



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE

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

27 September 2017

TRINITY UNITED CHURCH
VERNON, BC

PRESENT	Jenny Carter (Chair), Stephen Hershey, Marion Hollingshead, Ken Jones, Leslie Ross (Secretary), Leslie Stirling (Treasurer), Keri Wehlander (Youth and Young Adult Minister), and Peggy Whitley
REGRETS	Allison Rennie (Conference Minister)
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the Conference Meeting (May 26, 2017) of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Executive of KOP was Called to Order at 10:07 am. Jenny Carter (Chair) presided. A quorum was present.
CHECK-IN, REFLECTION, AND OPENING PRAYER	Jenny Carter led us in a check-in by asking us to respond to "How do we know that God is with us?", a question that concludes the scripture she would use as part of the reflection. Another way of thinking of the question would be to describe a recent "God moment" that we had experienced. As background to the reflection, Jenny Carter expressed how her concern meets passion with the knowledge that people are being asked into what the church might grow, recognizing that not everyone understands that the whole nature of church has changed. We presently are in our own wilderness time, much like the Hebrew people experienced as told in Exodus 17: 1-7. The question "Is the Lord among us or not?" was the basis of sharing and conversation. Jenny Carter led us in our opening prayer.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion: (Marion Hollingshead / Peggy Whitley) that the agenda be adopted. Carried.
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS	Motion: (Leslie Ross / Leslie Stirling) that the Executive minutes of 31 August and 11 September 2017 be adopted as circulated. Carried.
BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of Motion Leslie Ross reported that she and Allison Rennie have not had the opportunity to develop the background information nor possible substitute or amended motions. Recognizing that changes will be occurring, there was a question as to what extent this work would be necessary. Prior to Presbytery, Leslie Ross and Allison Rennie will report back to the Executive as to what they would propose and how much time might be needed at Presbytery. • Leadership Circle Policy and Revisions Motion: (Leslie Stirling / Ken Jones) that the Membership and Appointment sections of Policy 2.1 Leadership Circle be amended to read as follows: Membership The <i>Leadership Circle</i> will consist of nine members, recommended by the Gifts and Callings Working Unit and appointed by Presbytery for their gifts and commitment to the tasks outlined in this document, and the Chair of Presbytery. At least one third will be ministry personnel and at least one third will be lay persons. There will be a rough balance of genders, ages, and areas of expertise. The <i>Leadership Circle</i> will select from among its membership one person to act as its Chairperson. The Chair of Presbytery is a member of the <i>Leadership Circle</i> in order to be a liaison between the <i>Leadership Circle</i> and the Presbytery Executive. If a member of the <i>Leadership Circle</i> is elected Chair of Presbytery, that person still remains as an appointed member of the <i>Leadership Circle</i>. The Conference Minister will attend meetings as a resource person and consultant.

Appointment

As much as possible, three members (one third of nine) will be appointed each year at the Spring Presbytery meeting. If one or two appointed members resign during the year, it will not be necessary to replace them prior to the next yearly appointment. If the number of appointed members drops to six or fewer, or if the *Leadership Circle* deems it important to replace them immediately, then the Executive, based on recommendations from the *Leadership Circle* and/or the Gifts and Callings Working Unit, may temporarily appoint persons to complete the term(s) of those who have resigned. These appointments may then be affirmed at the next Presbytery Meeting.

A member may serve for a maximum of two consecutive three-year terms. Such members may then be eligible for election after one year.

Carried.

- **Presbytery Planning**

- Quorum

As noted earlier, the decision by Presbytery of using *The Manual's* Option 2 for determining quorum could present difficulties. The Registrar has reported that based on the registrations received, quorum may not be met for Fall Presbytery. The Executive decided that as the decision to use Option 2 was made by the full Presbytery court that it could not change that decision. Stephen Hershey will organize a presentation to Presbytery for the reconsideration of quorum. Presbytery will be informed prior to the Presbytery meeting that quorum could be an issue.

- Agenda

The preliminary agenda was discussed and specific business components added. Jenny Carter and Leslie Ross will send out information to Presbytery regarding some of the elements in the agenda when the agenda is distributed.

- Working Units

During the usual time for the meetings of Working Units, Jenny Carter will lead an exploratory session titled "What Now?" and meeting time will be given for Working Units during the afternoon Presbytery Business time.

LUNCH

Keri Wehlander led us in grace before our meal.

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM THE MINUTES
CONTINUED**

- **Next Steps for Presbytery**

Further discussion will take place after Fall Presbytery.

- **Youth and Young Adult Voice**

Jenny Carter led us in a conversation. The following questions could form a core that when answered could direct us to ensure that the voice of youth and young adults is heard in a meaningful and substantial way.

What is it that they need from the church? How can we help them be empowered to be the church right now? How might they be a prophetic voice?

CORRESPONDENCE

- E-mails from Brenda Wolff, Program Assistant to the Personnel Minister, September 6, 18, and 26, 2017, providing the following information pertinent to Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery through completed forms and the Pastoral Relations Working Group minutes:

- The Ministry Profile Search for Sicamous United Church was approved and the recommendation for a half-time (½) minister was accepted.
 - Record of Appointment: Juanita Austin (Ordained Minister) of Sicamous United Church, Part Time (20 hours per week) beginning July 1, 2017. This is a change of terms.
 - Record of Transfer: Heather Burton to Prince Rupert Presbytery effective September 1, 2017.
 - Record of Transfer: John Burton to Prince Rupert Presbytery effective September 1, 2017.
 - Record of Transfer: Pieter le Roux to Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery effective October 16, 2017.

- Record of Call: Donald Schmidt (Ordained Minister) to First United, Kelowna, Full Time effective September 24, 2017.
- Record of Transfer: Doug Martindale from Assiniboine Presbytery of Manitoba/NW Ontario Conference effective September 15, 2017.

REPORTS**COORDINATORS****ADMINISTRATION**• **Property and Manse**

Ken Jones reported that two congregations are interested in considering redevelopment projects. He has suggested that they contact Allison Rennie and Terry Harrison for advice.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Leslie Stirling distributed the financial report.

Motion: (Leslie Stirling / Peggy Whitley) that the Financial Report to the Executive dated September 26, 2017 be approved. **Carried.** The financial report is attached to these minutes [Appendix 1, page 5].

The proposed budget has gone out to pastoral charges. To date, there has been no feedback.

DISCIPLESHIP• **Youth and Young Adult Minister Report**

Keri Wehlander reported. She recently attended a meeting at BC Conference office of those involved at Presbytery level with Youth and Young Adult Ministry. She distributed information for Evolve.2017 and Be Still 2018 and remarked how Evolve has become a transformative event for youth and young adults. She provided a list of upcoming events:

- Evolve.2017 – November 10-13, 2017 at Camp Stillwood, Cultus Lake, BC
- Be Still – January 21-24, 2018 at Riverdell, Bowen Island, BC
- Inspire – February 23-24, 2018 at St. Andrew's Wesley, Vancouver, BC – This is an ecumenical gathering with two streams: ministry with children, youth, and young adults and the building of a ministry of contemplative justice in faith communities.
- Young Adult Retreat – April 27-30, 2018 at Naramata Centre
- May Retreat North – May 18-21, 2018 at a location still to be announced. This will be a retreat for youth from the Kamloops-Okanagan, Cariboo, and Prince Rupert Presbyteries. There is a need to develop an overarching plan to promote these events.

HUMAN RESOURCES• **Sounding Board**

Marion Hollingshead reported that Allison Rennie has organized a gathering of clergy on the Friday afternoon of Presbytery. Marion Best will assist.

CONFERENCE MINISTER

No report.

CONFERENCE**EXECUTIVE****REPRESENTATIVE**

Stephen Hershey reported that BC Conference would be held in Penticton from May 31 to June 2, 2017. Ian Fraser is chairing the planning committee; Jeff Seaton, worship. They are currently looking for someone to take on local arrangements. In July, Doug Goodwin had sent a memo to the Executive indicating that there is a need to focus on the future. Items included determining the responsibilities of presbyteries and conferences and how that work could be done once regions are formed and imagining the smaller gatherings – clusters being geographic and networks, thematic. There is an opportunity to be involved in the reshaping of the church.

GIFTS AND CALLINGS

Peggy Whitley indicated that there was nothing to report other than the need to examine the viability of individual Working Units.

LEADERSHIP CIRCLE

Jenny Carter reported that the Leadership Circle would be meeting via web conference on October 6, 2017 to continue Presbytery planning. As a result of a suggestion by Leslie Ross, the clergy in shared ministries will be invited to the Pre-Presbytery Future Planning meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Marion Hollingshead, who is a member of the BC Conference Pastoral Relations Committee, informed us that policy is being written regarding pastoral charge supervisors. The next meeting is in November and more may be known following that meeting.

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

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	First United, Salmon Arm

NEXT MEETING

The next face-to-face meeting of the Executive will be on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 at Trinity United Church in Vernon. Video web conference meetings will be called as needed.

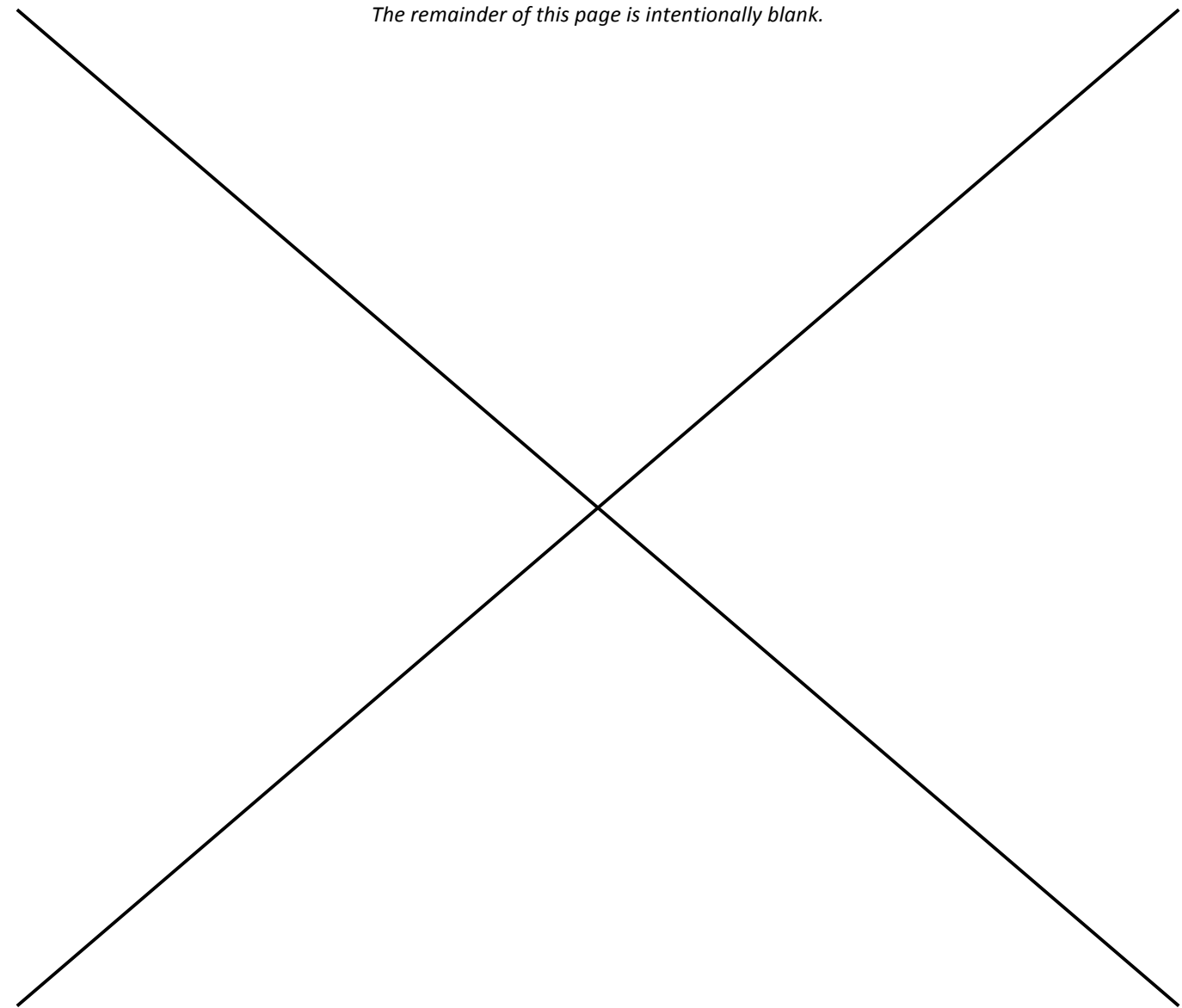
ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm with Ken Jones sharing a reflection from Eileen Caddy and leading us in a closing prayer.

Jenny Carter, Chair

Leslie Ross, Secretary

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