

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, April 25, 2017**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, April 25, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Janet Walker, presiding.

Present: 13

Quorum: Yes

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

Visitors:

MacNair, Twila	Manley-Tannis, Richard	Rutherford, Dwight
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1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Janet Walker welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. and opened with prayer.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Richard Baschak

049/2017 Courtesy:

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

050/2017 Agenda:

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

051/2017 Correspondence:

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

052/2017 March 28, 2017 Minutes: “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of March 28, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8861-8865).”

053/2017 Quorum for April 25, 2017: Quorum had been achieved for the April 25, 2017 meeting.”

CARRIED

4. Rendezvous Funding Request (Correspondence Item #17-38 & #17-42)

Janet Walker welcomed Twila MacNair, the Young Adults and Youth Program Coordinator from the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Twila requested funding to help young people from Winnipeg Presbytery attend Rendezvous, a national United Church Youth and Young Adult Retreat, being held this summer in Montreal, QC from August 16 to 19. The amount originally requested was \$3600, to cover travel costs for 12 young people. Since the original request, St. Mary’s Road United Church Foundation has offered to fund up to half of the requested funds, provided that the youth are also working on doing some of the fundraising themselves.

The amount requested from Winnipeg Presbytery is now approximately \$1,500.00.

Motion 054/2017 – Approval of Rendezvous 2017 Funding

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the funding for Rendezvous 2017 up to \$1,500.00.”

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Doris Quinn was instructed to use funds budgeted for the city-wide service for this funding.

Twila MacNair was excused from the meeting with thanks.

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5. Headingley UC Chair Lift Addition (Correspondence Item # 17-39)

Janet Walker welcomed Dwight Rutherford, Chair of the Property Matters & Capital Requests Committee of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Dwight Rutherford explained that Headingley United Church has been working to improve accessibility in their church building. As such a project has been developed to install an accessibility lift, along with doing upgrades to facilitate the installation.

Motion 055/2017 – Approval of Accessibility Lift – Headingley United Church

Moved: Richard Baschak Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery, approve the request of Headingley United Church to install an accessibility lift at an approximate cost of \$55,921.00, with the cost being covered by a grant from the Enabling Accessibility Fund of the Federal Government in the amount of \$36,348.00 (65% of the cost) and the remainder of the funds coming from other grants (Headingley Foundation, CDI) or congregational funds.”

CARRIED

6. Hungarian United Church Financial Items & Reports Follow-up

Doris Quinn reported that nothing had been received from the CRA to date.

Dwight Rutherford reported that Alice Szemok had requested a copy of her T4. This was resolved by directing her to contact ADP.

It was agreed that the financial items are complete and this item would be removed from future Executive agendas.

It was further agreed that the Hungarian United Church financial files would be kept at the Winnipeg Presbytery office.

Janet Walker thanked Doris Quinn and Dwight Rutherford for their hard work.

Dwight Rutherford was excused from the meeting.

7. Spirit Path Follow-up

Janet Walker reported that she had attended the meeting that took place with Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister, and the Anglican Church and Lutheran Church representatives to discuss the future of Spirit Path.

The Anglican Church has made the decision not to expand this ministry into other areas of the city. They are going to continue to fund their quarter-time person, Jennifer Sisson. They are not going to put any more money into this endeavour. The Lutheran Church has made no commitment.

Contact had been made with the Spirit Path Leadership Team to let them know the decision of the Anglican Church and to find out what they see is the need at this time.

Janet commented that there is \$40,000 left over from what CDI has given for this ministry, even if there is no contribution from the Lutheran Church. There is \$109,000 left in the Donnelly Fund once the money is dispersed this year. This amount is barely enough for a half-time position for three years.

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A meeting with the Spirit Path Leadership Team is scheduled for May 10. It was agreed that Janet Walker along with Beth Rutherford would attend this meeting.

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would forward the meeting notes and letter to the Anglican and Lutheran Churches from Judy Hare to the Executive.

8. Winnipeg Indigenous Accord (Correspondence Item #17-43)

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske send this item to Irene Greenwood of the TRC Response Group.

9. Gordon King Memorial United Church

Janet Walker reported that Bill Gillis continues in his role as Communication Facilitator at Gordon King Memorial United Church and has agreed to continue in this capacity until the end of June, 2017.

In January 2017, Winnipeg Presbytery Executive agreed to the request of Gordon King Memorial United Church Coordinating Team, to the assessment phase of the conflict resolution but they have since decided not to pursue this as their focus at this time is their future.

It was agreed that Linda Paul would send a letter responding that we would not pursue the conflict resolution at this time and that Bill Gillis would continue to assist them until the end of June, 2017.

10. Community Ministries Oversight Report(s)

Janet Walker agreed to contact Bruce Fauschou regarding this report.

11. 20th Anniversary of Partners in Mission

It was agreed that an hour could be given to Partners in Mission at a day-long meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery in the Fall of 2017.

It was suggested that gatherings of Partners in Mission could be advertised to Winnipeg Presbytery from the Presbytery office.

12. Presbytery Strategy for Churches/Congregations (request from all-day meeting)

Janet Walker reminded the Executive about the conversation that took place surrounding the future development initiative of Augustine United Church

It was suggested that when congregations are undertaking conversations about redevelopment or visioning, this would be the time to have conversations with your neighbouring churches regarding collaboration.

Mary Best offered that the Settlement Commission undertakes these initial discussions with congregations.

It was agreed that at the May Presbytery meeting, Richard Manley-Tannis would offer to work with congregations in this regard.

13. Correspondence –

#17-36 – L. Paul to Raymond Currie (Circles for Reconciliation) – Letter of Support (info only)
#17-37 - J. Sullivan, UCC – Letter for Affirming Ministries (for discussion)

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It was agreed to pay the \$100 and Linda Paul would write the report for 2016.

- #17-38 – T. MacNair, Conf. MNWO – Rendezvous Funding Request (Agenda Item #4)
- #17-39 – J. Van Massenhoven, Headingley UC – Chair Lift Addition (Agenda Item #5)
- #17-40 – L. Paul to Terry Hidichuk – Extending thanks and best wishes (info only)
- #17-41 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)
- #17-42 – T. MacNair, Conf. MNWO – Rendezvous Funding Request – further info (Agenda Item #4)
- #17-43 – Mayor Bowman – Winnipeg Indigenous Accord (Agenda Item #7)
- #17-44 – UCC – Wpg. Presbytery giving to M&S (forwarded to Presbyters, info only)
- #17-45 – Bill Gillis, CFRUC – PATH Update for Presbytery (info only)

Janet Walker read this new piece of correspondence to the Executive. It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would forward this to the Executive for information only.

14. 1JustCity

Janet Walker welcomed Gail Purcell and Karen Lumley to meeting.

Gail Purcell reported that Northend Stella Community Ministry is living into the vision of becoming under 1JustCity. Two reasons this is taking place now. Firstly, because the Board is tired; and, secondly, Connie Budd has decided not to continue after June 30, 2017. It is the intention that 1JustCity will hire an elder as opposed to having Northend Stella Community Ministry appoint another minister. This elder would continue working in the north end as well as at the other community ministries.

Gail commented that they would still like to have a presence in the north end and have programming but the ministry would be exercised under 1JustCity.

Janet Walker advised that if Northend Stella Community Ministry falls under 1JustCity, the Mission Support Grant would have to be returned and re-applied for under the new structure. The Northend Stella Community Ministry Board would no longer be an employing body. 1JustCity, as a Presbytery Committee, can't be an employing body until it becomes incorporated. This interim period may create a lapse.

Karen Lumley commented that the elder that would be hired would not be a ministry position, unless they are indigenous. They are not currently looking at filling this position. It is hoped that the incorporation process would be complete in the next few months.

The Northend Stella Community Ministry Board will be taking on other work of 1JustCity once it becomes part of 1JustCity.

The building of Northend Stella Community Ministry is leased until December 31, 2017. At this time, it isn't clear whether the lease would be extended beyond that date. Janet Walker offered that Linda Firman of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario office looked after much of the sale of the Hungarian Church manse. She may be a good local contact if it is decided that the building is to be sold. It is believed that the proceeds of the Northend Stella Ministry building would be designated to go to buildings on reserves.

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Motion 056/2017 – Northend Stella Community Ministry’s Transfer to 1JustCity

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Deborah Murray

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends that Northend Stella Community Ministry transfer to 1JustCity once it is incorporated. 1JustCity will hire an indigenous spiritual leader to work in the north end and community ministries. The responsibility of oversight of the Northend Stella Board will be transferred to the 1JustCity Board once it is incorporated. If 1JustCity is not incorporated by June 30, 2017, Northend Stella Community Ministry will be held in abeyance until that time.”

CARRIED

It was agreed this recommendation be taken to the full court for approval.

Karen Lumley reported that St. Matthew’s-Maryland Community Ministry and West Broadway Community Ministry will not be amalgamating but will be joining 1JustCity at a later date.

It was suggested that St. Matthew’s-Maryland Community Ministry be brought in under 1JustCity as they are not incorporated whereas West Broadway Community Ministry is incorporated.

Beth Rutherford, on behalf of the Personnel Committee, reported that there had been a request from 1JustCity Board that the Fund Developer had resigned from the position to take on the campaign management of Wab Kinew. This had been received through Conference. The 1JustCity Board, in consultation with the Fund Developer, now requests a leave from this position from June 1, 2017 until October 31, 2017. The actual dates of this leave will be from May 13, 2017 until November 1, 2017, including vacation time.

Motion 057/2017 – 1JustCity Fund Developer Leave of Absence

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive accepts the recommendation of the 1JustCity to grant Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud a leave of absence from the position of 1JustCity Fund Developer from June 1, 2017 until October 31, 2017.”

CARRIED

Karen Lumley commented that interviews would be held shortly for an interim Fund Developer so they would have time to work with the current Fund Developer. This interim person will be a contract person to be supervised by Shannon McCarthy of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario.

Janet Walker reminded that the funding for this position would be ending and that 1JustCity needs to apply to CDI for additional funding.

It was agreed that Jack Armstrong would represent the Personnel Committee at the interviews of the interim Fund Developer.

15. June Presbytery Meeting – Retirees Acknowledgement

- Bruce Fauschou, Dawn Ballantine-Dickson, Nancy Sanders, Robert Campbell, Sharon Wilson

It was agreed that each retiree be given two minutes at the June Presbytery meeting for their retirement speech. Linda Paul agreed to notify each retiree.

It was agreed that we would also recognize Connie Budd of Northend Stella Community Ministry and Cole Grambo of Spirit Path at the June meeting.

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16. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

Beth Rutherford reported that the Winnipeg Presbytery Administrator's laptop computer had reached the end of its life and a new one is needed. A quote for \$1,379.68 including taxes had been received from A+ Computers had been received for a replacement. This included an extended warranty cost of \$500.00.

Motion 058/2017 – Approval of Laptop Purchase for Presbytery Administrator

Moved: Jack Armstrong Seconded: Deborah Murray

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the purchase of a laptop from A+ Computers for \$719.95 plus taxes, and not to include the extended warranty.” **CARRIED**

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Mary Best reported that there were no motions from Joint Pastoral Relations. Joint Pastoral Relations were still working on reappointments and those retained on the roll. Mary commented that there were those who don't submit the necessary forms to be retained on the roll and should move to the DSL (Discontinued Service List).

The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated April 11, 2017 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-VIII**.

c) Nominating Committee

Chair Elect Search

Patrick Woodbeck reported that after the last Executive meeting, the committee had contacted 12 people who had been identified as potential Chair Elects. Eight people have declined. Other names have been suggested. The committee continues its search and is working diligently.

17. Agenda Building – May 9 Presbytery Meeting at Broadway Disciples United Church

It was agreed that the May 9 Presbytery Meeting agenda include the following: the Northend Stella Community Ministry/1JustCity amalgamation; Called to Be the Church Giving Program (Kathryn Hofley – 20 minutes); and voting on Remit #4 (45 minutes) at which the GC Commissioners will lead the discussion and Shannon McCarthy would be on hand to answer any questions, if needed.

Future agenda items will be: the Winnipeg Presbytery 2016 Financial Audit (June), CDI Audit (June), Nominating Committee Report (June), Winnipeg Presbytery retirees acknowledgement (June).

18. New Business

Janet Walker reported that an invitation had been extended to attend the dedication of Transcona Memorial United Church's renovations on Sunday, May 7 at 10:00 a.m. Richard Manley-Tannis agreed to attend this service on Winnipeg Presbytery's behalf.

19. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

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Janet Walker, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

