



# MINUTES OF KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERY

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE  
The United Church of Canada

June 1, 2018

HELD AT PENTICTON CONVENTION & TRADE CENTRE  
PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

## Friday, June 1, 2018

- PRESENT**
- Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers:** Juanita Austin, LeAnn Blackert, Liz Bowyer, Jenny Carter (Chair), Bruce Comrie, David Cooke, Elaine Diggie, Stephen Hershey, Kathy Hogman, Armand Houle, Ken Jones, Ian McLean, Donald Schmidt, Sandra Stickney, Laura Turnbull, Sharilynn Upsdell; **RDLM:** Cheryl Perry
- Retired Order of Ministry:** Harvie Barker, Linda Ervin, Doug Martindale, Beverly Milton
- Student Ministers:** John Helps, Franklyn James, Frances Kitson
- Lay Representatives:** Berva Armitage, Cathie Basket, Barbara Blysak, Jayne Brooks, Betty Chenoweth, Patricia Chown, Maxine Coffey, Mary Flynn, Ian Fraser, Norma Fraser, Carole Hutchings, Beryl Itani, Linda Langevin, Megan Loyer, Marianne Lummin, Sheila MacDermott, Robert Riddle, Helen Ross, Pat Totton, Sarah Tupholme, Maia Walker
- Members at Large:** Martha Ashbaugh, Dee Hershey, Marion Hollingshead, Janet McDonald, Leslie Ross (Secretary), Susan Sullivan, Peggy Whitley
- Youth Council:** Alex Kozak, MacKenzie Pruden, Isabella Seethaler
- BC Conference Staff:** Allison Rennie (Conference Minister)
- Presbytery Staff:** Keri Wehlander (Youth and Young Adult Minister)
- Past Moderator:** Marion Best
- Past President, BC Conference:** Ralph Milton
- Guests:** Hugh Chown, Nan Hendrie, Dennis Hixson, Lenore McLean, Aidan Rice, Murray Speer
- REGRETS**
- Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers:** Jo Ann Hinter, Brian Krushel; **RDLM:** Jim Hannah
- Lay Representatives:** Hailey Jones
- Members-at-Large:** Leslie Stirling
- AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER**
- Recognizing that notice of the opportunities for Presbytery meetings to be held during the General Meeting of BC Conference had been circulated via the agenda for the General Meeting of BC Conference, Chair Jenny Carter called this Conference Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery to order in a section of the main meeting room of the Penticton Convention and Trade Centre at 12:15 pm to conduct the business properly before it. A quorum was present.
- WELCOME**
- Jenny Carter welcomed all to the meeting. The following people were introduced: Ivy Thomas, who would be returning to KOP as the minister at St. Paul's United Church, Kelowna this fall; Frances Kitson, who is serving as a student minister at St. Paul's United Church, Kelowna this summer; Murray Speer from Banff; Mary Flynn; Dennis Hixon; Sarah Tupholme; and the three youth, Alex Kozak, MacKenzie Pruden, and Isabella Seethaler.
- AGENDA**
- Jenny Carter announced that the items of business were a report from the Youth, nominations for the Board of the Office Of Vocation, pastoral relations information, and announcements.

**YOUTH REPORT**

Keri Wehlander, Youth and Young Adult Minister, introduced the format of the report. Basing the idea on 1 Corinthians 4: 16, there would be the response “So, we do not lose heart.” following each section. The report was given by Alex Kozak, MacKenzie Pruden, Isabella Seethaler, Aidan Rice, Maia Walker, Franklyn James, and Keri Wehlander. The overview identified that youth and young adult ministry is an event-based ministry. Each event brings together youth and young adults from various geographic regions to find new connections and celebrate old ones, to pray and play together, to learn something new, and to deepen the roots of their faith journey. The following highlights were included:

- At the first young adult retreat that was held at Naramata Centre in April, a participant shared that the retreat had set him in a new direction and that he finally felt that he has found a place for himself in a community for which he had been searching.
- The first May Retreat North was held at Gavin Lake with youth attending from Kootenay, Prince Rupert, and Kamloops-Okanagan Presbyteries.
- Throughout the summer, youth and young adults will be attending camps and Naramata Centre. There have been consistent reports that these experiences have been essential to spiritual growth.
- In the fall, there will be a forward planning consultation to ensure that pieces are in place for 2019 when the Presbytery structure is no longer in place.
- At Fall Presbytery, there is a plan to have a reunion of those who have taken part in Youth Council over the years.
- Evolve, an annual gathering of BC Conference United Church Youth, Young Adults, and Leaders, to form community, explore faith, and have fun will be held November 9 to 12, 2018 at Stillwod Camp, Cultis Lake.

**NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOARD OF THE OFFICE OF VOCATION**

The General Council is looking for five nominees from BC Conference for consideration for service on the initial Board of the Office of Vocations. Each Presbytery in BC Conference is being asked to nominate people to be considered.

**Motion: (Beryl Itani / Doug Martindale)** that Martha Ashbaugh, Linda Ervin, Cheryl Perry, Donald Schmidt, and Laura Turnbull be nominated to serve on the Board of the Office of Vocations.

**Carried.**

The Secretary will forward the names to Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary of BC Conference.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS**

Allison Rennie reported.

- A Covenanting Service for Kirstin Autio and Plura Hills United Church will be held on June 24, 2018 at 3 pm.
- Juanita Austin and Bari Castle will be retiring.
- Michele Rowe is moving to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.
- Ivy Thomas has been called to St. Paul’s United Church, Kelowna beginning September 1, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Naramata Centre is celebrating its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Martha Ashbaugh and Susan Sullivan would like you to inform them of past presbyters who should be invited to Fall Presbytery.
- Penticton United Church celebrates its 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this fall.
- Fall Presbytery will be held October 19-21, 2018 at First United Church, Salmon Arm.

**ADJOURNMENT AND BLESSING**

Jenny Carter declared that, having completed the business, this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery was adjourned at 12:40 pm. She closed the meeting with prayer seeking blessings for each person for the remainder of our break in Conference business and for all when we returned to the work of BC Conference.

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Jenny Carter, Chair

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Leslie Ross, Secretary