



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE

Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery
OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
The United Church of Canada

03 November 2016
via Video Web Conference

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| PRESENT | Marion Hollingshead, Ken Jones (Chair), Leslie Ross (Secretary), Leslie Stirling (Treasurer), Allison Rennie (Conference Minister), and Keri Wehlander (Youth and Young Adult Minister) |
| REGRETS | Stephen Hershey (Vice-Chair), Irene Hart, Don Seaton, and Peggy Whitley |
| AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER | Pursuant to the authority of the Fall Meeting (October 21-23, 2016) of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Executive of KOP was Called to Order at 10:33 am. Ken Jones (Chair) presided. A quorum was present. The meeting was called so that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery could discuss the closure of St. Andrew's United / All Saints Anglican Shared Ministry in Chase. |
| OPENING REFLECTION AND PRAYER | Ken Jones offered a reflection based on the Night Pearl from the <i>Pearls of Life</i> . The Night Pearl is a black pearl used for the darkest times, a choice which seemed to be an apt reflection for the meeting. We were reminded that there is always light in the dark, one is never abandoned, and dark precedes the light. We concluded the reflection with silence, an opportunity to open our hearts to God's presence. |
| PASTORAL RELATIONS | <p>Ken Jones read the September 13, 2016 e-mail from Linda Fortier, Chairperson of St. Andrew's United / All Saints Anglican Shared Ministry, in which she requested that the congregation's decision to disband be approved and the date for the closing service be October 30, 2016. He noted that earlier information we had been given had led us to understand that BC Conference dealt with the closing process. However, that information was incorrect. Leslie Ross noted that Ivy Thomas had represented KOP at the July 31, 2016 congregational meeting at which the congregation had voted to disband.</p> <p>Motion: (Leslie Stirling / Marion Hollingshead) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery approve the disbanding of the congregation of St. Andrew's United / All Saints Anglican Shared Ministry in Chase effective October 31, 2016. Carried.</p> <p><i>The Manual</i> lists three other responsibilities: records, transfer of members, and remaining property.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Records: Leslie Ross noted that after the closing service on October 30, 2016, Archbishop John Privett told Joan Anderson of the Chase congregation he was taking all the Anglican records so that they would be stored in the archives of the Kootenay Diocese. Joan Anderson explained to him that all their photo albums were being given to the Chase museum. Leslie Ross will send this information to Blair Galston, BC Conference Archivist. She will contact Linda Fortier about ensuring that all United Church records are sent to BC Conference Archives. • Transfer of Members: Leslie Ross will communicate with Linda Fortier regarding this. Our understanding is that once the historic roll is in the Archives, that the archivist is able to do the paperwork for transferring membership since there would not be a minister able to do so. • Remaining Property: Doug Goodwin, BC Conference Executive Secretary, is checking |

on land title. Allison Rennie reported that BC Conference would take the lead on handling the property if it is United Church property but would want guidance from KOP on the use of any monies that come from the sale.

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the work for which the meeting had been called, Ken Jones adjourned the meeting at 10:50 am with closing prayer in which we held the people of the St. Andrew's United / All Saints Anglican Shared Ministry congregation in our hearts, praying that they find ways to continue their faithful journey.

Ken Jones, Chair

Leslie Ross, Secretary

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