

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, June 28, 2016**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, June 28, 2016, at 3:30pm at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Janet Walker, presiding.**

**Present: 10**

**Quorum: Yes**

Armstrong, Jack  
Baschak, Richard  
Best, Mary

Murray, Deborah  
Paul, Linda  
Quinn, Doris

Rutherford, Beth  
Walker, Janet (Chair)

**Visitors:**

Kinsman, Cathy

Manley-Tannis, Richard

**Regrets:**

McCarthy, Shannon

Windsor, Dorcas

**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: Jack Armstrong

Seconded: Richard Baschak

**101/2016 Courtesy:**

"That all visitors and guests be made corresponding members for this meeting."

**102/2016 Agenda:**

"That the agenda be approved as presented"

**103/2016 Correspondence:**

"That the correspondence be received and referred as noted."

**104/2016 May 24, 2016 Minutes:** "That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of May 24, 2016, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8776-8780)."

**CARRIED**

**4. Pastoral Oversight**

Janet Walker welcomed Cathy Kinsman to the meeting as a representative of the Pastoral Oversight Committee. Don Johnson gave his regrets. Beth Rutherford was excused from the meeting.

The Winnipeg Presbytery Executive agreed to move in camera.

The Winnipeg Presbytery Executive agreed to move out of in camera.

Cathy Kinsman was thanked and excused from the meeting. Beth Rutherford returned to the meeting.

**5. Work of Joint Pastoral Relations**

Janet Walker reported that the work of Joint Pastoral Relations was discussed at Conference Executive. A few years ago, Conference entered into a trial program that moved the search process to the Conference Commission. It has been proposed that the work of needs assessment be moved to the Conference Commission. It was acknowledged that it has been challenging finding people to work with congregations on their joint needs assessments. The decision will be made in the fall at Conference Executive.

Mary Best reported that it is intended that a tool, developed by BC Conference, has been adapted for use by congregations. It will be a fill in the blank tool which will make the needs

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assessment work easier. Fewer people will be needed. This tool has been tried in a few places and seems to work well. It will lead us into a different way in doing these assessments as it will shorten the timeline. It was suggested that a training session be provided on how to use this tool.

Since this piece of work will be taken over by Conference, this will change the direction of Joint Pastoral Relations.

Janet Walker reported that there is a possibility that Shannon McCarthy will be sharing the Executive Secretary's job from Alberta & Northwest Conference along with Bill Doyle, the Executive Secretary from Saskatchewan Conference. The Executive Secretary of Alberta & Northwest Conference, Lynn Maki, will be leaving this position at the end of August, 2016. Richard Manley-Tannis offered that Shannon and Bill have been working on a draft agreement. More information will be forthcoming.

**6. CDI**

**a) Motion**

Janet Walker reported that CDI reviewed a grant application. This cannot go forward unless it is approved by Winnipeg Presbytery.

**Motion 105/2016 – Approval of Funding Request Application**

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves that the chair and vice-chair be authorized to sign on behalf of CDI the certification form required by 1JustCity to apply for 2016 bridge funding through HRJ Consulting Ltd.”

**CARRIED**

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would notify Carol Scott of CDI.

**b) Presbytery to appoint someone to participate in reviews of the Presbytery policies governing  
CDI**

It was agreed this would be discussed again in the fall.

**7. Hungarian UC Financial Items & Reports Follow-up**

Doris Quinn reported that some items are still outstanding. The donation receipts from Hungarian United Church haven't been produced from 2015 as well as the 2015 Charities Return. Repeated attempts to reach the Treasurer from Hungarian United Church have been made. Doris agreed to discuss this with Dwight Rutherford.

**8. Rainbow Ministry – Next Steps**

Deborah Murray reported that a few conversations had taken place with regards to the next steps of Rainbow Ministry. They have been reviewing the job description of the Rainbow Ministry staff person.

Deborah spoke about Winnipeg Presbytery and how the ongoing work could be picked up by our churches – many of whom have been doing this work for a long time. This may be a turning point in this ministry. This particular ministry may be picked up by paid accountable ministers.

Deborah Murray agreed to submit a draft report for review over the summer to be discussed at the August Executive meeting.



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“Having received the required documentation, and with the retirement of Rev. Sharon Wilson effective September 30, 2016, that in addition to the full-time position held by Patrick Woodbeck, Winnipeg Presbytery declare a vacancy for a half-time ministry position at Windsor Park United Church effective October 1, 2016.” **CARRIED**

The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated June 14, 2016 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 16-XI**.

**c) Nominating Committee**

Janet Walker suggested now that Patrick Woodbeck is not a staff person that he should attend the Executive meetings as the Chair of Nominating. It was agreed he would have to leave the meeting when he is in a conflict of interest.

**12. Proposed Presbytery Meeting Dates 2016-17**

The Executive agreed on the following meeting dates for 2016-17:

**Tuesday, September 13, 2016**  
**Tuesday, October 11, 2016**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2016 (TRC agenda item)**  
**Tuesday, January 10, 2017 (Remits)**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**Saturday, March 18, 2017**  
**No April Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 9, 2017**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2017**

It was noted that the Conference Annual Meeting would take place in Portage la Prairie, May 25-28, 2017.

**13. New Business**

**Next Executive Meeting – August 30 at 3:30pm at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church.**

**14. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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**Janet Walker, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

