



MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE

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

02 May 2018
VIA VIDEO WEB CONFERENCE

PRESENT	Stephen Hershey (Vice Chair), Marion Hollingshead, Ken Jones, Allison Rennie (Conference Minister), Leslie Ross (Secretary), Leslie Stirling (Treasurer), Keri Wehlander (Youth and Young Adult Minister),
REGRETS	Jenny Carter (Chair) and Peggy Whitley
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the Spring Meeting (February 23-25, 2018) of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the Executive of KOP was called to order at 11:03 am. Stephen Hershey (Vice Chair) presided. A quorum was present.
REFLECTION, OPENING PRAYER	Ken Jones used a reflection by Eileen Caddy with the theme “as you think so do you create” prior to leading us in prayer. Stephen Hershey asked that we be mindful of Jenny Carter as she meets with a bereaved family and visits with her own family and of Peggy Whitley as she travels.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	Motion: (Marion Hollingshead / Leslie Stirling) that the agenda be adopted. Carried.
CONFERENCE MINISTER REPORT	Allison Rennie reported. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LLWL and Lay Worship Leader Pay Motion: (Ken Jones / Marion Hollingshead) that with regard to the motion passed at Spring Presbytery concerning remuneration of Licensed Lay Worship Leaders that the Executive recommend an implementation date of January 1, 2019 and communicate this to every pastoral charge along with the intent of that implementation and to encourage those pastoral charges that are able to implement earlier to do so. Carried. It is noted that the motion passed at Spring Presbytery included other lay people as well as the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. However, Presbytery does not have the authority to tell pastoral charges what the reimbursement of other lay people should be. Linda Ervin is planning on having a workshop for Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. The national church is now mandating that Licensed Lay Worship Leaders take boundaries training and refresher training. • Licensing Items Motion: (Leslie Stirling / Ken Jones) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery confirm that Franklyn James can solemnize marriages with St. Andrew’s United Church, Enderby. Carried. Motion: (Leslie Ross / Leslie Stirling) Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery confirms that Frances Kitson may administer the sacraments with St. Paul’s United Church, Kelowna for the length of the appointment. Carried. • Pastoral Relations Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ St. Paul’s United Church, Kelowna: Frances Kitson has been appointed as a student candidate from April 15 to August 31, 2018 and Ivy Thomas has been called to the congregation. ○ Jeff Seaton has completed his ministry at Trinity United. ○ Cheryl Perry has completed restorative care leave and has resumed work. ○ Jim Hannah will be returning to work next week having completed his restorative care leave. ○ Active Ministry Profile teams are working with significant progress happening in Golden, Sicamous, Armstrong, Vernon, Sorrento, Oliver, and Ashcroft. ○ Allison Rennie will be having a meeting with Northern Okanagan congregations about sharing possibilities.

- Leslie Ross and Leslie Stirling are the pastoral charge supervisors for the North Thompson Ecumenical Shared Ministry during the sabbatical leave of Brian Krushel.
- There are two covenanting services to plan: Plura Hills United Church in Kamloops with Kirstin Autio and St. Paul’s United Church in Kelowna with Ivy Thomas.

PROPERTY UPDATES AND GRANT INFORMATION

Ken Jones reported.

- The contract work for the Youth and Young Adult Minister has been completed.
- The 2018 camp operating grants have been given to the camps. A Grant For Camps application from MacKenzie Camp to upgrade technology has been forwarded to BC Conference.
- Some funding for a Shared Ministry Workshop in Penticton will be provided from the Shared Ministry Holding Account.
- Summerland United Church: Armand Houle still has not heard from CMHC about the feasibility study.
- There is ongoing conversation with Oliver United Church.
- First United Church, Kelowna had some questions about the use of money from the sale of the manse.
- The Secretary will be having the Certificate of Secretary notarized so that Osoyoos United Church will be able to complete the work of changing the name of the registered owner to the “Trustees of the Congregation of Osoyoos United Church”.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Stephen Hershey reported. The Executive’s goal is to have changes go smoothly. There have been discussions around funding for Regional Council. There has been little discussion about supporting clusters. There is a process in place to choose a name for the Region and for determining nominations for the Executive of the Denominational Council. Initially, the Conference Executive will remain as the Regional Council Executive.

CHANGE IN ASSESSMENT CALCULATIONS

Stephen Hershey noted that on the last page of the National Statistics form there is a statement giving the possible 2019 assessment along with the information that the maximum increase in 2019 will be ten percent (10%) over the 2018 or 2017 Conference and Presbytery assessment whichever is higher. Allison Rennie will look into the possibility of holding a workshop for treasurers. Stephen Hershey also wanted the Executive to consider how to effectively communicate the changes.

YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT MINISTER

Keri Wehlander reported that the Young Adults Retreat held at Naramata the previous weekend was successful. There is a transportation concern for the May Retreat North Event as a result of the number of registrants.

PROPOSAL TO BC CONFERENCE

Leslie Ross shared an idea for a proposal to BC Conference regarding assessments for ecumenical shared ministries. The proposal will be discussed at the May 11, 2018 Executive meeting.

BOUNDARIES TRAINING

Allison Rennie will bring to the May 11, 2018 Executive meeting a request from BC Conference to host a Boundaries Training Workshop.

INFORMATION ITEMS

PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Year	Spring Presbytery		Fall Presbytery	
	Date	Place	Date	Place
2018	February 23 - 25	West Bank United, West Kelowna	October 19 - 21	First United, Salmon Arm

NEXT MEETING

The next face-to-face meeting of the Executive will be on Friday, May 11, 2018 at Trinity United Church in Vernon. Video web conference meetings will be called as needed.

ADJOURNMENT AND CLOSING

The meeting adjourned at 12:18 pm with Stephen Hershey leading us in a closing prayer providing a blessing on the work of we have done and the remainder of our day.

Jenny Carter, Chair

Leslie Ross, Secretary