

**Minutes of the Eighty-first General Meeting
British Columbia Conference
The United Church of Canada
Penticton, BC
May 26-29, 2011**

First Session, 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 26, 2011

- Authority** Pursuant to the authority of the eightieth General Meeting of BC Conference of The United Church of Canada, the eighty-first General Meeting convened at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton, BC, and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, President Dan Chambers presiding. A quorum was present.
- Welcome** The President, the Rev. Dan Chambers, welcomed delegates to the meeting and introduced the theme of "...Then Your Light Shall Rise."
- First Nations** A welcome was offered by Chief Stewart Philip of the Okanagan Nation and Joan Philip of the Penticton Indian Band. Both told moving stories of their life journeys that brought them to their present place.
- Guest and Theme Speaker** Dan Chambers introduced the General Council Office guest, Alan Hall. Dan also introduced the Reverend Dr. Marilyn Legge as the theme speaker for the meeting, and Linnea Good and Friends (Linnea Good, David Johnson and, Josh McHan) as the musicians for the meeting.
- Table Groups** Community Development Chair, Shelagh MacKinnon, introduced how the table groups would work. Those at table groups introduced themselves to one another.
- Worship** Worship on the theme "...Then Your Light Shall Rise" began with interpretive dance, prayer and song. The scripture reading was Exodus 3: 1-14.
- Theme Address** The Reverend Dr. Marilyn Legge offered the first of her theme messages focusing on the theme of faithful public witness. She provided some historical context regarding the origins of the United Church *vis-à-vis* faithful public witness, including the church's institutional relationship to "empire."
- Business** The President introduced the time for business, then welcomed Jenny Carter as the Chair of the Business Committee.
- Business Motions** Jenny Carter briefly introduced the court to the business for the evening. She highlighted several sections of the extensive Business Committee motion.
- M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that:*
1. *The Roll of the 81st General Meeting of BC Conference shall consist of those members of BC Conference who register prior to 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011. Those arriving after that time shall not be included on the Roll and shall not be entitled to payment of travel expenses.*
 2. *The Quorum of the General Meeting shall be one-fifth of those entitled to vote, with at least two Presbyteries represented.*
 3. *The Bar of the Court shall be the floor of Ballroom II, Salons A&B, of the Penticton Convention Centre, Penticton, B.C.*

4. *The Business Committee for this General Meeting shall be Allan Buckingham, Jenny Carter (Chair), Dan Chambers, Maggie Enwright, Doug Goodwin, Jim Hannah, Kent Israel, Doris Kizinna, Shelagh MacKinnon, Kathy McMillan, David Sparks, Ruth Stebbing, and Nellie Tang.*
5. *In order to facilitate the formulation of motions and discussion of matters raised by Proposals, the President may, at his discretion, suspend the ordinary limitations of parliamentary debate and engage in a different process. All decisions of the court shall follow the rules of debate and order as summarized in Appendix III of the Manual (2010).*
6. *Subject to such changes as the Business Committee might make and announce, the agenda as printed shall be the working basis for the order of business.*
7. *Proposals directed to this General Meeting shall be dealt with by the meeting in the appropriate place in the General Meeting agenda. Proposals dealing with matters not noted on the agenda shall be dealt with in the order that they are received by the Conference office or Business Committee prior to 1:00 p.m. Saturday, May 28, 2011. Like proposals may be grouped together at the discretion of the Business Committee. All unfinished business at the close of the meeting shall be referred to the Conference Executive.*
8. *Voting shall be carried out by delegates raising designated voting cards, save those instances where voting by ballot is required or moved and duly passed, in which case written ballots shall be used.*
9. *All motions having budget implications for BC Conference of over \$500 shall not be put to an immediate vote but after initial discussion be referred to a committee consisting of all members present of the Finance Council for a statement of financial implications. The motion will then be returned to the floor for action.*
10. *Election of President-Elect*
 - a. *This meeting of Conference shall elect, from amongst those nominated for this position, a President-Elect to serve as Conference President at the rise of the Conference meeting in May 2012 until a successor is elected at a subsequent meeting of the Conference.*
 - b. *All nominations for the position of President-Elect shall be submitted to the Business Committee by 8:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011, accompanied by:*
 - i. *the signature of five delegates;*
 - ii. *the written agreement of the nominee;*
 - iii. *a single page introduction or resume of the nominee.*
 - c. *The election for President-Elect shall take place by a series ballot system until there is a clear majority obtained by the person with the greatest number of votes.*
11. *Corresponding Privileges be granted to Alan Hall, representative of the General Council office.*
12. *Requests to withdraw from the meeting shall be submitted to, considered, and granted by the Business Committee. Delegates leaving before noon on Saturday, May 28, 2011 without the consent of the Business Committee shall not be entitled to have travel expenses paid.*

13. *Payment of delegate expenses shall be made as specified in the travel claim form. Claims shall be submitted to the Transportation Clerk at the time of registration but no later than 7:00 p.m. Friday, May 27, 2011. Late claims submitted after June 30, 2011 shall not be paid.*

Voting on Candidates Jenny Carter noted that the *Manual 035* stipulates that all votes regarding the standing of Order of Ministry must be taken by ballot unless, upon a motion to waive a ballot, no dissenting vote is cast. She indicated that the Business Committee wished to test the will of the court regarding the desire to use a ballot.

M/S/DEFEATED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that: the requirement to vote by ballot for candidates to be ordained, commissioned, admitted, readmitted or recognized for ministry be waived (Manual 035).

Minutes *M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that: the minutes of the 80th General Meeting of BC Conference held May 21-24, 2009 in Langley, BC, be adopted.*

Election of Conference President Jenny Carter noted that Debra Bowman had been elected as President-Elect at the 2009 General Meeting with the expectation that she would assume the role of President in 2011.

M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that: this meeting of BC Conference elect Debra Bowman as Conference President to take office upon her installation on Sunday, May 29, 2011, to serve until the installation of her successor.

Dan Chambers led the court in a prayer of thanksgiving for the offering of the gifts of the incoming President, Debra Bowman.

Closing Shelagh MacKinnon made some “housekeeping” announcements. The President acknowledged past Moderator, Marion Best, who was present as a member of the court. He brought the evening session to a close with words of hope and blessing.

The evening session concluded with a closing hymn at 8:45 PM.

Second Session, 8:45 AM, Friday, May 27, 2011

Welcome The morning opened with singing led by Linnea Good And Friends.

Shelagh MacKinnon made announcements. Dan Chambers outlined the workshop options for the afternoon.

Business Committee Jenny Carter introduced the agenda for the day.

Corresponding Privileges *M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that: the First Aid liaison, Bruce Holvick, be granted corresponding privileges.*

Table Groups Delegates shared in table groups for a personal check-in.

Worship Worship was led by Bethel Lee, Jim Hannah, Jennifer Cunnings, Eric Hamlyn and Julie Lees.

Memorials Dal McCrindle led in Memorials for those who had passed away since the last General Meeting of the Conference:

2009 – Rev. Ruskin Thorpe; Louise Best; Rev. Hadden Gregory;

2010 – Rev. Pete Collins; Rev. Donald Macpherson; Rev. Arthur Greenhough; Rev. Raymond Fenn; Rev. Benjamin Taylor; Rev. Alice M. Hogman; Rev. Arthur Lloyd Anderson; Rev. Fredrick Roy Anderson; Rev. Glenn Baker; John Douglas Robertson; Rev. Howard Filsinger; Rev. Clifford R. McMurtry;

2011 – Rev. Art Henderson; Rev. Rayburn Hugh McColl; Rev. Theo R. C. Roberts; Rev. Ellen Truly; Rev. Marvin G. Fowler; Rev. Albert Baldeo; Rev. John A. Godfrey; and Rev. George Stegen.

- President’s Address** President Dan Chambers spoke on “Gratitude, Integration and the Way Forward.” After expressing gratitude to the many people and groups throughout the Conference who have been so faithful, he suggested that Christian work and contemplation need to be integrated. He closed with a story of how a congregation worked together to help a hummingbird out of the church sanctuary. Their cooperation serves as an image of the church as it moves into an unknown future.
- Theme Address** Marilyn Legge’s theme message emphasized “justice-love” as the face of faith. A reading from Isaiah and a series of challenging questions and images about faithful public witness were the focal point for table group conversations.
- Announcements** Jenny Carter made several announcements and instructions regarding lunch, Presbytery meetings, and the afternoon workshops. Linnea Good and Friends led the meeting in a song of gratitude and grace.
- Lunch** During the lunch break the Presbyteries met. The President met with the Children at Conference.
- Workshops** Participants attended seven workshops: Jesus and the Political Process (Bill Siksay); Microfinance (Rob Gage); TURN (Kimiko Karpoff and Natalie Maxson); Truth and Reconciliation (Alvin Dixon and Samaya Jardey); Water (Nelson Jatel, Zoe Kirk and Ted Makar); Me to We (Katrina Anderson); and Rethinking What it Means to be Church (Ric Matthews and Sandra Severs).
- Chair** Past President, Hilde Seal, took the Chair during the Conference Executive Accountability report.
- Conference Executive Accountability Report** Jacob Black-Lock and Robyn Green introduced the Conference Executive Accountability report with a short video and a description about the way the Executive works.
- Leadership Focus** Doug Goodwin reported on how the establishment of Effective Leadership as the priority of the Conference has shaped the staffing and focus of the Conference. To date the focus has been on building a staff team in support of personnel work and leadership development. The next step is to develop ways of providing support services for the whole “life-cycle” of ministry personnel.
- Treana Duncan spoke on the recent “Sowing Promise, Growing Leaders” leadership training event held by the Conference. She also explained how the Personnel Team of staff were working to cooperatively provide support services for personnel and the Presbyteries.
- Camp Future** Terry Harrison updated the meeting on the accomplishments of the Camp Future Project. She noted that the capital development projects at Camp Fircom and Camp Pringle came in on schedule, within a 6% margin on the original \$10.5 million

budget. She also noted that the Moorecroft camp property was sold earlier this year to the Regional District of Nanaimo for \$4.8 million to be used as a public park, protected by a conservation covenant with the Nature Conservancy of Canada.

Finance Doug Goodwin introduced the Ten Year Financial Vision adopted by the Conference Executive in November 2009. The Vision structures the Conference's finances in three "streams" (Core, Conference Camping, and ProVision) to provide sustainability while also being open to emerging possibilities. Conference financial decisions are not arbitrary but shaped by the Vision.

Doug Goodwin described the ProVision funds, presently approximately \$5 million. These funds are to be used for work that is not "core" to the Conference work. Presently these funds primarily benefit the Presbyteries that contribute to them but benefit to the whole Conference increases through time.

Mark Paetkau, Chair of the Finance Council, described the general financial health of the Conference as very good. The recent financial audit highlighted the improvements over the past years in the Conference's finances and financial management. Mark reviewed the investment income of the Conference, the Camp Future Project monies, and the changes in the operating budget over the past few years.

Emergent Church Debra Bowman spoke on the Executive's desire to be attentive to emergent issues and possibilities in the Conference.

Throughout the report questions and comments from the floor were received and discussed.

Dinner The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:40 PM. Hilde Seal offered a prayer of thanksgiving.

Business Committee Following dinner the President reconvened the court. Jenny Carter introduced the business that was to come before the court. She also reminded the court of how the "Proposal" system works, allowing the President flexibility in conducting the discussions around proposals before moving into parliamentary procedure to make final decisions.

**Proposal 2011-01
"Social Justice"** Jenny Carter introduced Conference Proposal 2011-01, "Social Justice." Using the "proposal" discussion format, conversation regarding the desire to ensure social justice issues were a part of each Conference General Meeting was held. No changes to the language of the original proposal were suggested.

*M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that:
BC Conference consistently include time and attention on social justice issues in the agenda of Conference.*

**Proposal 2011-02
"Ethically Raised Meat"** Jenny Carter introduced Conference Proposal 2011-02, "Ethically Raised Meat." The original proposal read "that only certified ethically raised meats be eaten at future BC Conference gatherings." Using the "proposal" discussion format, extensive conversation regarding the proposal took place. Several suggestions for changes to the wording of the proposal were not adopted.

It was agreed that the final wording would clarify that the meetings referred to would mean only the Conference General Meetings.

*M/S/DEFEATED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that:
only certified ethically raised meats be eaten at future General Meetings of BC Conference.*

**Conference Proposal
2011-03, "Campus
Ministry"**

Jenny Carter introduced Conference Proposal 2011-03, "Campus Ministry."

The original proposal read "that BC Conference commit to fully funding Campus Ministries at UVic and UBC, to be funded by increased presbytery allocations."

Positive support for the proposal focused on the benefit these ministries provided for students and the university communities at large. Concerns were expressed about the cost of funding these ministries, whether they should be supported by the Conference or more locally, and the lack of comparable support at other provincial universities and colleges.

Presently the Conference is committed to supporting these ministries with \$72,500 annually. The Finance Council provided information regarding the additional cost of supporting these ministries if they were fully funded, their staff costs were fully funded, or they received the funding that had previously been supplied by Mission Support Grants.

Discussion ended with the hour of the day.

Worship

Bethel Lee led worship with music by Linnea Good and Friends.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for the night at 9:30 PM.

Third Session, 9:15 AM, Saturday, May 28, 2011

**Welcome and Table
Groups**

Linnea Good began the day with music; Shelagh MacKinnon and Jenny Carter offered announcements and directions for the day.

Moderator Nominee

It was announced that Westminster Presbytery was nominating the Rev. Richard Bott for Moderator of The United Church of Canada. News of the nomination was warmly greeted with applause.

Retirees

Linda Gunn introduced those who had retired since the last General Meeting of the Conference: Peter Mitchell; David Ewart; Ariel Creighton; Janet Brigham-Turowski; Douglas Bacon; Donna Ziegler; Dee McEachern; Catherine Angus; Connie Thompson; Mollie Williams; Ruth Wright; Marianna Harris; Ian Macdonald; Allan Tysick; and Wally Hargrave.

She then presented each retiree present with a plaque honouring their ministry.

Theme Address

Marilynn Legge continued on the theme of faithful public witness, with a focus on diversity and inclusivity *vis-à-vis* the "intercultural church."

Business Committee

The President introduced those who had been intentionally holding the meeting in prayer throughout the proceedings. He also outlined again how the "proposal" discussion process is meant to work.

Motion to Reconsider

The President noted that the deadline for nominations for President-Elect expired Friday evening with no nominations received. Since that time a nomination had been received. To accept that nomination a change in the earlier decision regarding the

nomination deadline would have to be made after first reconsidering the original business committee motion. He noted that a motion to reconsider would require a 2/3 majority.

*M/S/CARRIED (Doug Goodwin/Jenny Carter) that:
we reconsider the Business Committee motion, section #10.*

**Deadline for
Nominations**

*M/S/CARRIED (Doug Goodwin/Jenny Carter) that:
section #10 remain identical except that the deadline for nominations for President –
Elect be 1:00 p.m., Saturday, May 28, 2011.*

**Proposal 2011-03
“Campus Ministry”
(continued)**

Conversation regarding Conference Proposal 2011-03, “Campus Ministry,” continued. During the discussion it was agreed that the final wording should clarify that it was not expected that the Conference would “fully” fund these campus ministries but would replace the funding originally provided by the Mission Support Grant which had been recently cut.

Lunch

Following housekeeping announcements, a presentation from the Youth at Conference regarding the national Rendezvous 2011 gathering, a song by Linnea Good and Friends, and a prayer by President-Elect, Debra Bowman, the meeting adjourned for lunch.

Reconvened

The President reconvened the court following lunch.

**Education and
Students**

Gaye Sharpe introduced the candidates for ordination, commissioning, recognition and admission. Each candidate reflected on what sustains them in ministry, responding to the question: “*You are choosing to enter a specific ministry in the United Church of Canada when we are profoundly challenged by the most basic idea of that it means to be church. How do you hope your particular leadership serves God’s needs for our church at this time?*”

Following the reflections, Blair Galston, on behalf of the Bob Stewart Archives, presented a book to each of the candidates.

M/S/CARRIED (Gaye Sharpe, Linda Gunn) that BC Conference:

ordain Julianne Kasmer to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;

ordain Julianne (Julie) Lees to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;

ordain Lori Megley-Best to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;

ordain Diane Robinson to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;

ordain Brenda Wilkinson to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;

commission Leanne Benoit to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care;

commission Kimiko Karpoff to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care;

recognize Sunni Shular as a Designated Lay Minister;

admit LeAnn Blackert to the ordained Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada; and

admit Therese DesCamp to the ordained Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada.

It was requested by more than two members that the vote be divided, with each candidate voted on separately. A secret ballot was used for the vote.

When the votes had been counted, Gaye Sharpe announced that each candidate had been accepted.

**General Council
Report and Guest**

A report from those involved in the General Council Executive began with recorded greeting from the Moderator of The United Church of Canada, Mardi Tindal. Alvin Dixon, BC Conference's Lay Representative to the General Council Executive, reported highlights from the work of the General Council Executive since the last General Meeting of Conference. Alan Hall, guest from the General Council office, brought greetings from the General Council staff. Allan Buckingham was introduced as an elected member of the Executive of the World Communion of Reformed Churches. Allan brought greetings from the WCRC and introduced its work to the meeting.

Jessiman Retirement

Debra Bowman informed the court that Jon Jessiman, legal counsel for BC Conference, was retiring at the end of August 2011, and offered words of gratitude. Doug Goodwin spoke of Jon's civic accomplishments and contribution to the life of The United Church of Canada at all levels of the church. Alan Hall read a personal message from Nora Saunders, General Secretary. Jon then shared some of insights from his time serving BC Conference. In closing, Deb Bowman presented a gift to Jon in recognition of his outstanding contributions.

President-Elect

Will Sparks and participants from Children at Conference interviewed Jenny Carter, the sole nominee for President-Elect.

*M/S/CARRIED (Karen Millard, Foster Freed) that:
this meeting of BC Conference elect Jenny Carter as Conference President-Elect.*

**Proposal 2011-03,
"Campus Ministry"
(continued)**

Dan Chambers reopened the discussion regarding Conference Proposal 2011-03, "Campus Ministry." After further discussion it was decided to put forward a motion.

*M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that:
BC Conference commit to replacing the recently lost funding to Campus Ministries at the University of Victoria and the University of BC.*

**Conference Proposal
2011-04 "Raven Coal
Mine"**

Jenny Carter introduced Conference Proposal 2011-04, "Environmental Stewardship Regarding the Proposed Raven Underground Coal Mine."

The original proposal read "that BC Conference regards the development of the Raven coal mine to not be morally prudent for the sound stewardship and care of all creation, and BC Conference is committed to expressing its opposition to the mine in a letter to the BC Environmental Assessment Office and the Canadian Environmental Assessment Office."

Discussion about the possible ill effects of the mine was held. The accuracy of some of the information presented was challenged.

*M/S/CARRIED (Karen Millard, Stuart Lyster) that:
BC Conference undertake to research the issues related to the Raven Underground Coal Mine.*

Unfinished Business

*M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, Doug Goodwin) that:
the proposals to the General Meeting not dealt with during this General Meeting be referred to the BC Conference Executive.*

Agenda Change	<i>M/S/CARRIED (Michelle Slater/Rhona Panton) that: the Business Committee find fifteen minutes in the evening's agenda to consider Proposal 2011-05/06.</i>
Worship	Worship was led by the Children at Conference. The children entered the hall in a procession, led by participant Kendrick Rutherford who piped them in.
Dinner	Shelagh MacKinnon made announcements. Jenny Carter offered a prayer of grace and thanksgiving. The meeting adjourned for dinner at 5:40 PM.
Theme	The evening's theme discussion was a panel presentation featuring Janice Young, Min Goo Kang, and Ric Matthews, together with Marilyn Legge. Each speaker shared their own, personal experience of faithful public witness in the light of what Marilyn has covered in her theme addresses. Marilyn, in conversation with Dan Chambers, provided a summary of the challenge of faithful public witness.
Proposals 2011-05 & 2011-06, "Theological Education and Formation for Ministry in BC Conference"	<p>The President invited Michelle Slater to speak to the issues raised by Conference Proposals 2011-05 and 2011-06 regarding theological education and ministry formation.</p> <p>Due to the limited amount of time available for discussion, Michelle proposed the following as a replacement for the two earlier Proposals:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. that BC Conference establish a Task Force to develop an integrated plan for supporting theological education and formation for ministry (both lay and ordered) in BC Conference, including (but not limited to) VST and Naramata Centre and that such a Task Force have a working budget of up to \$40,000; and that 2. the Task Force report to the 82nd General Meeting of BC Conference 2012 with strategies and funding sources; and that 3. BC Conference refer Proposals 2011-05 and 2011-06 to the Task Force for consideration in their work. <p>Following discussion the Executive Secretary, Doug Goodwin, suggested that the general intent of the Proposals fits well into present plans for looking at overall support for the life-cycle of ministry personnel. Instead of working on a detailed motion it might be adequate to note in the Minutes that the meeting feels this is an important issue to be worked on over the next year and that a report to the General Meeting in 2012 on progress made over the year would be appropriate.</p> <p>By a show of hands the meeting agreed that a note in the Minutes and a report to the next General Meeting was adequate.</p>
Settlement Committee	<p>Brenda Fawkes presented the Settlement Committee Report. She noted that this was a significant year for the Settlement Committee because of changes to General Council policies that made settlement optional.</p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes, Shannon Tennant) that: the Settlement Committee Report be received for information.</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes, Shannon Tennant) that: the Ministerial Standing Report be approved.</i></p>

Registrar’s Report	Presbytery	Number
	Cariboo	17
	Comox-Nanaimo	35
	Fraser	52
	Kamloops-Okanagan	90
	Kootenay	28
	Prince Rupert	24
	Vancouver-Burrard	43
	Vancouver South	32
	Victoria	30
	Westminster	31
	Other (Guests, Resource, Staff, Visitors, Volunteers)	84
	Total	466

Status	Number
Child	29
First Time to Conference	69
Lay Presbyter - voting	148
Ordained Minister (including Retired)- voting	166
Youth	23

Archivist’s Report Blair Galston, Conference Archivist, advised the Court that the requisite audit of Presbytery minutes had been concluded and that all Presbyteries, with the exception of one, have submitted all the required documentation.

Gratitude & Appreciation Shelagh MacKenzie and Linda Gunn offered words of gratitude to all the teams and individuals who contributed in many and various ways to the 2011 General Meeting.

Enabling Motions *M/S/CARRIED (Jenny Carter, David Martyn) that:*

1. *the Executive Secretary be authorized to edit reports and minutes for the Record of Proceedings of this meeting;*
2. *the Executive be authorized to transact all business of the Conference until the next meeting of Conference, except those matters prohibited by the Constitution and Bylaws of The United Church of Canada;*
3. *the 82nd General Meeting of BC Conference take place in May 2012 at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC.;*
4. *all remaining ballots be destroyed.*

Recognition of Military Chaplains Neil Parker acknowledged the military chaplains present at the meeting, then offered a prayer for Bombardier Karl Manning, the most recent military causality in Afghanistan.

President’s Closing Words Dan Chambers expressed appreciation for the experience of being Conference President and, in particular, gave thanks for the support he received from friends and colleagues and the hospitality he received at the Presbyteries he visited.

Worship Evening worship was led by Youth at Conference.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned for the night at 9:00 PM.

Fourth Session, 10:00 AM, Sunday, May 29, 2011

**Celebration of
Ministry**

The court gathered at the Penticton Trade and Convention Centre in Penticton, BC, in a Celebration of Ministry worship service, which included the ordination, commissioning, recognition and admission of ten ministers and the installation of the President, Debra Bowman. The Rev. Gary Paterson preached.

Adjournment

The newly installed President, Debra Bowman, adjourned the meeting with a commission and benediction.



BC Conference

Rev. Dan Chambers, President

Rev. G. Douglas Goodwin, Executive Secretary
