



MINUTES OF
LEADERSHIP CIRCLE
 Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
 The United Church of Canada

January 09, 2013
 Conference Call

- PRESENT** Norma Fraser, Ian Fraser, Elaine Diggle, Jim Hannah, Reta Robertson, Dawne Taylor, Steve Hershey, Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister), Karen Medland (Chair), Maxine Coffey (Secretary).
- REGRETS** Jake Highfield
- AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER** Pursuant to the authority of the 2012 Fall Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Leadership Circle of KOP was Called to Order at 10:00 am via conference call and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present.
- WORSHIP & CHECK-IN** Karen Medland led the gathered community in prayer, which included a check-in.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** **MS** (Jim Hannah/Norma Fraser) that the circulated and amended Agenda be adopted. **Carried**
- MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **MS** (R. Robertson/E. Diggle) that the circulated minutes of the 12 September 2012 meeting of the Leadership Circle be adopted as amended. **Carried.**
- BUSINESS ARISING** Our November Policy Meeting was cancelled thus discussion was held as to when to have another meeting. Consensus was that the Executive would meet from 10 am to 1pm on 15 February 2013 before Spring Presbytery. Ian Fraser will still facilitate our discussion around KOP policy and structure. Management Committee will change their timing to 2pm to 4pm in order to accommodate this addition to the weekend's schedule.
- SPRING PRESBYTERY MEETING THEME** Karen Medland discussed Marion Best's previously circulated letter of 18 October 2012 and proposed we use its substance as a theme of this year's Spring Presbytery. (See letter appended to minutes) After a lengthy listing of possible resource persons and conversation about timeliness, relevance, and our Presbytery mandate, a motion was struck and voted on. (**MS Reta Robertson/Dawne Taylor**) Spring Presbytery 2013 theme in preparation for the Truth and Reconciliation Regional Hearings in Fall 2013 and Congregation Relations with First Nations being part of our visioning mandate connecting to a Wider World and Moving Forward will be Congregational awareness of local Aboriginal issues. **Carried**
- SPRING PRESBYTERY** **Visitors-** Treena Duncan (Conference Personnel Minister) will be email Invited to attend and give a brief presentation.
 Jenny Carter (President of BC Conference) will also be email invited to attend.
Sound System-The former Clinton Sound system will be used at the Spring Presbytery.
Choir- First United Church Salmon Arm will invite anyone to practice with them to participate in the Sunday morning service.
Details- will be worked on by Karen Medland and Maxine Coffey on Monday January 14, 2013 and emailed to necessary people.
Registrar- will be Dee Hershey. Ivy Thomas will get a box of supplies to her from past registrar Martha Ashbaugh.
Date- Dates for further Spring Presbyteries must be discussed and decided by the Court as a whole. Hopefully these dates will take into consideration travelling in winter weather and the concerns of youth around Professional Development days and exam schedules.

IVY THOMAS Clinton Property has been sold and all conditions met. The purchase price of \$90,000 will then be reduced by the outstanding expenses (oil tank removal, expenses, commission) and the remaining balance will come to Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery.
In November 2012 Ivy Thomas, Treena Duncan, Jeff Seaton and Bill Laurie went to *Church House, Toronto* for a meeting regarding the Effective Leadership, Healthy Pastoral Relations proposal approved by GC41. An update was given on the project, noting that BC Conference will be working towards implementing the new process but it will take some time before it will come into effect.

NEW CHAIR It was discussed that any new chair might be obtained in a different manner than is presently done. To that end, this issue is deferred until after our Policy and Structure workshop with Ian Fraser. Concern was expressed that presently the Chair comes from the Leadership Circle and that meetings are held during the day which compromises Youth attendance.

NEW BUSINESS No new business.

NEXT MEETING 15 February 2013 10am the Executive will meet before Presbytery.

ADJOURNMENT Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

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

Karen Medland, Chair

Maxine Coffey, Secretary

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Kamloops Okanagan Presbytery Leadership Team:

I am writing to ask if the Spring Presbytery Meeting could have an emphasis on Residential Schools as preparation for the TRC Regional Hearings that will take place prior to the major event to be held in Vancouver in September 2013.

Truth + Reconciliation
There is bound to be a regional hearing within the bounds of our Presbytery and the challenge for the TRC is to have far more non-Aboriginal folks attending these events than Aboriginal Peoples. The purpose is for non-Aboriginals to hear the stories and have an opportunity to meet face to face with their Aboriginal neighbours in order to take another step on the long road to reconciliation.

Some of you may have seen the DVD “The Fallen Feather” prior to BC Conference. It is an excellent resource available to us and because its focus is on the Kamloops Residential School and features people from within the bounds of our Presbytery, it is especially useful for us. In my opinion the film needs a debriefing time to follow.

There is a 2-3 hour workshop that has been developed on “What is Reconciliation” that could be also be used. There is no lack of resources and my hope would be that if Presbyters were introduced to them they would do something in their congregations, hopefully would work ecumenically and perhaps look for ways to involve the general public. Any resources that were chosen would fit well with our circle process currently being used at Presbytery.

If it is not possible to devote Presbytery time, would you consider a pre-meeting time of 3 hours for the film, debriefing and discussion?

Sincerely,

Marion Best