

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – General Meeting  
November 14, 2017**

**The regular General Meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2017 at Windsor Park United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.**

**Attendance: 81**

**Quorum: Yes**

**Personnel in Paid Accountable Ministry in Pastoral Charges and Community Ministries**

Best, Mary	Johnson, Don	Satterly, Mark
Brown, Elizabeth	Kury, Joanne	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie
Campbell, Robert	Lumley, Karen	Suministrado, Noel
Cho, Kwang Beom	McConnell, Sherri	Walker, Janet
Crouch, Tim	Millar, Bill	Ward, Josh
DeLisle, Ken	Murray, Deborah	Whitehead, Marc
Gilbert, Bob	Read, Philip	Woodbeck, Patrick
Greenwood, Irene	Rutherford, Beth	

**Personnel under Appointment by General Council, Conference or Presbytery**

Manley-Tannis, Richard	McCarthy, Shannon
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**Personnel without Settlement or Engaged in Other Employment with the Permission of Presbytery**

Coss, Debbie	Naylor, Ann	Owens, Michelle
Douglas, Caryn		

**Personnel Regularly Retired from Paid Accountable Ministry**

Ballantine-Dickson, Dawn	Duncan, Anne	Rainey, Irene
Ballantine-Dickson, Jack	Gillis, Bill	Sanders, Nancy
Douglas, Peter		

**Lay Representatives and Members at Large**

Arintok, Abraham	Hill, Holly	Rausch, Boyd
Armstrong, Jack	Holowka, Deborah	Renwick, Nancy
Ashdown, Howard	Ketchen, Susan	Seguire, Marilyn
Ashton, Vinny	Khadka, Damber	Sexsmith, Del
Barnett, Ted	Kuras, Betty	Sheffer, Margaret
Barr, Terry	Latter, Carol	Sulyma, Carol
Brehaut, Peter	Magalas, Carol	Sutton, Maureen
Codd, Shirley	Martindale, Lorrie	Swan, Rita
Colgan, Maureen	Millard, Jo	Thompson, Warren
de Jong, Gerta	Miller, Sheron	Todd, Patricia
Dwarka, Diane	Paul, Linda	Walker, Anne
Fabbri, Donna	Pokotylo, Gaye	Wall, Karen
Gaburno, Wilma	Purcell, Gail	Windsor, Dorcas
Gershuny, Alan	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Kirk
Hartley, Michael		



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Lorraine MacKenzie Shepherd reminded the court of the Celebration of Life service for Rev. Barbara Cook that would be taking place at Crescent Fort Rouge on November 16, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Lorraine commented that after receiving a letter from a minister within Winnipeg Presbytery, the Executive decided to hold a workshop on medical assistance in dying at the March all-day Presbytery meeting. The MAID group will be presenting the first hour and Paul Peters Derry, from Fred Douglas Lodge, and Lorraine will be presenting a theological reflection the second hour. Congregations may be invited to attend this workshop.

All Native Circle Conference (ANCC) has requested not to be included in the initial restructuring. They would like to wait until the new regions are established and then see how they might fit into them. They are considering a “dual role” which would allow them to still meet together as Indigenous ministries across Canada and also begin to meet with the regions. This is a risk, as they fear being sidelined again, but it is their contribution to reconciliation.

In January the proposed new regions will be disclosed. As we prepare for our new structure, the court was asked what aspects of this Presbytery/Conference would be missed – in a positive way and with some loss. The court will discuss this further at the February Presbytery meeting.

#### **7. Nominating Committee**

##### **Motion 169/2017 – Appointment of Cathy Kinsman - Education and Students Committee**

Moved: Patrick Woodbeck                      Seconded: Maureen Colgan

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the appointment of Cathy Kinsman to the Education and Students Committee of Winnipeg Presbytery effective immediately.” **CARRIED**

Patrick Woodbeck reported that one lay representative was still needed for this committee. If interested, please contact Patrick at [wpucrev2@mymts.net](mailto:wpucrev2@mymts.net) .

#### **8. Joint Pastoral Relations**

Mary Best thanked those who brought in their Police Records Check for review at the October Presbytery meeting. Those who still need to do this may scan and send a copy of their Police Records Check to Mary Best at [agcucmin@mts.net](mailto:agcucmin@mts.net)

The process for Police Records Check is not yet clear for retired ministry personnel. Mary asked the retired ministry personnel to present their most recent Police Records Check.

Mary Best reminded those who wish to be retained on the roll to submit their paperwork as soon as possible.

##### **Motion 170/2017 – Debbie Coss – Retained on the Roll**

Moved: Mary Best                                      Seconded: Gerta de Jong

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

#### **9. Education & Students Committee**

Bob Gilbert reported that the proposed motion relating to the renewal of Hope Mattus’ licence as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader would be postponed until a later date due to the mandatory training (Boundary Issues and Racial Justice) being completed.



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**Motion 172/2017 – Winnipeg Presbytery Refers 2018 Budget/Congregational Assessments to Executive**

Moved: Doris Quinn

Seconded: Elizabeth Brown

“That Winnipeg Presbytery refers the 2018 Budget and Congregational Assessments to the Executive to be finalized.”

**CARRIED**

Janet Walker commented that she and Doris Quinn would be reviewing all the Winnipeg Presbytery funds. They will make recommendations whether the funds can be utilized or whether they should go forward into the new region.

**12. Remit #6 – One Order of Ministry Voting**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd recalled the panel discussion that took place at the October Presbytery meeting.

Janet Walker assumed the Chair as Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd answered a question about the remit.

Various members of the court spoke to the remit.

**Motion 173/2017 – Remit 6 – One Order of Ministry**

Moved: Tim Crouch

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

The Question: Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that there should be one new order of ministry encompassing the present categories of recognized designated lay ministers, diaconal ministers, and ordained ministers, with ordination to the ministry of word, sacrament, education, service and pastoral care as the single rite of entry, and with provision for the continued identity of the diakonia within the ordained ministry?

Response: No

**DEFEATED**

**Motion 174/2017 – Motion to Destroy the Ballots**

Moved: Elizabeth Brown

Seconded: Gail Purcell

“That the ballots from Motion 173/2017 be destroyed.”

**CARRIED**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd returned as Chair.

**All Purpose Break**

**We Continue to Listen and Respond**

**13. CDI Review of Grant & Loan Policies**

Del Sexsmith gave an overview of the various funds being administered by CDI, the investment arm of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Del reported that Lisa Lix, a member of the CDI Board, spent the past year reviewing the grants and loans policies as well as the application form. Feedback was also received from those who had gone through the application process.

Del presented the summary of the proposed changes to the CDI Loans and Grants Policies and application form, that was included in the Presbytery meeting package (attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 17-XXI**). One application form has been designed for use

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for all applications (grants and loans) and all funds. This would streamline the application process.

**Motion 175/2017 – Approval of CDI Revised Grants and Loans Application Process**

Moved: Del Sexsmith                      Seconded: Bill Gillis

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the revised Grants and Loans application process of CDI as summarized in the documents presented (and attached to this motion) in order to streamline and clarify the administrative process for accessing these funds.” **CARRIED**

Thanks were given to Lisa Lix, Del Sexsmith and the Board members of CDI.

**14. TRC Response Group Report**

Irene Greenwood reported that the minister from God’s Lake Narrows has requested help in providing Christmas gifts for children in God’s Lake Narrows. This request has gone through All Native Circle (ANCC), the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario and has now come to Winnipeg Presbytery. This will be the third year a request has been received. Irene Greenwood and Joan Jarvis looked after purchasing and shipping these gifts the past two years.

The TRC Response Group discussed the appropriateness of this request and struggled to provide an appropriate response before this request was received again this year.

Irene offered that the TRC Response Group consulted ANCC and Keewatin Presbytery regarding this request. The TRC Response Group felt that maybe Winnipeg Presbytery could provide these gifts for one more year this year as this is Christmas and there are children in need.

Lorraine MacKenzie Shepherd commented that Evelyn Broadfoot was contacted. The concern was that this request only helps one community. It was noted that some Presbyteries would be ending earlier than December 31, 2018 – some as soon as February 2018. This might be the appropriate time to honour their request one last time. This had not been an easy decision to make.

**Motion 176/2017 – Christmas Gifts for God’s Lake Narrows**

Moved: Irene Greenwood                      Seconded: Jack Ballantine-Dickson

“Having received a request from Alice MacDougal, United Church Minister at God’s Lake Narrows, it is moved,  
that Winnipeg Presbytery supply Christmas gifts for the children of God’s Lake Narrows for 2017, and,  
that Winnipeg Presbytery cover the cost of these gifts and shipping, up to the amount of \$1500,  
and  
that an appeal be made to the congregations of Winnipeg Presbytery toward this cost, and  
that an appeal be made to the members of Winnipeg Presbytery and to the congregations of the presbytery to purchase, pack and ship the gifts and,  
that 2017 be the final year that Winnipeg Presbytery undertake this project.” **CARRIED**

Lorraine asked for volunteers to help with the gift purchasing and shipping. The following people volunteered to help: Jack Armstrong, Doris Quinn, Nancy Renwick, Bob Gilbert, Elizabeth Brown, Gerta de Jong, Gaye Pokotylo and Holly Hill. It was noted that these people would be reimbursed for purchased gifts.

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Irene Greenwood agreed to contact the volunteers to pass along the information from the past two years.

**15. Ministry Update**

Deborah Holowka gave an update from Grey Street United Church.

**We Go in Faith**

**16. Courtesies/Closing Worship/Prayer**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd thanked the Host Group: Windsor Park United Church, Transcona Memorial United Church, Grey Street United Church and Westminster United Church.

Boyd Rausch, from Westminster United Church, led the closing prayer.

**17. Adjournment**

Gerta de Jong moved for adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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**Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

