

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2015**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, September 29, 2015, at 3:30pm at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Janet Walker, presiding.

Present: 12

Quorum: Yes

Armstrong, Jack	Paul, Linda	Walker, Janet (Chair)
Baschak, Richard	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	
Murray, Deborah		

Visitor(s):

Manley-Tannis, Richard	Millar, Bill	Rutherford, Dwight
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Regrets:

McCarthy, Shannon

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Janet Walker called the meeting to order at 3:30pm and opened with prayer.

3. Omnibus Motion A – Procedural Motions

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

113/2015 Courtesy:

“That all visitors and guests be made corresponding Members for this meeting.”

114/2015 Agenda:

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

115/2015 Correspondence:

“That the correspondence be received and referred as noted.”

116/2015 August 25, 2015 Minutes: “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of August 25, 2015, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8689-8693).”

CARRIED

4. Omnibus Nominating Committee Motions

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Deborah Murray

Motion 117/2015 – Appointment of Dwight Rutherford as Chair of Property Matters & Capital Requests Committee

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the appointment of Dwight Rutherford as the Chair of the Property Matters and Capital Requests Committee effectively immediately for a term of 3 years to expire May, 2018.”

Motion 118/2015 – Appointment of Lee Rye to Pensions Committee

“That Winnipeg Presbytery appoint Lee Rye to the Pensions Committee effective immediately for a term of 2 years to expire May, 2017.”

Motion 119/2015 – Appointment of Cathy Kinsman to Pastoral Oversight Committee

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the appointment of Cathy Kinsman to the Pastoral Oversight Committee effective immediately for a term of 2 years expiring May, 2017.”

CARRIED

5. Knox United Church – Bill Millar

Janet Walker welcomed Bill Millar and Dwight Rutherford to the meeting.

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Bill Millar gave an overview of 406 Edmonton Street, a 3-storey, 18,000 sq.ft. building that shares a common wall with Knox United Church (attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 15-XII**).

Dwight Rutherford recommended that Knox United Church make sure its trustees are up to date and a land titles search be done on the property before any further decision are made.

It was recognized that if the property is owned by Knox United Church, the congregation, trustees and Presbytery would all have to agree on the future of this property.

It was suggested that Knox's historical files regarding this property be checked at the UC Archives. Bill Gillis' name was suggested as a person with historical knowledge.

Bill Millar and Dwight Rutherford were excused from the meeting.

6. Spirit Path/Ecumenical Partnership

Janet Walker reported about the recent meeting with the ecumenical partners and Spirit Path. There is a real interest by all three parties involved. The proposal, written by Dale Kendel of the Spirit Path Advisory Group, is not final. The partners want to see another draft of the budget for 1-1/4 positions, which would include the ¼ time Anglican staff person. The evaluation of the ¼ time staff person will have to be determined.

Spirit Path continues to hold regular sessions of Messy Church, house gathering and special services throughout the year. This may be a model for the future of some of our smaller churches and may be a new model of church for this city.

Cole Grambo will present a report at the October Presbytery meeting along with member(s) of the Spirit Path Advisory Group.

7. EMinistries

Richard Manley-Tannis reported that Karen Lumley has resigned as the Chair of EMinistries. As a result of her departure, EMinistries is no longer able to fulfill its role. With this development, as well as the Communications Committee also unable to fulfill its mandate, Richard Manley-Tannis asked for some direction regarding his role on these committees, especially moving into this time of change within the United Church.

Richard emphasized that currently his priority has been 1JustCity but this may be shifting in the new year since they are moving towards adopting a constitution. Should that occur, a significant amount of his time could be moved to working with congregations on visioning. If this is agreeable to the Executive, Richard asked whether he would be able to put together a Reflection Team to allow space to consider how to move forward with the shifting priorities from 1JustCity to working with congregations. This was agreed to by the Executive.

8. 1JustCity – Update

Richard Baschak reported that the Steering Committee had met twice with representation from all community ministries, the Presbytery Minister and the Fund Developer. They have also met once in person and online as a subcommittee to work with Steering Committee policy. Wiggio, an online meeting space organizer, is being employed for communication, scheduling meetings, commenting on documents, etc. In October, the Steering Committee will meet both as a subcommittee and full Steering Committee. There is recognition that the Board serves fund

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development for the community ministries on behalf of Winnipeg Presbytery, and that a unified Board for those ministries will come out of that work.

The committee ministries have agreed to review the proposed constitution devised by Richard Manley-Tannis. Each ministry's Board will take it back to their ministry to discuss.

The unified Board will consist of 10-12 people; one to two from each ministry and two from Winnipeg Presbytery. The unified Board will look after the administrative functions whereas the current ministry Board will look after visioning within their ministry.

Once the constitution is approved in principle, it would then go to General Council and Pastoral Oversight for fine tuning. It is hoped this would be approved by the end of the year.

It was suggested that in January 2016, the Personnel Committee would discuss the shift in Richard Manley-Tannis' priorities.

9. Correspondence –

#201 – Aug. 31/15 - Memo from JPR re: Pastoral relationships with former ministry personnel (info only)

#202 – Sept. 4/15 – Linda Paul to Y. Freundl – Response to letter #191 re: Westminster UC (info only)

#203 – Sept. 4/15 – Linda Paul to B. Gibson – Congratulations and best wishes (info only)

#204 – Sept. 11/15 – Robert Galston – Donation towards minutes mailing cost (info only)

#205 – Sept. 9/15 – C. Leon – Social Innovation Challenge (for discussion)

It was agreed to have someone from EDGE come to the October Presbytery meeting to present this (7 minutes on the agenda).

#206 – Sept. 16/15 – S. McCarthy, Conf. MNWO – Posting Minutes (for discussion)

It was agreed that the minutes (Executive and General) be posted on the Presbytery website as soon as they are complete.

#207 – Sept. 21/15 – L. Stewart – Changes to Presbytery Meetings (for discussion)

It was agreed that Linda Paul would send her a letter thanking her for her comments and explain this new structure is on a trial for the next year.

10. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

Beth Rutherford reported that there is a full complement of members on the committee now. Shannon McCarthy has stepped aside from being the Fund Developer's liaison.

Concerns have been raised regarding the Fund Developer's contract and the lack of administrative support, travel expenses and cell phone expense. These questions would fall to the Board of 1JustCity, but this is not in place yet. It was clarified these are not complaints, just questions raised by the Fund Developer.

The Fund Developer has enquired whether she would be able to attend the Stewardship Event in November and whether Presbytery would be willing to pay for her registration fee.

It was recommended that the Personnel Committee submit a budget to the Executive for the Fund Developer's continuing education, travel expense and cell phone expense amounts.

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Motion 120/2015 – Fund Developer’s Registration - Stewardship Event

Moved: Richard Bashchak

Seconded: Deborah Murray

“That the cost of the Fund Developer’s registration fee for the Stewardship Event be paid by Winnipeg Presbytery.”

CARRIED

Richard Manley-Tannis remarked that there are implications should the 1JustCity Constitution being approved. Administrative assistance is included in the constitution, to be provided by the Presbytery Administrator as needed and able.

It was suggested that reports from 1JustCity should come from the unified Board to Presbytery. The Fund Developer may be present, but only to report occasionally.

Beth Rutherford advised everyone to be mindful of the implications for the Presbytery staff as a result of the Comprehensive Review.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Mary Best reported on the ongoing work of Joint Pastoral Relations. The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated September 8, 2015 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 15-XIII**.

11. New Business

a) October Presbytery Meeting Agenda

Mission Support Grants will be on the agenda for October. The Executive agreed to meet prior to the Presbytery Meeting on October 13 at Harrow United Church to discuss this item.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Janet Walker, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

