



MINUTES OF
KAMLOOPS-OKANAGAN PRESBYTERY

OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE
The United Church of Canada

May 27, 2011
PENTICTON TRADE & CONVENTION CENTRE
PENTICTON, BRITISH COLUMBIA

FRIDAY, MAY 27, 2011

PRESENT: **Ministry Personnel / Recognized Designated Lay Ministers / Designated Lay Ministers:** (24) Wayne Atkinson, Juanita Austin, LeAnn Blackert, Graham Brownmiller, Bari Castle, Bruce Comrie, Bob Crosby, Elaine Diggle, Sheila Dunbar, Sharon Ferguson-Hood, Len Fraser, Judith Hardcastle, Stephen Hershey, Kent Israel, Kathleen Jones, Ken Jones, Teri Meyer, Carolyn Ronald, Sandra Stickney, Laura Turnbull, Sharilynn Upsdell, Ruth Wright; **RDLM** (2) Carol Stokes, Ann White

Students: (2) Leanne Benoit, Diane Robinson

Lay Delegates: (25) Marie Allen, Orma Baker, Cathie Baskett, Barbara Blysak, Rosalie Bohn, Maxine Coffey, Ian Fraser, Norma Fraser, Leona Harrison, Nan Hendrie, Marion Hollingshead, Kathy Johnson, Marion Kozier, Linda Langevin, Megan Loyer, Rollanda Malloux, Janet McDonald, Althea Naundorf, Reta Robertson, Abigail Rutley, Sue Sullivan, Cliff Turner, Judy Valks, Michele Walker, Peggy Whitley

Members at Large: (2) Martha Ashbaugh, Lee Fraser

Youth Council: (6) Katie Coolidge, Jake Highfield, Zoe McNair, Paz Morrison-Rainville, Aidan Rice, Morgan Swift

Youth Minister: (1) Joanne Koster

BC Conference Staff: (1) Ivy Thomas

Resource Centre: (1) Irene Hart

Registrar: (1) Bob Hendrie

Past Moderator: (1) Marion Best

Retired Order of Ministry: (2) Harvie Barker, Dawne Taylor

Guests: (1) Judy Tolhurst

**GREETINGS &
INTRODUCTIONS**

Judith Hardcastle, Chair, welcomed folks to Presbytery at the General Meeting of BC Conference.

**AUTHORITY & CALL TO
ORDER**

Pursuant to the authority of the 2011 Spring Meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery (KOP), the 2011 May (Conference) meeting was Called to Order at the Penticton Trade & Convention Centre, Penticton, BC and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, Chair Judith Hardcastle presiding. A quorum was present and a blessing offered.

AGENDA	Judith Hardcastle outlined the agenda for this gathering time. <i>MS (S. Sullivan / M. Ashbaugh) that we adopt the agenda as presented. Carried</i>
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING	<i>MS (R. Robertson / A. Rutley) that the minutes of the February 18-20, 2011 meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery be received for information. Carried</i>
CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES	<i>MS (T. Meyer / S. Hershey) that Corresponding Privileges be granted to visitors and guests to this meeting of Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery. Carried</i>
LEADERSHIP CIRCLE	Leadership Circle has not met since the Spring Presbytery Meeting, but Judith Hardcastle reminded folks that Karen Medland will assume Chair of Presbytery at the rise of Conference.
CORRESPONDENCE	We have received a certificate of thanks from MacKenzie Camp.
MANAGEMENT TEAM	Education & Students – Sue Sullivan, co-chair, reported that Diane Robinson, LeAnn Blackert, Leanne Benoit will be recognized into their ministries on Sunday. There are a number of discernment committees in the works – there are no new students coming up. Pastoral Relations - Martha Ashbaugh reported that Pastoral Relations has not dealt with any crises. Joanne Koster has been appointed for 3 years as Presbytery Youth Minister, and is taking the BC Conference Certificate Programme in Youth Ministry. Keremeos Ecumenical Parish and Princeton are working together to call, as two separate Pastoral Charges, Nick Judson to work half-time with each of them, for a full-time call. Jeff Seaton has been called to Trinity United Church Vernon and Jim Hannah has been appointed to Winfield United Church.
GRANT APPLICATIONS	<i>MS (S. Hershey / N. Hendrie) that we forward the Technology Support Grant for St. Andrew's United Church, Lillooet in the amount of nine-hundred, eighty-six dollars and twenty-four cents (\$986.24) to General Council through BC Conference with our concurrence. Carried.</i> <i>MS (S. Hershey / N. Hendrie) that we forward the Church/Manse Modernization and Improvement Grant application for Oliver Pastoral Charge in the amount of five-thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) to General Council through BC Conference with our concurrence. Carried.</i> <i>MS (S. Hershey / N. Hendrie) that we forward the Church/Manse Modernization and Improvement Grant application for Zion United Church of the Ashcroft-Clinton Pastoral Charge in the amount of three-thousand, seven hundred and twenty-four dollars and seventy cents (\$3,724.70) to General Council through BC Conference with our concurrence. Carried.</i>
RESOURCE FAIR INFORMATION	Irene Hart and Wayne Atkinson provided copies of the registration material for the Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Resource Fair “Big Questions – Worthy Dreams” being held October 1, 2011 at Penticton United Church. Janet McDonald will be the keynote presenter and there are fourteen (14) workshops offered. Registration for the Resource Fair can be done through the Presbytery Website or via the paper registration.
MANAGEMENT TEAM & PENTICTON & OASIS COMMISSION	Steve Hershey presented some history of the Commission in Penticton, BC. Out of those recommendations, Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church have been established as two Pastoral Charges in Penticton. Steve Hershey explained that members of the Executive this morning spoke with Doug Goodwin, Conference Executive Secretary, and Jon Jessiman, Conference Legal Counsel, and have agreed to our next steps forward. The recommendation is to have a Mediator meet with both Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church in the next few weeks to make some decisions about the next steps. Also, on behalf of the Management Team and Executive, Steve Hershey apologized to Penticton United Church and Oasis United Church for having failed in this process.

Conversation followed. LeAnn Blackert offered prayers for this coming process, for Penticton United Church, Oasis United Church and the Executive of this Presbytery.

**THANKS TO THOSE
RETIRING / LEAVING
KOP**

Thanks to those who are retiring: Ruth Wright and David Sparks (again). Recognition of those who are leaving our Presbytery: Kathleen Jones, Sharon Ferguson-Hood, Leanne Benoit, Diane Robinson. Martha Ashbaugh is resigning from chairing Pastoral Relations. The Secretary also reminded folks that it is their responsibility on behalf of Presbytery to thank the Lay Delegates who attend and work so diligently for Presbytery.

Thanks were expressed to Judith Hardcastle for her work as Chair of Presbytery for the past two years.

ENABLING MOTION

MS (G. Brownmiller / S. Dunbar) that the Presbytery Executive be empowered to carry out the business of Presbytery until we meet at St. Andrew's United Church and Centre for Peace, October 21-23, 2011, Golden, BC. **Carried**

ADJOURNMENT

Having reached the order of the day, we adjourned.

Judith Hardcastle, Chair

Graham Brownmiller, Secretary

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