



MINUTES OF KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERY

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The United Church of Canada

February 17-19, 2017

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KAMLOOPS, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Friday, February 17, 2017

PRESENT	<p>Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers: Juanita Austin, LeAnn Blackert, Jenny Carter, Bari Castle, Bruce Chalmers, Bruce Comrie, David Cooke, Elaine Diggler, Jo Ann Hinter, Kathy Hogman, Armand Houle, Ken Jones (Chair), Brian Krushel, Pieter le Roux (Candidate for Admission), Michele Rowe, Donald Schmidt (Candidate for Admission), Jeff Seaton, Sandra Stickney, Laura Turnbull, Sharilynn Upsdell; RDLM: Jim Hannah</p> <p>Retired Order of Ministry: Harvey Barker, Stephen Hershey, Elaine Smith, Dawne Taylor, Lily Watson</p> <p>Student Ministers: Kirstin Autio, Ian McLean</p> <p>Lay Delegates: Jennie Anderson, Berva Armitage, Marj Bailey, Cathie Basket, Bob Blakely, Barbara Blysak, Jayne Brooks, Beth Campbell, Betty Chenoweth, Patricia Chown, Dwayne Eisen, Eva Farquhar, Sherri Fowler, Brenda Franklin, Ian Fraser, Lee Fraser, Norma Fraser, Audrey Frisken, Barbara Godsmark, Sue Goodwin, John Howat, Beryl Itani, Hailey Jones, Linda Langevin, Megan Loyer, Sheila MacDermott, Lyn McDonald, Lenore McLean, Gary Munro, Kris Nickerson, Robert Riddle, Dawn Robertson, Leslie Stirling (Treasurer), Maia Walker</p> <p>Members at Large: Martha Ashbaugh, Dee Hershey (Registrar), Janet McDonald, Leslie Ross (Secretary), Don Seaton, Susan Sullivan, Keri Wehlander (Youth and Young Adult Minister), Peggy Whitley</p> <p>Youth Council: Michael Hamlin-Gravells, Brianna Huet, Tayana Simpson</p> <p>BC Conference Staff: Allison Rennie (Conference Minister)</p> <p>Past Moderator: Marion Best</p> <p>Camp Representative: Heather Hamlin-Gravells</p> <p>Guests: Jack Best, Pat Brady, Hugh Chown</p>
REGRETS	<p>Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers: Richard Chung; RDLM: Cheryl Perry</p> <p>Retired Order of Ministry: Lorraine Powell</p> <p>Lay Delegates: Beryl Baldeo, Rose Perkins, Helen Ross, Pat Totton</p> <p>Members-at-Large: Marion Hollingshead</p>
NEWCOMER ORIENTATION	Stephen Hershey gave newcomers an orientation to the structure and workings of Presbytery.
DINNER	Jenny Carter led us in a blessing for our meal. Volunteers from Kamloops United Church provided supper.
GATHERING IN SONG	Musicians, led by Juanita Austin and Linda Langevin, gathered us into the Sanctuary with song at 6:15 pm.
WELCOME	Ken Jones welcomed everyone to the Spring Presbytery meeting. Bruce Comrie welcomed Presbytery to Kamloops United Church and introduced Alix Dolson, Aboriginal Ministries Coordinator. Her work is primarily to build bridges to and with the

community, acknowledging that the land on which we live and work is traditional first nations territory. She introduced Mike Arnouse, an elder of the Adams Lake First Nations who works at Thompson Rivers University.

He told us that it was an honour to be with us. He works at the University to help educate from first nations' perspective providing information on history, spirituality, medicines, and oral stories. He used potable water as an example of how decisions in the last five hundred years have affected the land and people. He remarked that we could only be as healthy as our Mother – Mother Earth. Both individuals and nations are made up of three parts: spirit, mind, and heart. He noted that this is a time when all need to work together; there is a need for all three parts for the body / nation to live; and it is not a weakness to have peace.

Bruce Comrie thanked Mike Arnouse. He introduced Florence Ballard, Administrative Manager, who would be explaining the logistic details throughout our meeting.

Using a prop, Ken Jones spoke about the elephant in the room. Each person brings joys and concerns to this meeting. Some are known to many; others may be known to only a few. There will be recognition of some of these joys and concerns during worship. He also asked that we honour flexibility of time as we move through the meeting using the agenda as a guide with the only "orders of the day" being where there is a solid line.

AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the 2016 Fall Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery, the 2017 Spring Meeting was Called to Order in Kamloops United Church, Kamloops, BC and was declared open at 7:00 pm to conduct the business properly before it with Chair Ken Jones presiding. A quorum was present.
WORSHIP	The Worship Animation Unit led us in worship. As part of worship, we introduced ourselves in our table groups, identifying what we left behind and what we may have to attend to while at Presbytery. The mobius or infinity strip was explained with us adding reflections to the strip. Through this, the themes of this Presbytery, "Facing Crucifixion", and the next, "Practicing Resurrection", were introduced.
GIFTS & CALLINGS	Peggy Whitley reported. Motion: (Peggy Whitley / Janet McDonald) that Leslie Ross be appointed a member-at-large of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. Carried. There is a need to find individuals willing to fill the Executive positions of Chair and Discipleship and Administration Coordinators. There are also two positions available on the Leadership Circle.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	Motion: (Leslie Ross / Beryl Itani) that the agenda be accepted as circulated. Carried.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	Motion: (Leslie Ross / Leslie Stirling) that the minutes of the October 21-23, 2016 meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be adopted as corrected. Carried.
CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES	Motion: (Laura Turnbull / Juanita Austin) that corresponding privileges be granted to visitors and guests to this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. Carried.
THEME TIME	Ken Jones introduced Allison Rennie, the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Conference Minister.
FACING CRUCIFIXION STORY COUNCIL: GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER	LeAnn Blackert reviewed the Circle process. She reminded us to pause to honour what is spoken, to know that confidentiality is the guiding principle of what is shared in the table groups, to listen with compassion and curiosity, and to yield to moments of silence. Allison Rennie explained that the themes for the Spring and Fall Presbytery meetings are linked. At a gathering in January, members of the Leadership Circle, the Executive, the Worship Animation Working Unit, and Youth and Young Adults did some visioning for Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. They examined the question, "What's emerging at this time in the life of this Presbytery?" That work led to the development of the themes for these two Presbytery meetings. The January gathering recognized that there was a need to pay attention to congregations on the edge. Noting that massive change is occurring, there is a need to discern what God's word is to us. There is a need to face the reality of what is dying, to face crucifixion in order to practice resurrection.

Maia Walker read scripture telling the death of Jesus. Jenny Carter led us in a reflection to identify the character to whom we were drawn. We suggested offerings of strengths by contemplating “What is it that helps us bear endings?”

BENEDICTION

Ken Jones asked everyone to form one big circle to sing “When You Walk From Here” as our benediction. The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm for the night to reconvene in the morning at 8:30 am.

Saturday, February 18, 2017**GATHERING IN SONG**

We gathered in the sanctuary with song at 8:30 am.

OPENING WORSHIP

The Worship Animation Working Unit led us in worship using Luke 23: 44-49. LeAnn Blackert provided some reflection on the theme. When in chaos, people begin looking for a new dream. There is a need to accept what is no longer so then new possibilities can be born. She reminded us that in the beginning there was chaos. Out of chaos, came creation. Also, out of chaos, came resurrection.

CALL TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ken Jones called the meeting to order at 9:15 am. He reminded the gathering of the elephant in the room and asked that people pass a delightful elephant stuffed toy around the table groups so individuals who wished could use it as they considered their personal joys and concerns.

Donald Schmidt, who had provided a display from Wood Lake Publishing spoke about some of the new books.

Bruce Comrie informed Presbytery that worship on Sunday morning would be a jazz vespers. Anyone who had any concerns about their picture appearing on the Kamloops United Church website when they upload pictures from Presbytery should let the church know. Kamloops United would be hosting a public forum on Medical Assistance in Dying on Saturday, March 11th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Florence Ballard gave some logistical information for the day.

Jenny Carter announced that First United in Salmon Arm was holding a workshop on March 4th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm in collaboration with LeaderShift. Keith Howard will be presenting “The New Reformation: Key Trends Your Congregation Must Engage”.

Juanita Austin announced that she would be presenting a mini concert this evening following evening worship that will feature three of songs that she has written in the last while.

Michelle Rowe asked that people with knowledge about thrift shops and refugee support initiatives to speak or connect with her.

Jim Hannah announced that with Provision help Jan Phillips will be coming to lead “Spirituality in Running Shoes: No Time for Ordinary” from March 24th to 26th at Winfield United. A Women’s Retreat will be held on the Monday following this event.

Laura Turnbull announced that Penticton United is hosting a forum, with the help of a Provision grant, titled “The Once and Future Church” on March 4th. Leadership for the forum will be from Anglican, Presbyterian, and United denominations.

Peggy Whitley let Presbytery know that Gifts and Callings have had some names come forward for vacancies. There was still room for some more including a coordinator for the Outdoor Ministry Working Unit and a co-coordinator for the Peace and Justice Working Unit.

Ian McLean informed Presbytery that during lunch there would be an opportunity to see a twenty (20) minute presentation on the Phillipines that he created as a result of work that he had done there as part of his programme of studies.

Leslie Ross reminded presbyters to provide in writing requests for permission to leave the Court for a period of time or to leave early noting that the appropriate motions would be made during Presbytery Business in the afternoon.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PEOPLE Ken Jones invited people to introduce those who were new to Presbytery or had new roles in Presbytery.

<u>Introducer</u>	<u>New Member or Guest</u>
Dawn Robertson first thanked Ivy Thomas, Martha Ashbaugh, Allison Rennie, LeAnn Blackert, and Dawne Taylor, noting that Presbytery had been very helpful as Plura Hills discerned its future.	Kristin Autio
Ken Jones	Dwayne Eisen
Jim Hannah	Gary Munro
Lily Watson	Brenda Franklin
Brian Krushel	Hailey Jones
Keri Wehlender	Michael Hamlin-Gravells
Sharilynn Upsdell	Sherri Fowler
Bruce Comrie	Maia Walker
John Howatt	Jennie Anderson
Jenny Carter	Lee Fraser
Peggy Whitley	Pat Brady
Hugh Chown	Pat Chown

THEME TIME
REMITTS Ian Fraser and Janet McDonald facilitated our work and decisions for Remits 1, 3, and 4. This time began with lighting a candle to recognize that God is among us; there is light in the darkness. Noting that not everyone at this Presbytery were present at Fall Presbytery, the session started with a short recap of the context for the decisions that need to be made. Presbytery was reminded of the conciliar nature for governance of the United Church and how changes are made to its governance.

The process that would be followed for each of the remits to be considered was outlined:

- Presentation by Ian Fraser and Janet McDonald
- Table group discussion with questions to be brought to the plenary
- Questions answered in plenary
- Table group discussion with affirmations and concerns to be raised to the plenary
- Plenary conversation with time for individuals to raise affirmations, questions, and concerns
- Table groups conversation with opportunity for conclusions to brought to the plenary
- Silence
- Ballot

Motion: (Norma Fraser / Beryl Itani) that voting be done by ballot. **Carried.**

Motion: (Leslie Ross / Don Seaton) that Dee Hershey and Sandra Stickney be appointed scrutineers. **Carried.**

As the process for discussing Remit 1 occurred, it became evident that the Court would find it helpful to hear the report from the presbytery representatives to the BC Conference 4 to 3 Presbytery Consultation prior to voting. When the theme time resumed that report would be heard first.

WELLNESS BREAK

WORKING UNITS Working Units met to discuss business.

MEETING TIME

LUNCH David Cooke led us in grace before we had lunch prepared by volunteers of Kamloops United Church.

GATHERING IN SONG We gathered in the Sanctuary with song at 1:30 pm.

KAMLOOPS UNITED CHURCH PRESENTATION	<p>Bruce Comrie introduced a video created during Kamloops United Church's celebration held last May to mark the completion of the 429 St. Paul housing project, the introduction of the Centre for Community and Spiritual Discovery, and the Twentieth Anniversary of being an Affirming congregation. Ron Routledge, who was part of the visioning nine years earlier, offered a general thanks for all the prayers, support, and ongoing interest throughout the redevelopment. He then gave some specific appreciations: Ken Jones and the Executive for the support and extra meetings that were required; Leslie Ross for the time connected to all the paperwork that required her signature; Don Seaton for being a huge resource, not just to Kamloops United but all of Presbytery, for property matters; and Don Waldon for caring for their spirit.</p>
4 TO 3 PRESBYTERY CONSULTATION REPORT	<p>Leslie Ross, Jenny Carter, Allison Rennie, and Ken Jones reported. Jenny Carter, Ken Jones, and Leslie Ross represented Presbytery at the second Presbytery Consultation held in January. There was representation from presbyteries, the Conference Executive, and Conference staff. Its purpose was to help discern next steps in preparing presbyteries and Conference for a new structural relationship. The goals were to test a proposal on the transfer of some responsibilities from presbyteries to the Conference and to develop a clearer vision of clusters and how they might function.</p> <p>Both the oversight of personnel and pastoral relations and education and students have already been transferred to Conference. Property, assessments, legal matters, and financial management are being considered for transfer. Oversight of pastoral charges and other local ministry units as well as the relationship with other courts are not being considered for transfer.</p> <p>Clusters, according to Remit 1, are not formal governance bodies. If more responsibilities were transferred to Conference, presbyteries would perhaps become closer to how the Remit understands clusters as being a means to provide community and support for communities of faith and their leaders with a focus on worship, mission, learning, collegiality, and strategic planning. There needs to be much more clarity on the purpose, vision, and organization of clusters. "Mission" and "connection" were two words that seemed to describe a possible purpose. The consultation group had several warnings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Don't approach the idea of a cluster's structure to be "Presbytery-like". • Ensure clusters are not gatekeepers or regulators. • Accountability should be from the cluster to communities of faith rather than the other way around. • Management functions should be minimal. • Financial and staff support would be essential for sustainability. • There likely would need to be a small leadership time to guide planning and make decisions. • Membership in clusters needs to be flexible. <p>Some principles and guidelines were proposed.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The starting point would be the present presbyteries following current practices excepting for any transferred responsibilities. • Geographic proximity would continue to guide membership in clusters with the understanding that alternative boundaries from the present bounds could be recommended. • Each presbytery or cluster would define its own mission and ministries focusing primarily on mission discernment, pastoral charge support, and collegiality. • Changes should be gradual and intentional rather than systemic. • Present special ministries financially supported by presbyteries, ProVision Funds and other special presbytery funds supporting present Presbyteries or ministry in an area, and staff support would continue into the medium future. • When financial management and accounting is transferred to Conference, presbyteries or clusters would be financially supported through a regular budgetary process. • Transition work in presbyteries would be strongly supported. • Flexibility in timing and implementation as changes are being made would be expected an acceptable. <p>There was a deep recognition that good planning and communication would be required as any changes are made. Regardless of the difficulties of present church structures, there was a strong sense of opportunity that the church is being called into new and exciting relationships full of promise for the future.</p>

THEME TIME The work of the morning continued with voting taking place for Remits 1 and 4.

REMITs

WELLNESS BREAK Prior to taking the time for our Wellness Break, Leslie Stirling reminded people to submit their travel claims by dinner so that their cheques could be prepared for Sunday morning. She also noted that an introduction had been missed and therefore introduced the Reverend Doctor Jeff Seaton to the Court.

GATHERING IN SONG

THEME TIME The results of the voting for Remits 1 and 4 were reported.

REMITs Remit 1 (Three Council Model): Yes – forty-six (46); No – fourteen (14).
Remit 4 (Funding a New Model): Yes – forty (40); No – thirteen (13).

The work discussing Remit 3 continued.

PRESBYTERY BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS Jeff Seaton announced that he has completed his Doctor of Ministry at Duke University, a three (3) year journey. He examined secularization in the 1960s and the relationship between religion and secularization. A link to his thesis, “Who’s Minding the Story: The United Church of Canada Meets A Secular Age” is on the Presbytery website. He wished to thank Presbytery for its support and, in particular, the financial support he received in 2016 through an educational support grant.

PERMISSION TO LEAVE EARLY **Motion: (Leslie Ross / Dwyane Eisen)** that Marj Bailey, Beth Campbell, Jenny Carter, Brenda Franklin, Lee Fraser, Norma Fraser, Brian Krushel, Rob Riddle, and Lily Watson be given permission to leave the Court early. **Carried.**

CORRESPONDENCE All correspondence excepting that concerning the names presented for admission to the Order of Ministry in the United Church of Canada has been forwarded to those responsible for responding to it.

ADMISSIONS Leslie Ross noted that the e-mail from Angeline Musonza dated October 22, 2016 with an attached memo from Rev. Robin McGauley, Ministry & Employment Unit regarding “Names Presented for ADMISSION to the Order of Ministry in The United Church of Canada” had been presented as correspondence at the 10 January 2017 Executive meeting and the list with relevant information was included in the Spring Presbytery Information and Reports Book. Therefore, the entire list was not read aloud but the two people from our Presbytery, Pieter le Roux and Donald Schmidt, were noted. The list of names is attached [Appendix 1, pages 11-12].

KOP Conference Minister Allison Rennie reported. The Conference Minister position is three-quarter ($\frac{3}{4}$) time or a 0.75 position. Her supervisor is Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary of BC Conference. Daily work is mostly supervised by Treena Duncan, the Conference Personnel Minister. The primary focus or high level goals are based on supporting healthy communities of faith and ministries, effective leadership, and faithful public witness. The purpose of the position is to

- provide leadership for a coordinated and efficient personnel management and support system within Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery;
- help support the visioning, mission-discernment, and strategic planning processes for communities of faith and the Presbytery;
- encourage individuals to consider ministry as a vocation;
- ensure supportive, fair, treatment and processes for Students and Candidates;
- lead or supervise the needs assessment, appointment and call processes of congregations seeking ministry leadership;
- support and encourage networks of support among ministry personnel and other congregational leadership;
- provide or arrange for proactive, caring, pastoral care and support for Presbytery ministry personnel in transition, distress or crisis;
- act as a “first contact” consultant for the transparent, timely and effective resolution (within the polity of The United Church of Canada) of congregational or ministerial conflict;
- provide resources and other supports for the visioning, mission-discernment and planning processes of the Presbytery and its congregations;

- provide accurate information and referral in church governance, property and legal matters; and
- maintain a working relationship with ecumenical partners in shared ministries and assist in resolving shared ministry issues

She noted that it was important to be in relationship with us. Through visuals shared some of her passions, including the enjoyment of hiking and gardening.

She announced that one of her commitments would be to ensure that the Executive was aware of any changes in pastoral relations. She also provided information about the new pulpit supply rates as given in the General Council Salary Schedule for 2017. She noted that the policy applies only to ministry personnel.

**REPRESENTATIVE TO
BC CONFERENCE
EXECUTIVE**

Stephen Hershey reported. He will report any feedback that he receives regarding the BC Conference 4 to 3 Presbytery Consultation to the next BC Conference Executive meeting.

Motion: (Leslie Ross / Stephen Hershey) that all lay members of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be elected as lay members of BC Conference. **Carried.**

Stephen Hershey introduced Brianna Huet, who along with Richard Chung, was part of a group from BC Conference who visited South Korea as part of an exchange visit with the Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea. They will send a delegation to British Columbia near the time of the General Meeting of BC Conference. Brianna Huet talked about her experiences with slides and video. She was impressed with their outreach programmes. Viewing the demilitarized zone was part of the tour. She spoke highly of the hospitality they experienced.

**WORKING UNIT
REPORTS**

ADMINISTRATION

Don Seaton reported that there was nothing to be added to the information that was already reported in the Information and Reports Book that had been distributed.

REGISTRAR'S REPORT

Dee Hershey reported.

By the numbers:

8 offered Regrets for not being with us this weekend.

79 attended the 2017 Spring Presbytery Meeting with a breakdown as follows:

- Order of Ministry and those Retained on the Roll = **18**
- Order of Ministry Retired = **5**
- Recognized Designated Lay Minister = **1**
- Designated Lay Minister = **0**
- Student Minister = **2**
- Lay Delegates = **30**
- Alternate Lay Delegates = **4**
- Members at Large = **8**
- Representative: Camp/UCW = **1**
- Youth Council = **3**
- Guests = **3**
- Under the category of Others, there were:
 - **1** Former Lay Moderator
 - **1** Conference Staff
 - **2** Candidates for Admission

10 were attending a Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery meeting for the first time.

The total number of billets required was **9**.

Under the category of food:

- **73** attended the Friday night dinner
- **63** requested Sunday lunch
- **8** required vegetarian meals
- **19** responded to having Food Allergies/Diet Restrictions

- DISCIPLESHIP**
- **Outdoor Ministry:** Heather Hamlin-Gravells reported. By way of explaining the importance of camps, she introduced three young people who have experience at MacKenzie Camp: Tayana Simpson has been involved as a camper and leader for ten (10) years; Brianna Huet, seven (7) to nine (9) years; and Michael Hamlin-Gravells as a camper. Camps are amazing places for young people to develop.
 - **Youth and Young Adult:** Keri Wehlander reported. There are amazing youth attending this Presbytery. A joint youth retreat with Cariboo Presbytery is being planned for the May long weekend.
- HUMAN RESOURCES**
- **Pastoral Relations**
Leslie Ross provided the following additions to the information included in the Information and Reports Book.
 - Record of Appointment: Elaine Diggle (Retired Supply) to Trinity United Church, Merritt, Part Time (24 hours per week) from January 1 to June 30, 2017.
 - Record of Appointment: Kristin Autio (Candidate Supply) to Plura Hills United Church, Kamloops, Part Time (30 hours per week) from March 1, 2017 to May 31, 2018.
 - Record of Transfer: Carolyn Ronald to Victoria Presbytery effective February 15, 2017
 - **Educational Support Committee**
Motion: (Susan Sullivan / Laura Turnbull) that Louise Burton, Fern Gibbard, Victor Ince, Lillian McLeod, Judith Ritchie, Diane Stuart, and Sarah Tupholme be licensed as Licensed Lay Worship Leaders in Kamloops- Okanagan Presbytery from February 2017 to February 2018. **Carried.**
 - **Records Review Task Group**
Leslie Stirling introduced the mandate of the Records Review Task Group that had been created by the Executive. Dee Hershey and Leslie Stirling have been appointed to the Task Group. Each congregation will have their records reviewed once every three years.
- LEADERSHIP CIRCLE** LeAnn Blackert reported. She reflected on the mobius strip on our tables, noting that one cannot have one side without the other. She thanked Janet McDonald and Ian Fraser for their leadership in facilitating our work on the remits and expressed appreciation for their willingness to lead workshops throughout Presbytery to assist congregations in becoming more informed about the remits. She thanked Dawn Robertson for her acknowledging the importance of Presbytery in the life of congregations. She asked that individuals take time to respond to the question: What is one initiative or action that Presbytery could undertake that could help your congregation? The responses would be collected later in the meeting.
- COURTESIES** Hugh Chown thanked the people of Kamloops United Church for all their work in hosting Presbytery.
- DINNER** John Howat led us in a Scottish grace prior to us being served dinner prepared by volunteers of Kamloops United Church.
- GATHERING IN SONG** Following dinner, the meeting reconvened in the Sanctuary by gathering with singing.
- THEME TIME** The work discussing Remit 3 continued with the vote taken prior to continuing with Presbytery Business.
- REMITTS**
- PRESBYTERY BUSINESS**
- GIFTS AND CALLINGS** Peggy Whitley reported. She began by thanking all who serve Presbytery in any capacity. Only one person, Jenny Carter, has let their name stand for Chair of Presbytery. After seeking further nominations from the floor and hearing none, Ken Jones declared that Jenny Carter would become the Chair of Presbytery at the rise of Conference.
- Peggy Whitley thanked Elaine Diggle, Rob Riddle, and Nick Judson for having served on the Leadership Circle. Susan Sullivan and Brianna Huet have agreed to serve on the Leadership Circle. Ken Jones has agreed to become the Administration Coordinator.

Motion: (Peggy Whitley / Harvey Barker) that Susan Sullivan and Brianna Huet be appointed to the Leadership Circle and Ken Jones be appointed to be the Administration Coordinator at the rise of Conference. **Carried.**

Juanita Austin had agreed to co-chair the Peace and Justice Working Unit with David Cooke. Jo Ann Hinter has agreed to chair the Shared Ministries Working Unit. Lyn McDonald will be the Presbytery Representative to the Naramata Centre Society.

The Discipleship Coordinator position is still vacant.

A special thanks is extended to each person whose term is finishing at the rise of Conference. Gifts and Callings have asked permission to lead an official thank you to those people on behalf of Presbytery when we meet at the General Meeting of BC Conference in May.

Leslie Stirling expressed her appreciation of the work Don Seaton has done as Administration Coordinator. His willingness to listen to the intricacies of the Treasurer’s responsibilities and give suggestions and advice for the questions she raised as well as the general support he provided has been most helpful.

THEME TIME Dee Hershey reported the results of the voting for Remit 3. She informed the Court that the ballots were counted four times.

REMITs Remit 3 (Office of Vocation): Yes – thirty-two (32); No – twenty-eight (28).

Motion: (Leslie Ross / Ian Fraser) that the ballots be destroyed. **Carried.**

WHAT WE ARE TAKING HOME In table groups, lists were made of the ideas, images, memories, activities, concerns, information, and joys that presbyters would be taking home with them. As each group reported to the Court, the Secretary collected the lists so that the information could be gathered into a report. It is attached to these minutes [Appendix 2, pages 13-14].

QUORUM **Motion: (Leslie Stirling / Stephen Hershey)** that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery use Option 2 in *The Manual* to determine quorum. **Carried.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERY MEETING DATES	Year	Spring Presbytery		Fall Presbytery	
		Date	Place	Date	Place
	2017	February 17 - 19	Kamloops United	October 20 - 22	Revelstoke
	2018	February 23 - 25	TBA	October 19 - 21	TBA

MOTION TO EMPOWER **Motion: (Susan Sullivan / Martha Ashbaugh)** that the Presbytery Executive be empowered to carry out the business of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery until it meets during the BC Conference General Meeting in May 2017 in Vancouver, BC. **Carried.**

ADJOURNMENT Ken Jones declared that this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery would adjourn with the benediction at the close of worship on Sunday morning.

EVENING WORSHIP The evening concluded with worship led by the Worship Animation Working Unit that included a prayer for reconciliation and communion.

CONCERT Juanita Austin, accompanied by Sabrina Trigg, and Jim Hannah presented a brief concert in which they shared new compositions.

Sunday, February 19, 2017

SUNDAY WORSHIP Sunday morning worship, beginning at 10:00 am, was celebrated with the Kamloops United Church, Mount Paul United Church, and Plura Hills United Church congregations. Before the service, Hugh Chown thanked the congregation for its hospitality and support throughout our weekend meeting. Bruce Comrie acknowledged that Kamloops United Church sits on the traditional territory of The Tk’emlúps te Secwépemc. Usually, this Sunday of the month would also have an evening jazz vespers service. The congregation chose to hold that service in the morning so that Presbytery would be able to experience it.

ADJOURNMENT

With the benediction at the close of worship, Kamloops-Okanagan Spring Presbytery adjourned.

Ken Jones, Chair

Leslie Ross, Secretary

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Appendix 1

**CIRCULATION LIST: MINISTERS SEEKING ADMISSION
FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS TO THE ORDER OF MINISTRY IN
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**

October 26, 2016

Name	Denomination	Conference
Benjamin Adekunle Adeniyi	African Church in Nigeria	Newfoundland & Labrador
Joel Saavedra Aguirre	Cordillera Southern Baptist Churches Ministries	Toronto
Demanya Kofi Akoussah	Eglise Evangelique Presbyterienne Togo	Montreal and Ottawa
Milton Basil	Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist	Toronto
Moses Bogatsu	Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana	Newfoundland & Labrador
James Philip Brown	Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	Hamilton
Epe Kamta (Florence) Bukam	Evangelical Church of Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Michael Brandon Carter	Southern Baptist Convention	Toronto
Yuan-Tai (James) Chang	Non-denominational Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Hosuk Chung	United Methodist Church	Toronto
Andrew Nicholas Forrester	United Church in Jamaica	Hamilton
Richard Hamilton	Free Methodist Church in Canada	Bay of Quinte
Youngho Jang	Korean Methodist Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Christian Kakez-A-Kapend	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
Jin Soo (Joshua) Kang	Presbyterian Church in Canada	Manitou
Kurt William Katzmar	Church of Christ USA	Alberta North West
Yong Shik Kim	Presbyterian Church of Korea	Toronto
Yun Jung (Julia) Kim	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto
Frederick Aaron Kitonga	Methodist Church in Kenya	Toronto
Andrew Kinoti Lairenge	The Methodist Church in Kenya	Alberta North West

Pieter Andre Le Roux	Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa	British Columbia
Kun Young (Andrew) Lee	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto
Kamta Isaac Makarios	Eglise Evangelique du Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Zachariah Mandara	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	Bay of Quinte
John Azam Masih	Presbyterian Church of Pakistan	Toronto
Grace Mercy Tsitsi Mazhandu	Methodist Revival Church	Saskatchewan
Mizeki Mndola	Church of Central Africa Presbyterian	Saskatchewan
Samuel Mpereh	The Methodist Church Ghana	Toronto
Floyd Hati Mvundura	Canadian Baptists of Western Canada	Alberta North West
Schalk Willem Naude	Dutch Refomred Church	Alberta North West
Amos Ndhumbi	Methodist Church in Zimbabwe	Saskatchewan
Lloyd Nyarota	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
John Calvin Jr. Rhoad	Presbyterian Church USA	Alberta North West
George John Rowaan	Christian Reformed Church	London
Donald Selvanayagam	Congregational Church in America Samoa	Alberta North West
Donald Schmidt	United Church of Christ USA	British Columbia
Kumar Thangarajah	Methodist Church of Sri Lanka	Toronto
Kari Pekka Tolppanen	Hattula Pentecostal Church, Finland	Hamilton
David Cameron Watts	Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec	Toronto
Jean-Daniel Williams	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Montreal and Ottawa
Chiung hao (Moses) Wu	Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Toronto
Pierre Claudel Zephyr	Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas	Hamilton

Appendix 2

What We Are Taking Home! Spring Presbytery 2017

Tangibles

- a good example of how the remits can be presented to the congregations
- 🎵 There'll Be Sunshine
- remit handouts
- hopefully, **not** a cough
- a hippo
- lots of handouts
- lot of information to take back to congregation to help them understand what Presbytery does
- extra pounds from the delicious food
- headache!

Appreciations

- the willingness to do what is right for the church and to move forward
- the understanding that the Presbytery has a number of very gifted individuals who work hard on our behalf
- thank you to Ian Fraser and Janet McDonald for making remits easier to understand
- Ian and Janet – high quality presentation: good information / handouts / powerpoint
- the Leslies
- appreciation of the KUC building
- lively conversations
- have learned a lot
- many thanks to Janet & Ian
- hospitality from KUC was great
- the thank-you to Presbytery from Dawn Robertson of Plura Hills
- like that all are given an opportunity to speak
- good meeting space – light, sound, bathrooms
- the thank-you to Presbytery from Ron Routledge of KUC for the support received throughout their redevelopment project
- the willingness of presbyters to be flexible regarding changes in the agenda to ensure the work could be accomplished

Relationships

- depth, compassion, and commitment of our table group
- there's definite support for Presbytery
- discussion without animosity
- pleasure to meet so many wonderful people
- knowing people more fully
- important work of being in trusting and honest conversation with each other re being on the edge
- sense of how much love, caring, worry, and concern there is about our small congregations
- a little sad on Friday night in our group, however all was well today
- meeting new friends and old
- trust

Music & Worship

- reflection on scripture passage
- music – new and old
- practice resurrection
- appreciation for music
- the music team was awesome
- powerful imagery accompanied worship
- powerful worship
- worship service meaningful
- great music
- love the music with a large group
- elephant in the room

The Work of Presbytery This Weekend

- results of remits
- 3 yeses!!!
- good news – only one remit to go!
- better picture of what KOP is all about
- lots of confusion at times re remits
- better understanding of remits
- did some big work which will have potential big impact
- more clarity of three remits
- Bruce Comrie's presentation around KUC was great and informative
- response to remits
- learned about a new task group that will be reviewing congregational records
- interesting to learn about process
- presentation of remits
- through the announcements, the amount of engaging work being done in congregations
- greater understanding of the work Allison Rennie will be doing in our Presbytery

BC Conference, General Council, and the Wider Church

- report on Korean trip
- better understanding of remits and their meaning
- Brianna's report on the KROP trip – very powerful
- awareness of upcoming change

Joys, Curiosities, and Concerns

- In spite of fears about the future, we still have hope and faith it will all work out.
- there's still a passion for the church within us
- frustration we didn't return to theme in depth
- a yearning to have the minutes – a good 1 month past Presbytery to 1 month before Conference
- sense of accomplishment