



MINUTES OF  
**LEADERSHIP CIRCLE**  
 Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE  
 The United Church of Canada

September 12, 2012  
 WINFIELD UNITED CHURCH  
 WINFIELD, BRITISH COLUMBIA

<b>PRESENT</b>	Norma Fraser, Ian Fraser Elaine Diggie, Jim Hannah, Reta Robertson, Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister), Maxine Coffey (Secretary), Karen Medland (Chair)
<b>REGRETS</b>	Jake Highfield, Dawne Taylor
<b>AUTHORITY &amp; CALL TO ORDER</b>	Pursuant to the authority of the 2012 Spring Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Leadership Circle of KOP was Called to Order at 10:00 am at Winfield United Church, Winfield, BC and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present.
<b>WORSHIP &amp; CHECK-IN</b>	Karen Medland led the gathered community in worship, which included a check-in. Reta Robertson read scripture.
<b>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</b>	<b>MS</b> (R. Robertson/N. Fraser) that the circulated Agenda be adopted. <b>Carried</b>
<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	<b>MS</b> (R. Robertson/I. Fraser) that the minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting of the Leadership Circle be adopted as circulated. <b>Carried</b> .
<b>BUSINESS ARISING</b>	<p><b>Approval of New Acting Secretary-MS</b> (R. Robertson/I. Fraser) that Maxine Coffey is approved as the new Acting Secretary of Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery. <b>Carried</b></p> <p><b>Scope of Management Team-</b> A discussion was held as to the scope of authority of the Management Team with specific comments RE: Management Team and Camp Grafton. The Leadership Circle sought clarification of roles and authority as the Management Team made a decision that the Leadership Circle thought it should have made. To that end a motion was made and passed and will be communicated to the Management Team.</p> <p><b>MS</b> (E. Diggie/ R. Robertson) The handling of Proposals will be the purview of the Executive. <b>Carried</b>        A further discussion was held as to the need for a policy to deal with issues when one courts actions impact another courts actions. The current practices will continue until another management model is adopted.</p> <p><b>Lily Watson-</b> Clarification of Lily Watson's role in Presbytery was made. She had served two-three year terms so now must step away for a year.</p> <p><b>PUC/OUC-</b> Karen Medland sought reaffirmation that she still has the authority to continue to deal with the Penticton and Oasis Churches on-going issues. The Leadership Circle confirmed this. It was also suggested that Karen Medland, for her own clarification, ask Don Seaton his opinion of certain items. Karen will talk to Don and the Management Team.</p>
<b>FALL PRESBYTERY MEETING THEME</b>	<p>The theme "In the midst of decline are the seeds of Resurrection" will be followed by allowing our congregations to tell their own stories. Five speakers will each give a short presentation of their own church stories using the theological reflectors- positiva, negativa, transformativa, and creativa.</p> <p>The speakers are Lily Watson, Jim Hannah, Steve Hershey, Laura Turnbull, and Leslie Stirling. A possible agenda was formulated: one speaker, silent reflection, a second speaker silent reflection and then a circle time. With this in mind; one session might be held Friday night, another Saturday morning and a final one Saturday afternoon leaving Saturday night for a social time.</p> <p>Brainstorming occurred around questions which might be used to direct the circle times.</p>

Suggestions are: Are you Optimistic?

What do you see in your life as decline and resurrection?

How is this like your story?

How is this like “the” story?

How has this story changed you?

What has shifted for you?

What story would you like to tell?

What will you take back to your congregation?

How are you going to share this story with your congregation?

How does this resonate with your congregation?

What seeds of hope does this reveal for your congregation?

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Friday night was also discussed as a Social Time. Norma Fraser agreed to devise this exercise.

Godly play was also discussed to be used in the story telling.

Karen Medland and Maxine Coffey will meet and flesh out the tentative Fall Presbytery Agenda and email it to the Leadership Circle for comments, additions and further suggestions.

#### SPRING PRESBYTERY

Spring Presbytery is scheduled for February 15-17, 2013 at First United Salmon Arm. It has been suggested we hold the Spring Presbytery later in the spring to:

Make travel easier

Take into consideration February conflicts with timing

It would be closer to General Council (pertinent issues may be addressed)

The Leadership Circle (Ivy Thomas) will approach Mount Paul, Kamloops to see if they can accommodate us later in the spring. And if they can, we will approach First United Salmon Arm to see if they would consider swapping with another pastoral charge and let Mount Paul host the 2013 Spring Presbytery. The Leadership Circle is suggesting April 19-21, 2013.

#### IVY THOMAS

**Visitors-** Treena Duncan (Conference Minister) would like to visit Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery either Spring or Fall (not Fall 2013). Karen will formally ask her to visit and do a brief presentation. Jenny Carter (President of BC Conference) will also be asked to come.

**Sound System-** KO Presbytery has inherited a sound system from Clinton United Church. It is portable but heavy. It resides with Ivy Thomas so contact her if you need it.

**Communion Tray-** KO Presbytery has also inherited a Silver Communion Tray with glasses. Contact Ivy if you would like this tray.

#### NEW CHAIR

Karen Medland’s term expires at Spring Presbytery 2013. Please contact Gifts and Callings if anyone has a suggestion for a suitable candidate to fill this position.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Models of Governance-** A brief discussion occurred around what model we would like- keep the one we have or change it to something else (Leadership Circle and Management Team together or separate??) Ian Fraser thought of asking the leadership of the presbytery over the last few years what they think and what they would suggest.

It was decided to hold a meeting in November with the Leadership Circle and Management Team to discuss this, to plan and brainstorm ideas. Ian Fraser has agreed to facilitate. Karen Medland will use Meeting Wizard to arrange a suitable time.

#### NEXT MEETING

9 January 2013, Winfield United Church, Winfield at 10:30am

#### ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

#### BLESSING

Chair, Karen Medland, offered a blessing to the day.

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Karen Medland, Chair

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Maxine Coffey, Acting Secretary