

**Minutes of the Eighty-third General Meeting
British Columbia Conference
The United Church of Canada
Nanaimo, BC
May 22 – 25, 2014**

First Session, 6:30 PM, Thursday, May 22, 2014

- Authority** Pursuant to the authority of the eighty-second General Meeting of BC Conference of The United Church of Canada, the eighty-third General Meeting convened at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC, and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, President Jenny Carter presiding. A quorum was present.
- Welcome** The President, the Rev. Jenny Carter, welcomed delegates to the meeting and introduced the theme “Connexion 2014.”
- First Nation Welcome** Chief John Wesley of the Snuneymuxw First Nation welcomed the delegates to the traditional territories of the Snuneymuxw peoples and spoke about the importance of religion in people’s lives.
- Welcome from Nanaimo** The Mayor of the City of Nanaimo, John Ruttan, welcomed delegates to Nanaimo and spoke about some of the recent economic development in the city.
- Worship** Worship throughout the meeting was coordinated by LeAnn Blackert and the Theme and Worship Committee.

Evening worship was based on the Good Samaritan story of Luke 10:25-37 and led by the Youth at Conference. A time of remembrance recalled those who had died since the court last convened in May 2012.
- Theme** The President spoke of the theme “Connexion 2014” and highlighted several parts of the agenda for the meeting. The President acknowledged past Moderator, Marion Best, who was present as a member of the court. A video message from the Moderator, the Rt. Rev. Gary Paterson, was played. The President offered a prayer for Alvin Dixon, who recently stepped away from his many Conference and General Council duties due to illness.
- Business** The President began the time for business by introducing Doug Goodwin as the Executive Secretary and Graham Brownmiller as the Chair of the Business Committee. Graham Brownmiller introduced the worship team and the musicians, Cheryl Ballard, Wade Lifton and Brendan Wanderer who make up the group Rebel Messiah.
- Business Motions** Graham Brownmiller briefly outlined the business for the evening. He then highlighted several sections of the extensive Business Committee motion.
- M/S/CARRIED (Graham Brownmiller, Doug Goodwin) that*
1. *The Roll of the 83rd General Meeting of BC Conference shall consist of those members of BC Conference who register prior to 12:00 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2014. 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 the Mount Benson C/D Room, the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Nanaimo, BC.*
4. *The Business Committee for this General Meeting shall be LeAnn Blackert, Graham Brownmiller (Chair), Allan Buckingham, Jenny Carter (President), Ken Fanning, Doug Goodwin, Taryn Hunter, Doris Kizinna, Katie Purych, and Nellie Tang.*
5. *In order to facilitate the formulation of motions and discussion of matters raised by Proposals, the President may, at her 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 the Appendix of the Manual (2013).*
6. *At the discretion of the President, speakers can be limited to two minutes each during debate.*
7. *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.*
8. *Proposals directed to this General Meeting must be received by the Business Committee prior to 6:00 p.m. Friday, May 23, 2014. The Business Committee may recommend editing or clarification before the Proposal comes to the floor. Proposals dealing with matters not noted on the agenda shall be dealt with in the order that they are received. Like proposals may be grouped together at the discretion of the Business Committee.*
9. *All unfinished business at the close of the meeting shall be referred to the Conference Executive.*
10. *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.*
11. *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 be returned to the floor at the earliest opportunity.*
12. *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 2015 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 23, 2014, 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.*
13. *In accordance with the Manual D.4.4 action by the Conference regarding candidates to be ordained, commissioned, admitted, readmitted or recognized for ministry or persons to be placed on the Discontinued Service List shall be decided by a vote taken by ballot.*

14. *Corresponding Privileges be granted to Alan Hall, representative of the General Council office, and Lauren Hodgson, member of the Comprehensive Review Task Group.*
15. *Requests to withdraw from the meeting shall be submitted to, considered, and granted by the Business Committee. Delegates leaving before noon on Saturday, May 24, 2014 without the consent of the Business Committee shall not be entitled to have travel expenses paid.*
16. *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 23, 2014. Late claims submitted after June 30, 2014 shall not be paid.*

Minutes 2012

M/S/CARRIED (Graham Brownmiller, Doug Goodwin) that the minutes of the 82nd General Meeting of BC Conference held May 31- June 3, 2012 in Vancouver, BC, be adopted.

Election of Conference President

Graham Brownmiller noted that Karen Medland had been elected as President-Elect at the 2012 General Meeting with the expectation that she would assume the role of President in 2014.

M/S/CARRIED (Graham Brownmiller, Doug Goodwin) that Karen Medland be elected as Conference President to take office upon her installation on Sunday, May 25, 2014 to serve until the installation of her successor.

The President invited Karen Medland to the stage and offered her words of encouragement. The President then led in prayer for Karen's new ministry.

Closing

Graham Brownmiller encouraged people to use the rest of the evening to connect with one another. The evening ended with song.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Second Session, 8:45 AM, Friday, May 23, 2014**Welcome**

The morning opened with singing led by Rebel Messiah.

Business Committee

Graham Brownmiller made announcements and introduced the agenda for the day. LeAnn Blackert introduced Maia Walker, the artist who created the backdrop banner.

Worship

Ken Jones made a brief presentation about the singing bowls which were used throughout the meeting to lead into worship.

Worship was led by the Children at Conference, who enacted the Biblical story of the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37.

President's Address

President Jenny Carter called the church to remember "who we are." Reflecting on the challenges facing the church today, she reminded the court that God is not finished with the United Church in BC yet, and encouraged all to deepen relationships with one another – to stay truly connected. She expressed her gratitude for being able to serve as Conference President, particularly the opportunity it gave her to be involved in the Truth and Reconciliation process.

Theme

Rebel Messiah performed the Connexion theme song, which was composed for this event by Cheryl Ballard. This was followed by a time of conversation in table groups directed by Ivy Thomas.

- First Nations Panel** Minnie Hornidge moderated a discussion with Ray Jones, James White, and Patricia Vickers on the effects of the residential schools on native communities and the steps the church might take in reconciliation.
- Ray Jones spoke about how he had lost his childhood faith at residential school and about some of his experiences related to the school, including the “riot” by students at the Edmonton Residential School.
- Jim White told the meeting he had been in the Alberni Residential School only one year but it took many years to overcome the negative effects of his experience, thanks partly to the guidance of elder Bill Robertson.
- Patricia Vickers spoke of how the divisions of the residential school are within each person and need healing. She told how both alcohol and religion were used by her family members to help find release from the pain and shame suffered. She found she could move forward after working on her spiritual life in traditional spiritual paths and in a return to the Christian church.
- Prayer** Kerri Mesner led in prayer before the meeting broke for lunch.
- Lunch** During the lunch break all of the Presbyteries except Victoria Presbytery met. The President met with the Children at Conference.
- Pecha Kucha** Graham Brownmiller introduced the Pecha Kucha style of reporting where a seven minute verbal presentation is accompanied by twenty-one Power Point slides. Twelve presentations were made.
- Children’s Ministry: Cathy Cryder spoke about the need to create safe, sacred space for children in the church in new and different ways that encourage connection and belonging – children’s ministry is everyone’s ministry.
- The Centre at Naramata: The Executive Director of The Centre at Naramata, Janet McDonald, spoke about the Centre’s history and ongoing role in shaping people’s lives through Christian practice, education and spiritual retreat. She updated the court on the current issues facing the Centre, including the strike by the unionized employees of the Centre, and spoke of her hopes for the future of the Centre and a constructive process of reconciliation and healing.
- Our Place: Don Evans (Executive Director), Julianne Kasmer (Chaplain) and Grant McKenzie (Communications Director) shared stories from members of the Our Place family who find shelter and sustenance there.
- Centre for Christian Studies: Kimiko Karpoff spoke about the development of the Diaconal Ministry program and the Centre’s approach to teaching and learning that uses a model of action, reflection and integration.
- Mobile Counselor: Irene Champagne spoke of the counselling services she offers on behalf of the United Church to individuals and families in four northern communities affected by the residential school experience. Despite the transportation challenges and temperamental weather she feels blessed by the kindness and hospitality of the people she serves and counsels along the central coast.
- Stewardship: Jane Harding and the Stewardship Team (Gary Gaudin, Ruth Stebbing, Nellie Tang, Sue Kellas, Carole Finch) entertained the Court with their presentation in song about the work of the stewardship.

Faithful Public Witness: The court was introduced to the outreach and justice work the Faithful Public Witness volunteer team is doing and challenged the Court to provide resources to support this valuable work.

Vancouver School of Theology: Janet Gear gave a brief overview of work underway to shift VST from infrastructure to mission, and the efforts being made to improve and expand their educational programming so that those training for a vocation as paid, accountable ministers can experience and encounter God and each other through love and service.

Ethnic Ministries: Glen Davis and Keiko Norisue gave examples of the work being done to support ethnic congregations who wish to worship in their own language, with their own cultural traditions, and the challenges of doing this in changing times.

HUB International: James Beaulieu, HUB insurance broker, spoke about the United Church's national insurance program.

First United Church Community Ministry: Sally McShane talked about the work First United is doing in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside, an incarnational ministry that feeds and shelters the people of this community and provides them with other material, social and spiritual needs.

YAYA: The youth and young adult contingent offered encouragement and challenge to the Court through spoken word and poetry.

**Conference
Executive
Accountability
Report**

Jacob Black-Lock provided an overview of the work that is done by the Conference Executive throughout the year. The work begins with "listening to the ownership," trying to discern the desires and needs of the church in the Conference. The work is then organized as "ends" and "means" – the Executive determines the vision and sets the Ends to be achieved with the Means delegated to the Executive Secretary and Conference Staff.

Jenny Carter and Jay Olson spoke about their experiences as members of the Conference Executive.

LeaderShift Keith Howard and Treena Duncan highlighted some of the events and activities that are part of the new LeaderShift program, which is designed to address the unique challenges of church leadership in this time and place.

Effective Leadership Thomas Dennett and Treena Duncan briefly described the United Church's national program, Effective Leadership, that shifts the duties and functions of Pastoral Relations and Oversight from Presbytery to Conference, facilitated and supported by Conference staff and new Conference committees.

**Intercultural
Ministries** Glen Davis, Ethnic Ministries and Intercultural Ministries Coordinator, Cari Copeman-Haynes, Nellie Tang, Merlin Smith, Richard Chung and Bill Booth led the court in discussing intercultural ministry. They then offered several examples of work being done by various congregations and presbyteries to develop and support integrated and vital intercultural ministries.

**Prayer for New
Denver**

The President offered a prayer for George Meier and Therese DesCamp who live and serve in the community of New Denver. They are presently providing support and counsel to the members of that community in the wake of the recent deaths of four young people in a boating accident.

**Conference
Proposals**

Graham Brownmiller explained the process to be used when dealing with Proposals to the Conference, noting that one is for Decision while the others are for Conversation.

- Proposal 2014-01 for Decision:**
“The Storage and Shipment of Thermal Coal”
- Graham Brownmiller introduced BC Conference Proposal 2014-01, “The Storage and Shipment of Thermal Coal.”
- M/S (Graham Brownmiller/Doug Goodwin) that BC Conference request that the port of Vancouver reject the application from Fraser Surrey Docks to establish a coal transfer facility on its site.*
- M/S/CARRIED (Frank Lewis/Cameron Green) that the motion be amended to include the term “thermal” when describing the coal.*
- The motion as amended was then CARRIED.*
- Proposal 2014-02 for Conversation:**
“Connection in Real Time”
- The President opened the floor for discussion on Proposal 2014-02 regarding the merits of increasing and improving the use of communications technology to enable the church communicate across distances. Stories were told of the various experiences congregations and other ministries have had using technology in their ministries, including worship. It was noted that the Youth at Conference would be using Skype technology to connect with the youth at Maritime Conference the following day.
- Greetings from the WCRC**
- M/S/C (Graham Brownmiller/Doug Goodwin) that Allan Buckingham be granted corresponding privileges.*
- Allan Buckingham brought greetings from the World Communion of Reformed Churches and spoke briefly about its recent work. He noted that Chris Ferguson, a former member of BC Conference and long-standing United Church minister, was recently elected as the new General Secretary of the WCRC.
- M/S/CARRIED (Gerald Hobbs/Graham Brownmiller) that BC Conference send congratulations to Chris Ferguson on his new position as General Secretary of the World Communion of Reformed Churches and offer its prayerful support to him and his partner, Susan Ferguson.*
- Dinner**
- Pyoung Shik Shin offered a prayer of thanksgiving in Korean before the meeting adjourned for dinner.
- General Council Report**
- Graham Brownmiller and Alan Hall gave an update of the work of the General Council Executive and encouraged people to be attentive to how they might serve at the General Council level. Alan reported on: the Candidacy Pathway and Effective Leadership Projects which will be reporting on the results of their experiment to the General Council meeting in 2015; partnership discussions with the United Church of Christ, USA, which may lead to full communion; a proposal for One Order of Ministry as a new approach to ministry in The United Church of Canada; an upcoming proposal for new compensation model which will be in effect July 2015 for new calls and appointments; and moving to a new short-term disability plan, a single plan for all paid staff, effective in 2015.
- Comprehensive Review**
- Lauren Hodgson provided an introduction and update to the work of the Comprehensive Review Task Group.
- She then introduced proposals and sought responses through table group conversations and feedback from the floor in the areas of new funding models for the church, the relationship of communities of faith within the denomination, the role of social justice, and the roles of regional ministries.
- Worship**
- Worship was coordinated by the Worship Committee, featuring the music of Rebel Messiah.

Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm.
	Third Session, 8:45 AM, Saturday, May 24, 2014
Gathering	Rebel Messiah opened the morning session with song.
Introduction of Candidates	LeAnn Blackert introduced the candidates for ordination, commissioning, recognition and admission. Each candidate reflected on their faith journey and upcoming ministry.
Worship	Worship was led by the Youth at Conference.
Theme	Kerri Mesner led the court in “body work” that explored the theme of Connexion.
General Council Executive (Lay) Representative	<p>The President announced that five people had been nominated as the General Council Executive Lay Representative who would serve out the final year of Alvin Dixon’s recently vacated term: Anna (Vanessa) Hammond; R.G. Madziya; Jean McDonald; Mary Katherine (Kathy) McMillan; and Reta Robertson.</p> <p>Leslie Ross and Leslie Stirling interviewed the nominees.</p> <p>Four ballots were held through the day. After the final ballot it was announced that Jean McDonald had been elected as the General Council Executive Lay Representative.</p>
Proposal 2014-03 For Conversation: “Northern Gateway Pipeline”	<p>The President opened the floor for discussion on Proposal 2014-03 regarding the Northern Gateway Pipeline. It was noted that the 41st General Council in 2012 had passed a motion to publicly oppose the project.</p> <p>The background to the project, as well as the motion adopted by the General Council in 2012, was presented. Discussion followed regarding the merits and threats of the project for British Columbia.</p>
Forums	Graham Brownmiller described the format of the Forums where the groups which had made presentations at the meeting could meet with people interested in further conversation. The meeting then dispersed to various Forum groups.
Lunch	Following time in the Forum groups the meeting broke for lunch.
Gathering	After lunch the meeting gathered with singing.
Education and Students	<p>Brenda Fawkes provided an overview of the Candidacy and Admissions process and introduced the motions related to the present Candidates.</p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: ordain Sue Breisch to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: ordain Donna Dinsmore to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: ordain Ha Na Park to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: ordain Caroline Penhale to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: ordain Ryan Slifka to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p> <p><i>M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Carol Cox) that BC Conference: ordain Jennifer Swanson to the Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care;</i></p>

M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: commission Barbara Hansen to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care;

M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: commission Jacqueline Samson to the Diaconal Ministry of Education, Service and Pastoral Care;

M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: admit Kathryn Ransdell to the ordained Ministry of Word, Sacrament and Pastoral Care in The United Church of Canada; and

M/S/CARRIED (Brenda Fawkes/Scott Swanson) that BC Conference: recognize Derry Bott as a Designated Lay Minister.

A ballot was distributed with the names of the candidates for ordination, commissioning, recognition and admission and the members of the court marked their ballots.

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

Anniversaries

The Court took a moment to acknowledge key anniversaries of Ordered Ministers and Conference Ministers.

Conference Executive Accountability Report (continued)

Jacob Black-Lock continued to facilitate Conference Executive's accountability report and introduced the afternoon's presentations.

He began by speaking about the Campus Ministries at the University of Victoria and the University of BC.

Property Resource Team

Terry Harrison provided an overview of the work and challenges of the Property Resource Team. She and Justen Harcourt from Colliers International provide property development and management support, advice and leadership for the congregations and other ministries in the Conference. The major project presently underway is the potential development of six congregational properties, four in the Lower Mainland, one in Kamloops, and one in Nanaimo. Developing as a "portfolio" allows cost savings and the sharing of the benefits of development.

ProVision

Doug Goodwin introduced the Conference ProVision funds. At the present time five Presbyteries have a fund; a sixth fund is available for the other Presbyteries. Monies for the funds come primarily from property sales. Numerous grants have already been given made from the Presbytery funds and are supporting a wide variety of projects.

The court then heard from two different beneficiaries of the ProVision Fund, Robin Jacobson from North Lonsdale United Church which has partnered with "Sharing Abundance" to fund community dinners held weekly on the North Shore, and Jen Cunnings, one of the coordinators of the Camp Spirit program, a regional summer program for children, youth and young adults.

Finances

Mark Paetkau, Chair of the Finance Council, reported on the Conference's financial condition, providing perspective and detail on the Conference's assets and investments.

President-Elect Nominations

The President announced that three persons had been nominated as President- Elect: Henri Lock; Blair Odney; and Keith Simmonds. Leslie Ross and Leslie Stirling interviewed the three nominees.

Two ballots were held, after which it was announced that Keith Simmonds had been elected as President-Elect.

- Proposals 2014-04 for Conversation:**
“Faithful Public Witness with Palestine & Israel”
 The President opened the floor for conversation on Proposal 2014-04 which asked the question “how can we offer faithful public witness in the ongoing situation in Israel and Palestine?”
 A number of stories and insights were offered, as well as suggestions for concrete actions, particularly those related to the boycott of products produced in occupied Palestinian territories.
- Proposal 2014-05 for Conversation:**
“Clearing a Pathway for Visionary Leaders in BC Conference”
 The President opened the floor for discussion on Proposal 2014-05 which sought feedback on the idea of creating space for twenty additional Conference members who would be chosen from the “edge” or “diaspora” of the church who could bring fresh vision to our church.
 Ideas were shared how alternate voices might be heard by the court at future meetings. The court indicated a willingness to explore ways to ensure such voices were heard at Conference meetings and in other settings.
- Retirees**
 The Court heard reflections from Ministry Personnel who are retiring. The retirees who spoke were Dorothy Jeffrey, Ross White, Gaye Sharpe, Anne Manikel, Brian Burke, Joan McMurtry, John Miller, and Ann Pollock.
- Dinner**
 The meeting adjourned for dinner.
- Gathering**
 LeAnn Blackert introduced the banquet manager and two servers from the Vancouver Island Conference Centre; the court expressed its appreciation for the work of food services and the Conference Centre.
 The Youth at Conference announced that the silent auction had raised \$7,000 for the Imagine Fund.
- President-Elect**
 The President introduced the newly elected President-Elect, Keith Simmonds, and led in prayer for his ministry.
 Keith Simmonds offered a word of thanks to the meeting.
- Settlement Committee**
 Shannon Tennant presented the Settlement Committee Report and the Ministerial Standing Report.
M/S/CARRIED (Shannon Tennant /Doug Goodwin) that the Settlement Committee Report be received for information.
M/S/CARRIED (Shannon Tennant/Doug Goodwin) that the Ministerial Standing Report be approved.
- Archives and Presbytery Records**
 Blair Galston, Conference Archivist, advised the court that the requisite audit of Presbytery minutes had been concluded and that all Presbyteries had submitted all the required documentation.
 He also reported that with the sale of Vancouver School of Theology’s Iona Building to the University of British Columbia, the Conference archives would have to find a new home after March 2015.

Registrar’s Report Katie Purych gave the Registrar’s Report:

Total Registered: 446

Presbyteries:

Cariboo	16	Prince Rupert	19
Comox-Nanaimo	66	Vancouver-Burrard	41
Fraser	33	Vancouver South	33
Kamloops-Okanagan	62	Victoria	30
Kootenay	25	Westminster	25

Others (guests, resource, staff, visitors, volunteers, etc.)	126
Child	18
Lay Presbyters - voting	125
Ordained Ministers (including retired)	136
Voting Youth	20

Appreciations LeAnn Blackert offered a Seuss-style poem of gratitude to all of the teams and individuals who contributed their work and energies to the 2014 General Meeting.

Enabling Motions *M/S/CARRIED (Graham Brownmiller/Jacob Black-Lock) 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 84th General Meeting of BC Conference take place in May 2015 at a location to be determined by the BC Conference Executive;*
4. *all remaining ballots be destroyed;*
5. *the meeting adjourn following the benediction at the Celebration of Ministry worship service.*

Chief Jim Angus President Jenny Carter introduced hereditary Gitksan Chief Jim Angus who offered the evening’s address.

Chief Angus recalled that BC Conference had raised \$1 million in 1989 to support the Gitksan nation in its court case and he expressed the gratitude of his people to the church.

He also noted that native communities face significant difficulties and challenges at this time and need help. While recognizing that the whole church needs to be careful with its resources, Angus asked that the native communities not be forgotten. He reminded the court that First Nations in the church are not outsiders or people who need missionaries but “we are The United Church of Canada.”

Angus spoke of his society as an “all-inclusive society” where sharing and mutual concern saw people through hard times. He ended by speaking about a recent tragic death in his community, recalling the present troubles of his community but also the deep spirituality of his people, and again thanked the church for its \$1 million sign of support.

Worship Evening worship was led by LeAnn Blackert and Rebel Messiah.

Closing Words President Jenny Carter closed the meeting with words of hope and a blessing.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned for the night at 8:30 PM.

Fourth Session, 10:00 AM, Sunday, May 25, 2014

Celebration of Ministry The court gathered at the Vancouver Island Conference Centre, Vancouver, BC, in a Celebration of Ministry worship service, which included the ordination, commissioning, recognition and admission of nine ministers and the installation of the President, The Rev. Karen Medland. The Rev. Ed Searcy preached. The Rev. Jenny Carter gave an address to those in new ministries in BC Conference.

Adjournment The newly installed President, Karen Medland, adjourned the meeting with a commission and benediction.



BC Conference

Rev. Jenny Carter, President

Rev. G. Douglas Goodwin, Executive Secretary