



MINUTES OF
EXECUTIVE
 Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
 The United Church of Canada

October 6, 2011
 WINFIELD UNITED CHURCH
 WINFIELD, BRITISH COLUMBIA

PRESENT	Louise Burton, Jim Hannah, Lily Watson, Dawne Taylor, Joanne Koster (Youth Minister), Steve Hershey (Chair, Management Team), Karen Medland (Chair), Graham Brownmiller (Secretary), Ivy Thomas (Conference Minister)
REGRETS	Norma Fraser, Reta Robertson, Ian Fraser, Elaine Diggle, Leslie Stirling, Teri Meyer
AUTHORITY & CALL TO ORDER	Pursuant to the authority of the 2011 Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP) at BC Conference, the Executive of KOP was Called to Order at 10 am at Winfield United Church, Winfield, BC and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Karen Medland presiding. A quorum was present.
OPENING WORSHIP	Worship was led by Karen Medland.
ST. JOHN'S UNITED CHURCH, CLINTON	<p>With the disbanding of St. John's United Church, Clinton, Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery needs to authorize BC Conference and Executive Secretary Doug Goodwin to sell the building at Fair Market Value. The congregation of St. John's has submitted their proposal for distribution of assets, which has been approved by Management Team and forwarded to BC Conference.</p> <p>MS (S. Hershey /L. Burton) that the Executive of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery authorize BC Conference to sell the building of St. John's United Church, Clinton at Fair Market Value.</p> <p>Carried</p>
PENTICTON SUPERVISORY COMMISSION	<p>Ivy Thomas presented an overview of the Supervisory Commission's work over the past number of years.</p> <p>Conversation, discernment and prayer ensued regarding this matter.</p>
LUNCH	Lunch was provided by Jim Hannah.
PENTICTON SUPERVISORY COMMISSION CONT'D	<p>We returned to the conversation about the congregations in Penticton. It was named and recognized that whatever the outcome of these decisions, there has been, and will be, hurt and pain caused by this process.</p> <p>The Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery accepts responsibility for the delay in process and prays for guidance and wisdom in the coming months.</p> <p>The Executive recognizes that Penticton United Church continues to have some financial accountability to Oasis United Church. The Executive also recognizes that there has been some previous concession of Penticton United Church to Oasis United Church in the earlier division of assets. The future responsibility for ministry in Penticton is shared between the two congregations.</p>

The Executive does not want to make either congregation (literally or figuratively) homeless and so makes the following directions to Oasis United Church and Penticton United Church:

MS (L. Watson /L. Burton) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery acknowledge responsibility regarding lack of clarity, process, and the delay of closure to this situation for Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church; and offer an apology to the Congregations that despite actions taken with the best intentions that additional stress was placed upon the people and on-going ministries of the congregations. **Carried**

Given the legal opinion that a mortgage is not enforceable upon a congregation it is **MS** (S. Hershey /D. Taylor) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery remove the requirement that a mortgage in the amount of six hundred and forty one thousand, five hundred and fifty dollars (\$641,550.00) be taken out by Penticton United Church in favour of Oasis United Church as per the report of the Supervisory Commission. **Carried**

MS (S. Hershey /L. Burton) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery continue to recognize the interest of the Oasis United Church congregation in the property located at 696 Main Street, Penticton, BC (Penticton United Church); and that Presbytery directs that if at any time in the future the property is sold, that thirty-five percent (35%) of the net proceeds will be forwarded to Oasis United Church; and that until such time, a payment in good faith against such a sale, of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) will be paid to Oasis United Church by December 31, 2013. **Carried**

MS (L. Watson /D. Taylor) that if the payment in good faith of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) is not made by Penticton United Church by December 31, 2013, Presbytery directs that the payment is made from investment and memorial funds held by Penticton United Church by January 31, 2014; if this is not possible, then we engage section 335(d) of The Manual (2010) which calls for the matter to be addressed through the policies and procedures approved by the General Council for dealing with resolution of conflicts (i.e., Alternate Dispute Resolution). **Carried**

MS (S. Hershey /J. Hannah) that Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery will fund and appoint a quarter-time Presbytery staff person (.25 FTE) to work with both congregations for one-year to assist them to move effectively into the future and their respective ministries, with the appointment beginning in the spring of 2012. **Carried** with one abstention

Funding for this position will be included in our conversation regarding surplus and budget at the Fall meeting of Presbytery in Golden, October 21-23, 2011.

- CORRESPONDENCE** In regards to the letter from Carol Anderson of Oasis United Church dated October 5, 2011, the Executive also recognizes Oasis United Church's entitlement to fifty percent (50%) of the amount received from the Czuczor Bequest, as per the earlier agreed upon division of assets.
- NEXT MEETING** The Executive will next meet when called by desire of the Leadership Circle and/or Management Team.
- BLESSING** Chair, Karen Medland offered a blessing.
- ADJOURNMENT** Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

Karen Medland, Chair

Graham Brownmiller, Secretary