

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, October 24, 2017**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

Present: 10

Quorum: Yes

Baschak, Richard	Quinn, Doris	Walker, Janet
McConnell, Sherri	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie (chair)	Woodbeck, Patrick

Visitors:

Manley-Tannis, Richard	Sexsmith, Del	Young, Betty
McCarthy, Shannon		

Regrets:

Armstrong, Jack	Paul, Linda	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and read from Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry. The Executive read A Prayer for the 499th Anniversary of the Protestant Reformation.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Doris Quinn

160/2017 Courtesy:

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

161/2017 Agenda:

"That the agenda be approved as presented"

162/2017 Correspondence:

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

163/2017 September 26, 2017 Minutes: "That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of September 26, 2017, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8920-8926)."

164/2017 Quorum for October 24, 2017: Quorum had been achieved for the October 24, 2017 meeting." **CARRIED**

4. CDI

Del Sexsmith and Betty Young were welcomed to the meeting.

Del reported that CDI had reviewed its grants and loans policies. They had looked at ways to clean up the application form making it simpler and unified for all grants and loans. There will also be two deadlines during the year – March 31 and October 15, instead of the various intake dates currently being used. Loan applications can be made throughout the year.

A summary will be included in the November Presbytery Meeting information package and time will be given on the November agenda.

Del reported that loans from the Grace Fund are for church renovation projects. Both Transcona Memorial United Church and North Kildonan United Church accessed funds last year and either has or is in the process of paying off their loan.

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The Christian Service Fund is to provide grants for ministry needs. It is based on earned income e.g. if your total income is \$58,000, the total amount that may be applied for cannot exceed \$58,000.

Interest earned from the Maryland Fund goes directly to St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry. An audit was conducted of this fund last year and it was found that the ministry was short changed by \$8,000.00. This was rectified.

The Pastoral Charge Development/Redevelopment Fund is for new ministries. The St. James Fund is for new initiatives in the St. James area churches and the Donnelly Fund funds Spirit Path. Applications have to be submitted for both of these funds.

A summary of projects funded from monies administered by CDI is contained in the CDI Annual Report which is released in May each year.

The question regarding the possibility of assigning 15% of proceeds from the sale of church property or the possibility of 5% of interest earned from all investments being given directly to 1JustCity was discussed at length. It was noted that such a policy could be quite restrictive. Shannon McCarthy added that any policy being made today may not be carried forward into the new model beyond 2018.

It was decided that no new policy would be made at this time.

Del Sexsmith and Betty Young were excused from the meeting with thanks.

5. Presbytery Staff Severance

Maggie Zoske and Richard Manley-Tannis were excused from the meeting.

The Executive discussed severance for the Presbytery staff.

Maggie Zoske and Richard Manley-Tannis returned to the meeting.

6. 1JustCity

Shannon McCarthy reported that 1JustCity may not receive their charitable status by January 1, 2018. It was intended that when this was completed, their employment relationships would transfer from the Conference to 1JustCity. 1JustCity is hoping they can continue under Conference until they receive their charitable status.

7. Amalgamation Talks

Shannon McCarthy cautioned all those who were having conversations regarding amalgamation to not proceed too far before speaking with Pastoral Relations. Certain steps must be followed and having a conversation with Pastoral Relations may prevent necessary steps being overlooked.

8. New Model of United Church

Shannon McCarthy reported that David Allen is in charge of project implementation of the Boundaries Commission. Early in the new year a checklist will be sent to Presbyteries outlining items that will be needed in the new region such as policies and commitments (e.g. Spirit Path). Shannon offered to help where needed.

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Shannon McCarthy was excused from the meeting with thanks.

9. Block Funding Grant & 1JustCity

It was noted that there was no surplus from the mission and service funding. Funds would have to be applied for from CDI for the Fund Developer's salary.

1JustCity requested time on the November agenda for a couple of motions for the court. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to follow-up with Gail Purcell regarding the content of these motions.

10. Ha Na Park Correspondence Follow-up (Correspondence Item #17-87)

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that she had met with Ha Na Park regarding the email she had sent to the Executive.

Questions were raised regarding the ministry position at Broadway Disciples United Church.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to follow-up with Ha Na.

11. Partners in Mission Follow-up

Richard Manley-Tannis reported that he had received over 70% response to the email he sent to pastoral charges regarding their involvement with Partners in Mission.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd noted that the item that needed to be addressed at this time was how we redistribute the ministries amongst the pastoral charges since some of them have since closed.

It was agreed that 1JustCity should take the lead in this conversation. Since 1JustCity is beginning to form committees and groups, it would be the logical time for them to discuss this item.

Richard enquired whether he should be seconded to 1JustCity to help them at this time. It was agreed the Executive would consult Karen Lumley, the 1JustCity Chair, about these items.

12. 2018 Congregational Assessments / 2018 Draft Budget

Doris Quinn reviewed the draft budget for 2018 which included an estimated 2% increase for congregational assessments. The Conference assessment has been estimated at \$176,209.

A line item for Presbytery staff severance would be added.

It was agreed that outstanding congregational assessments would be discussed at the November Executive meeting.

13. Call for General Council Commissioner Nominations

Patrick Woodbeck reported that nominations for one ordered and one lay (as well as alternates for both) General Council representatives would be necessary for the 2018 General Council taking place in Oshawa in July 2018.

More information regarding these nominations may be available at the Conference Executive meeting taking place the beginning of November.

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It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would put the call for nominations in the November Presbytery information package.

14. Pastoral Oversight Visits to Outreach Ministries

It was agreed this was included in the report submitted by Bruce Faurshou.

15. Correspondence Items

#17-94 – Charleswood UC – Final Payment to Congregational Development Fund of UCC **(for discussion)**

#17-95 – L. Paul to St. Andrew's River Height UC re: Spirit Path (info only)

#17-96 – L. Paul to Leslie Clark re: Retained on Roll Forms (info only)

#17-97 – K. Wall, Trinity UC re: Retirement of M. Malavsky **(for discussion)**

#17-98 – L. MacKenzie Shepherd to C. Darbell re: Response to Item #17-88 (info only)

#17-99 – L. Paul to R. Currie, Circles for Reconciliation re: Reworded Endorsement Letter (info only)

#17-100 – J. Jarvis, Conf. MNWO – Launch of Iridesce **(for discussion)**

#17-101 – M. Best to L. Clark – Letter in Good Standing (info only)

#17-102 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)

#17-103 – B. Millar, Knox UC – Seeking approval for lease termination **(for discussion)**

#17-104 – B. Gilbert, Augustine UC re: Storytelling Event **(for discussion)**

#17-105 – J. Kury, St. Charles UC re: St. Charles UC Congregational Meeting, Nov. 5 **(for discussion)**

**16. Charleswood UC – Final Payment to Congregational Development Fund
(Correspondence Item #17-94)**

It was agreed that Linda Paul be asked to send a congratulatory letter to Charleswood United Church.

17. Letter from Trinity UC (Correspondence Item #17-97)

It was noted that Mary Best was aware of this piece of correspondence and we await an application from Milly Malavsky.

18. Launch of Iridesce (Correspondence Item #17-100)

It was suggested that the Conference Annual Meeting be the venue for such an event to take place since they will be in town at that time.

Sherri McConnell agreed that they would be discussing this further at the Annual Meeting Planning meeting.

It was decided to leave this item until we have more information from the Annual Meeting Planning Committee.

19. Knox UC (Correspondence Item #17-103)

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd commented that she had heard from Dwight Rutherford, the Chair of the Property Matters and Capital Requests Committee. It was recommended that the Trustees and Board of Knox United Church come to the Executive with a motion.

It was agreed that Dwight Rutherford was the Presbytery representative working with Knox United Church on this item.

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20. Storytelling Events (Correspondence Item #17-104)

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd mentioned that Bob Gilbert had been approached by Anthony Audain regarding a performance he would like to put on for our Presbytery/Conference youth. It is a 'storytelling' event entitled "Tales of Foreign Lands and People". A host church was needed. A representative from Westworth United Church was going to attend the meeting with Anthony to discuss this further as Westworth United Church may be able to host this event. Twila MacNair, the Conference YAAV Program Coordinator, was advised of this possible event.

21. St. Charles UC Congregational Meeting, Nov. 5 (Correspondence Item #17-105)

It was noted that since the original meeting time of 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 5 would've been difficult for any Presbytery representative to attend, the meeting time had been changed to 1:00 p.m. Janet Walker agreed to chair this meeting.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to notify Joanne Kury of Janet's attendance at the meeting.

22. Medical Assistant in Death (Correspondence Item #17-106)

It was noted that both Crestview United Church and Sturgeon Creek United Churches have had workshops on this topic. There is a team in Winnipeg, headed by Dr. Kim Wiebe, that may be able to conduct this workshop.

It was suggested that this take place at the March all-day Presbytery meeting – one hour for the presentation and one hour for a theological reflection.

It was agreed that Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd would respond to Mark Satterly and to contact Paul Peters Derry at Fred Douglas Lodge, for his possible involvement.

23. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

No report.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

No report.

The report of the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated September 26 and October 10, 2017 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XIX**.

c) Nominating Committee

Patrick Woodbeck reported that Cathy Kinsman had agreed to be on the Education & Students Committee. A formal motion would be brought to the November Presbytery meeting.

One lay representative was still needed for this committee.

24. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

November

- CDI Review of Grant & Loan Policies (15 minutes)
- Draft 2018 Budget/Congregational Assessments (10 minutes)
- Remit #6 – Voting (20 minutes)

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- 1JustCity – St. Matthew’s-Maryland CM Motion (moving under 1JustCity) & support (not monetary) of 1JustCity as a fund development initiative (15 minutes)
- Nominating Committee (5 minutes)
- Education & Students Committee (5 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)
- Medically Assisted Death Presentation/Discussion (2 hours)

25. New Business

No new business.

26. Closing Prayer

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd closed with prayer.

27. Adjournment

Sherri McConnell moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

