

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, August 29, 2017**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, August 29, 2017, at 2:30 p.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

Present: 11

Quorum: Yes

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

Visitors:

Gillis, Bill

Regrets:

Manley-Tannis, Richard McConnell, Sherri Woodbeck, Patrick

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The Executive read The Uniting Church in Australia’s Revised Preamble to the Constitution that was a gift from the visiting delegation during the summer.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Jack Armstrong

Seconded: Linda Paul

114/2017 Courtesy:

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

115/2017 Agenda:

“That the agenda be approved as presented”

116/2017 Correspondence:

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

117/2017 June 20, 2017 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of June 20, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8897-8902).”

118/2017 July 20, 2017 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of July 20, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8903-8904).”

119/2017 August 3, 2017 Minutes:

“That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of August 3, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (page 8905).”

120/2017 Quorum for August 29, 2017: “That quorum was achieved for August 29, 2017.”

CARRIED

4. Gordon-King Memorial United Church (Correspondence Items #17-60, #17-64, #17-65, #17-70)

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed Bill Gillis to the meeting. Bill Gillis gave a report on Gordon-King Memorial United Church in his role as Communication Facilitator and now as Pastoral Charge Supervisor. Gordon-King Memorial United Church is currently looking at future options. It had been agreed that Gordon-King Memorial United Church would pay Dwight Rutherford until the end of October. An exit interview would be conducted in the near future.

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It was suggested that Gordon-King Memorial United Church needed to work with the Settlement Commission on a Ministry Profile.

Motion 121/2017 – Settlement Commission to Initiate a Ministry Profile – Gordon-King Memorial United Church

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery request the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario to initiate a Ministry Profile process at Gordon-King Memorial United Church.”

CARRIED

Mary Best was thanked for being the Presbytery Representative who would facilitate the exit interview. Bill Gillis was also thanked for his continuing work with Gordon-King Memorial United Church.

Bill Gillis was excused from the meeting.

5. Correspondence Items

#17-60 – D. Rutherford – Request for Change in Pastoral Relations (**Agenda Item #4**)

#17-61 – L. Paul to Trustees of Sparling UC – Motions from June 20 (info only)

#17-62 – S. Manley-Tannis – Appointment as Chaplain for St. John’s College and connection to Spirit Path (**Agenda Item #6**)

#17-63 – D. Phillips, St. John’s College – Appointment of S. Manley-Tannis as Chaplain (info only)

#17-64 – Gordon-King Memorial UC – Ending of Pastoral Relationship with D. Rutherford (**Agenda Item #4**)

#17-65 – J. Hare to Gordon-King UC – Clarification or mandate and authority of Co-ordinating Team (**Agenda Item #4**)

#17-66 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)

#17-67 – B. Kelly – Response to Invitation to attend Pres. Meeting (info only)

#17-68 – L. Paul to Grey Street UC – Service Agreement betw. Grey St. and Immanuel (info only)

#17-69 – L. Paul to Knox UC – Bill Millar/McGeachy Scholarship/Knox UC (**Agenda Item #7**)

#17-70 – L. Paul to Gordon-King Memorial UC – Ending of pastoral relationship with D. Rutherford (**Agenda Item #4**)

#17-71 – B. Bowman – Thank you for signing Indigenous Accord (info only)

#17-72 – Augustine UC – Seeking permission to incorporate Augustine Centre (**Agenda Item #8**)

#17-73 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (**Agenda Item #9**)

#17-74 – Kildonan UC – Requesting Review of 2017 Assessment (**Agenda Item #10**)

#17-75 – St. James Open Doors Group – Response to Correspondence Item #17-56 (**Agenda Item #11**)

#17-76 – St. James Open Doors Group – Clarification Query – Amalgamation Processes/ Procedures (**Agenda Item #11**)

#17-77 – Irene Greenwood – Bill C262 – Requesting Wpg Presbytery’s Endorsement & Request for Funding (**Agenda Item #12**)

#17-78 – Judy Hare, Conf. MNWO – Ministry Personnel Matters (**Agenda Item #13**)

#17-79 – Wpg. Indigenous Accord – Invitation to All Partner Gathering (**Agenda Item #14**)

#17-80 – Joan Jarvis, Conf. MNWO – Support of Bill C-262 (**Agenda Item #12**)

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6. Spirit Path

Janet Walker reported that she and Beth Rutherford met with the Spirit Path Leadership Team. Janet requested they provide a revised budget that would be for three years only. It was suggested that if this ministry was to continue for three more years, an evaluation take place annually. The markers to note in the evaluation would be numbers/attendance at events/worship and finances.

Their budget needs to include an amount for bookkeeping as well as an amount for office space rental.

If Winnipeg Presbytery agrees to move forward with this ministry, and since this is a Presbytery ministry, Winnipeg Presbytery needs to find a congregation who would be willing to work with Spirit Path. An agreement would have to be made between Winnipeg Presbytery, Spirit Path and the congregation. The congregation would not have any financial obligation.

Possible congregations who might be willing to work with Spirit Path were discussed.

It was decided to send the EDGE Evaluation Report, the position description for a ½ time position, and a revised budget including the 2016-17 actuals would be sent to the Presbytery in preparation for the September Presbytery meeting's presentation and discussion.

Janet Walker and Beth Rutherford agreed to present this information at the September Presbytery meeting.

7. Bill Millar/McGeachy Scholarship/Knox UC (Correspondence Item #17-69)
See Agenda Item 21.b.

8. Augustine UC – Seeking Permission to Incorporate Augustine Centre (Correspondence Item #17-72)

Janet Walker explained that by being incorporated, is a way to receive grants.

Motion 122/2017 – Approval to Incorporate Augustine Centre

Moved: Jack Armstrong Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive grants Augustine United Church to work towards incorporation of Augustine Centre.”

CARRIED
1 abstention

It was agreed that Linda Paul would write a letter to Augustine United Church.

9. R. Manley-Tannis Accountability Report Section 3.2 – Presbytery Strategy for Churches/Congregation (Correspondence Item #17-73)

Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd reported that we asked Richard Manley-Tannis to connect with congregations to find out how they are still involved with Partners in Mission and where we are at on its 20 year anniversary. The Executive recognized that the summer may have been a difficult time to receive responses to his initial email to congregations.

Loraine agreed to contact Richard Manley-Tannis to reaffirm the Executive's previous request to contact congregations and to present a concise summary.

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To avoid confusion, the Executive requests that Richard Manley-Tannis only include decisions made by the Executive in his report to Conference Staff, but not in the form of a motion.

10. Kildonan UC – Requesting Review of 2017 Assessment (Correspondence Item #17-74)
Jack Armstrong and Doris Quinn were excused from the meeting.

A lengthy discussion took place.

Jack Armstrong and Doris Quinn returned to the meeting.

**Motion 123/2017 – Kildonan United Church – Request for Reduced 2017 Assessment
Denied**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That the Winnipeg Presbytery Executive received their email dated August 15, 2017, and are unable to grant their request for a reduced assessment.

CARRIED

2 abstentions – Jack Armstrong, Doris Quinn

Linda Paul agreed to write a response letter.

11. St. James Open Doors Group Update
- Correspondence Item #17-75 & #17-76

Beth Rutherford and Deborah Murray were excused from the meeting.

Janet Walker reported that the St. James Open Doors Group was unhappy with the Executive’s decisions in the letter dated May 24, 2017 (Correspondence #17-56).

The St. James Open Doors Group had asked for Presbytery representation to help them with the amalgamation process. This request came from the St. James Open Doors Group, not from the ministries.

It was agreed that Linda Paul would write letter to the St. James Open Doors Group, copying each of the three participating congregations (Silver Heights United Church, Sturgeon Creek United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church) stating that a motion is required from each congregation stating that they’re moving towards amalgamation discussions. A request would have to be received from each congregation. Upon receipt of these requests, Presbytery would appoint a person to work with two or three congregations.

Beth Rutherford and Deborah Murray returned to the meeting.

12. Bill C262 – Requesting Wpg Presbytery’s Endorsement & Funding (Correspondence Item #17-77 & #17-80)

Janet Walker suggested that it may be appropriate for this request to go to CDI for funding. It was decided to recommend this to the full court a decision at its September meeting.

**Motion 124/2017 – Recommendation of Endorsement & Funding of Let’s Walk the Talk
Campaign to Full Court**

Moved: Beth Rutherford

Seconded: Deborah Murray

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“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommend to the full court of Winnipeg Presbytery that we endorse the Let’s Walk the Talk Campaign and agree to contribute \$1,000 from the Special Events and Projects line from 2017 Winnipeg Presbytery budget.” **CARRIED**

It was agreed this motion would be given to the full court in the information package for the September Presbytery meeting. Irene Greenwood would be presenting this campaign as part of the TRC Response Group item on the agenda.

#17-80 – to send this out Presbytery

It was agreed this be sent out to the Presbytery if it is endorsed at the September Presbytery meeting.

13. Ministry Personnel Matters (Correspondence Item #17-78)

See Agenda Item 21.b.

14. Invitation to Wpg. Indigenous Accord All Partner Gathering (Correspondence Item #17-79)

It was agreed that representation would be sent from Winnipeg Presbytery.

15. Remit #6: One Order of Ministry

Loraine Mackenzie Shepherd reported that the panel is in place for this presentation that will take place at the October Presbytery meeting. Panel guests will include: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Sherri McConnell, Lynn Sanderson and Patrick Woodbeck.

It was agreed that Janet Walker would chair this portion of the meeting. It was also agreed that Winnipeg Presbytery would pay for Lynn Sanderson’s mileage at \$.39/km to attend the meeting.

16. Community Ministry Review

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that Bruce Fauschou had agreed to attend the September Executive Meeting to clarify the percentage that appears in recommendation #4 in the Pastoral Oversight Report on Winnipeg Presbytery Community Ministries.

It was suggested that Shannon McCarthy be consulted whether there can be a tariff on the proceeds of the sale of a church building if the congregation continues. It was agreed that Linda Paul would contact Shannon with this question.

It was asked who would present this item to the full court at the November Presbytery meeting and what would be the content of the presentation.

Maggie Zoske agreed to find the background information from previous minutes.

This would be discussed further at the September Executive meeting along with suggestions of background information that could be sent to the full court prior to the November Presbytery meeting.

17. United Church Regional Boundaries Discussion

This item will be part of the October Presbytery Meeting as the discussion questions have yet to be determined.

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18. Confirmation of Dates/Places of Presbytery Meetings 2017-18:

September 12 – Crestview	March 17 – Sturgeon Creek (all day)
October 10 – St. Mary’s Rd.	April 10 - Harrow
November 14 – Windsor Park	May 8 – Broadway Disciples
February 13 – UC in Meadowood	June 12 – St. Andrew’s

19. Confirmation of Dates of Presbytery Executive Meetings 2017-18:

Tuesday, August 29	Tuesday, February 27
Tuesday, September 26	Tuesday, March 20
Tuesday, October 24	Tuesday, April 24
Tuesday, November 28	Tuesday, May 15
Tuesday, January 23	Tuesday, June 26

It was agreed to start all Executive meetings at 2:00 pm

20. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

No report.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Mary Best reported on those being retained on the roll and those who still need to submit their forms.

Motion 125/2017 – Caryn Douglas – Retained on the Roll

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“Having received a completed PR442RR and viewed a completed Police Record Check dated March 27, 2017, that Caryn Douglas be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately until June 30, 2018.”

CARRIED

Motion 126/2017 – Connie Budd – Retained on the Roll

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Connie Budd be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately until June 30, 2018.”

CARRIED

Motion 127/2017 – Noelle Bowles – Retained on the Roll

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Noelle Bowles be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately until June 30, 2018.”

CARRIED

**Motion 128/2017 – Categorization of the Christian Education Coordinator Position –
The United Church in Meadowood**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“Having received a completed PR462 CA and the recommendation of the Joint Pastoral Relations Working Group, that Winnipeg Presbytery approve the categorization of the Christian Education Coordinator for The United Church in Meadowood as a Congregational Designated Minister position (CDM).”

CARRIED

Motion 129/2017 – Bill Millar - Request for Retirement

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

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“Having received a request to retire from Bill Millar, that Winnipeg Presbytery approved the request of Bill Millar to retire from active ministry effective December 1, 2017 and to forward the request to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for action.” **CARRIED**

Mary Best reported that the new Handbook for Ministry & Personnel Committees was released July 1, 2017. This is important information for congregations and ministry personnel. Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister, will be offering workshops on this item. Mary is working with Judy to find a suitable date for this Presbytery.

http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_ministry-personnel-committee.pdf

Additionally, there is a new procedure in place for Police Records Checks. It was suggested that Mary Best set up a time before Presbytery meetings to view Ministry Personnel’s original Police Records Check.

http://www.united-church.ca/sites/default/files/handbook_police-records-checks.pdf

The new minister for Broadway Disciples United Church, Noel Suministrado, arrived from the Philippines on August 21. Elizabeth Brown will introduce him at the September Presbytery meeting.

One quarter of his time is to be spent on intercultural ministry within the Presbytery.

Gordon Taylor has agreed to be his mentor and Linda Paul, Kwang beom Cho and Janet Walker have agreed to be part of his support group.

Mary Best reported that she would initiate conversations with Broadway Disciples United Church, Immanuel United Church and Grey Street United Church regarding upcoming covenanting services.

The reports from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated June 26, 2017 and July 1, 2017 as well as July 25, 2017 and August 8, 2017, are attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XIII** and **Appendix 17-XIV**, respectively.

c) Nominating Committee

No report.

21. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

September

- Quorum Motion within Procedural Motions (missed in June)
- Spirit Path (45 minutes)
- Financial Update – Doris Quinn (5 minutes)
- TRC Response Group (10 minutes)

October

- UC Regional Boundaries Discussion (20 minutes)
- Remit #6 - Presentation & Discussion (30 minutes)
- Mission Support Grants Recommendations (15 minutes)

November

- CDI Review of Grant & Loan Policies (15 minutes)

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- Community Ministry Review & Discussion (20 minutes)
- Draft 2018 Budget/Congregational Assessments (20 minutes)
- Remit #6 – Voting (20 minutes)

March

- Visitation of Betty Kelly (President, Conf. MNWO) (requested 45 mins – 1 hour)
- TRC Response Group (1 hour?)
- Financial Update – Doris Quinn (5 minutes)

22. New Business

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd asked to what extent we want Winnipeg Presbytery to have a political voice. It was agreed that whatever the issue, Winnipeg Presbytery's view/response (and spokespeople's view/response) must be aligned with the decisions of The United Church of Canada. No personal views must be presented.

Loraine announced the Anti-Hate Rally taking place on Saturday, September 9 in response to an anti-muslim rally that will be taking place the same day. It was agreed the Anti-Hate Rally information be sent to Presbyters.

Loraine commented that a decision on the formal review of Gretta Vosper will be made this fall. Loraine suggested that Winnipeg Presbytery should be ready to respond, no matter what the outcome.

23. Closing prayer

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd led a closing prayer.

24. Adjournment

Dorcas Windsor moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

