

## Winnipeg Presbytery – Highlights of 2017

**January** – Our General Meeting was held at The United Church in Meadowood with co-hosts of the meeting being Trinity United Church, Charleswood United Church, McClure United Church and Oak Table Community Ministry. Judy Hare, the Personnel Minister from The Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, presented information contained in the Ethical Standards & Standards of Practice Document and The Manual regarding professional conduct. Winnipeg Presbytery also approved a motion to recommend the CDI Draft Investment Policy to The Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, for implementation January 1, 2017.

**February** – The General Meeting was held at Westworth United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Harrow United Church, Fort Garry United Church and Crescent Fort Rouge United Church. The General Council Commissioners (Patrick Woodbeck, Tim Crouch and Bill Millar) presented background information on Remit #4: Funding a New Model. The court listened to a presentation given by Raymond Currie and Belinda Vanden Broeck on Circles for Reconciliation.

**March** – Our General Meeting was an all-day meeting held at Sturgeon Creek United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Crestview United Church, Kirkfield Park United Church, Silver Heights United Church, St. Charles United Church and Headingley United Church. Members from Augustine United Church gave a presentation on their future development initiative – Augustine Centre. We also heard from 1JustCity, who is working towards becoming incorporated. The TRC Response Group invited Raymond Currie, who presented more information on Circles for Reconciliation and encouraged all to participate. After the presentation, Winnipeg Presbytery passed a motion of support for Circles for Reconciliation.

**May** - The May General Meeting was held at Broadway Disciples United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Knox United Church, Young United Church, Augustine United Church and West Broadway Community Ministry. Approval was given for the amalgamation of Northend Stella Community Ministry and 1JustCity. Kathryn Hofley, Financial Development Officer, presented the 'Called to be the Church Giving Program'. Winnipeg Presbytery agreed to become a Signatory to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord on June 20, 2017, after receiving an invitation from Winnipeg Mayor Brian Bowman. Remit #4: Funding a New Model, was voted on and passed by the court.

**June** – Our General Meeting was held at St. Andrew's River Heights United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Atlantic-Garden City United Church, Sparling United Church, Kildonan United Church and Fred Douglas Lodge. In a motion, the court recommended Patrick Woodbeck to The Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario for Ordination. We recognized Cole Grambo, who was going to Selkirk Presbytery and Connie Budd, who was leaving North End Stella Community Ministry. We acknowledged the following retirees – Dawn Ballantine-Dickson, Robert Campbell, Bruce Fauschou and Nancy Sanders.

**September** – The General Meeting was held at Crestview United Church with the co-hosts of the meeting being Sturgeon Creek United Church, Kirkfield Park United Church, Silver Heights United Church, St. Charles United Church and Headingley United Church. The TRC Response Group put forward an endorsement of a campaign started by the Mennonite Church called Let's Walk the Talk Campaign, which promoted awareness of Bill C-262. After a presentation on the history of Spirit Path, Winnipeg Presbytery voted in favour of its continuation. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd was installed as the new Presbytery Chair.

**October** – Our General Meeting was held at St. Mary's Road United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Churchill Park United Church, Korean United Church and St. Matthew-Maryland Community Ministry. The 2018 Mission & Service (M&S) Fund Block Grant was approved. A panel discussion on Remit 6: One Order of Ministry took place. Table talk time was devoted to discussing the United Church regional boundaries. Questions and concerns from the table groups were forwarded to the Boundaries Commission.

**November** – The General Meeting was held at Windsor Park United Church with co-hosts of the meeting being Transcona Memorial United Church, Grey Street United Church and Westminster United Church. Winnipeg Presbytery confirmed its ongoing support for fund development of 1JustCity. Remit #6: One Order of Ministry was voted on and defeated. CDI presented a summary of proposed changes to the CDI Loans and Grants Policies and the application form used for these funds. It was decided that Winnipeg Presbytery would provide Christmas presents for God's Lake Narrows again in 2017 with help from individuals and churches donating towards these gifts.