April 17, 2012 meeting of the Executive be adopted as circulated. **Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS

MS (D. Seaton / I. Thomas) that an expression of thanks be given to Graham Brownmiller for his dedication to this Executive and Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. **Carried unanimously.**

NEXT MEETING

The Executive will next meet when called by desire of the Leadership Circle and/or Management Team.

BLESSING

Chair, Karen Medland offered a blessing.

ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

Karen Medland, Chair

Graham Brownmiller, Secretary