

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, February 27, 2018**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, February 27, 2018, at 2:00 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	Walker, Janet
Baschak, Richard	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	Woodbeck, Patrick
McConnell, Sherri	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie (Chair)	

Visitors:

Manley-Tannis, Richard Sexsmith, Del

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Loraine read from Lifting Hearts Off the Ground: Declaring Indigenous Rights in Poetry and opened with prayer.

Loraine acknowledged that we are gathered for worship and work in Treaty One territory, which is also the homestead of the Metis Nation. For thousands of years Indigenous Peoples walked this land and knew it to be the centre of their lives and their spirituality.

3. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions

Moved: Beth Rutherford

Seconded: Richard Baschak

023/2018 Courtesy:

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

024/2018 Correspondence:

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

025/2018 January 23, 2018 Minutes: “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of January 23, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8952-8959).”

026/2018 February 16, 2018 Minutes: “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of February 16, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8965-8966).”

027/2018 Quorum for February 27: “That quorum was achieved for February 27, 2018.”

CARRIED

Motion 028/2018 – Approval of Agenda

Moved: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Staff support to CDI post 2018 to Agenda Item #4 b.
- Correspondence Item #18-21 – Ha Na Park – Proposing changes to Guidelines for Electing Commissioners to General Council to Agenda Item #20
- Correspondence Item #18-22 – K. Lumley, 1JustCity – Press Release re: apprehension of escapees at Just a Warm Sleep to Agenda Item #20.”

CARRIED

4. CDI Presentation on Funds

a) \$20,000 Bequest to Wpg Presbytery

Del Sexsmith was welcomed to the meeting.

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Del reviewed a summary of the various funds that are invested (attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-IV**).

A bequest was received from the estate of Joyce Hill from St. James United Church for \$20,000. The will stated this bequest was to be given to St. James United Church or its successor organization, which is Winnipeg Presbytery. These funds are ready for deposit with CDI. Options were discussed in regard to which fund this bequest should be deposited.

A discussion took place regarding the funds that were put aside for exclusive use of the St. James Churches. Exclusive use of these funds by the St. James churches expired at the end of 2016. The remaining funds are now part of the Pastoral Charge Development/Redevelopment Fund.

Motion 029/2018 – St. James-Assiniboine Development Fund

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That further to earlier motions of Winnipeg Presbytery and the Executive (Motions 150/2015 and Motion 069/2016 stating that "that the exclusive use of the St. James Fund will not be extended beyond 2016"), the court acknowledges that the funds previously known as the St. James-Assiniboia Development Fund, invested with Church Development Incorporated, will be considered available to all qualified applicants as part of the Pastoral Charge Development/Redevelopment Fund within CDI.”

CARRIED

It was suggested that the Joyce Hill bequest be split between the Pastoral Charge Development/Redevelopment Fund and the Winnipeg Presbytery Christian Service Fund. The final decision must be made by the full court.

Motion 030/2018 – Bequest from the Estate of Joyce Hill

Moved: Patrick Woodbeck Seconded: Sherri McConnell

“That, in the matter of the estate of Joyce Patricia Hill, providing a bequest of \$20,000 to St. James United Church or its successor organization (legally deemed to be Winnipeg Presbytery), the Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends to the full court that these funds be deposited in CDI with an equal amount invested in the Pastoral Charge Development/ Redevelopment Fund and the Winnipeg Presbytery Christian Service Fund.”

CARRIED

It was agreed this item be added to the March all-day meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery. Del Sexsmith agreed to forward Maggie Zoske information to be distributed prior to this meeting.

b) Staff Support of CDI Post 2018

Del Sexsmith expressed concern regarding administrative support for CDI post 2018. Bookkeeping is provided by Linda Firman and Maggie Zoske provided website support and is the contact person for receiving applications and distributing them to CDI.

Sherri McConnell commented that Winnipeg Presbytery had just received a transition checklist from General Council. It is expected that some of the tasks will be transferred to the newly formed regional body in 2019. The transition checklist would be reviewed by the Executive.

It was noted that some of the CDI bylaws would have to change once Winnipeg Presbytery ends. It was suggested that CDI devote one of their meetings to reviewing their bylaws in preparation for 2019.

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An invitation was received by Winnipeg Presbytery from General Council for someone to attend a consultation in June, 2018 regarding financial resources of the church. It was suggested that Sherri McConnell attend this meeting.

Del Sexsmith was thanked and excused from the meeting.

5. Amalgamation of St. Charles UC and Headingley UC

Janet Walker reported on the amalgamation process of St. Charles United Church and Headingley United Church.

Motion 031/2018 – Amalgamation of St. Charles United Church and Headingley United Church and the Use of Proceeds from the Sale of St. Charles United Church Property

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Mary Best

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approve the request of Headingley United Church and St. Charles United Church to amalgamate, effective July 1, 2018, as St. Charles Headingley United Church to be located at 110 Bridge Road, Headingley, Manitoba and that the St. Charles United Church building, which has been deemed redundant, and permission for its sale has been given and it has sold, that the proceeds from the sale be given to the newly amalgamated congregation for their use.”

CARRIED

Mary Best reported that they had already completed their ministry profile for the new amalgamated congregation.

6. Transition Checklist

Sherri McConnell reported that she and Janet Walker had met and reviewed the Transition Checklist that was given to presbyteries by General Council.

It was decided that the Executive would meet on Wednesday, April 11 at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church (if available), from 2:00-4:00 p.m., for the sole purpose of discussing the transition to the new region, unless other urgent matters arise. Maggie Zoske agreed to contact St. Andrew’s regarding the room booking.

It was decided that a final Winnipeg Presbytery meeting would take place on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 for a celebration and closing motion. Maggie Zoske agreed to find a location for this date.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd commented that Betty Kelly, the President of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, would be speaking about this transition time at the March all-day Presbytery meeting. Time will be given to table discussion. It was agreed that a person be appointed as a recorder at each table group with the recordings to be given to Maggie Zoske for compilation. Possible questions to be discussed could come from page 2 of the Transition Checklist.

More time could be given to these table group discussions at the April meeting, if necessary.

7. Partners in Mission Update

Richard Manley-Tannis reported that he had met with Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud to discuss the realignment of churches with the missions. Tessa agreed to bring the data that had been gathered by Richard to the next annual gathering of Partners in Mission in October.

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Janet Walker noted that invitations to the annual gathering hadn't been received by some congregations the past number of years. Richard agreed to convey to Tessa, the desire for all congregations to be invited to their October gathering.

It was suggested that Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud be approached to give a presentation at the September Presbytery meeting. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to contact Tessa about this presentation.

8. Bus Rental for Celebration of Ministry Service & Financial Items

Bus Rental for Celebration of Ministry Service

Doris reported that she contacted two bus rental companies regarding bus rental for transporting congregations to the Celebration of Ministry worship service at the University of Manitoba on May 27, 2018. It would cost approximately \$250.00/bus. It was suggested that congregations may wish to rent a bus with a neighbouring church.

Doris noted that Winnipeg Presbytery still had \$7,000 in the budget for special events.

It was suggested that Winnipeg Presbytery could help subsidize the cost of bus rental if congregations would like to attend this service. The congregation would have to make their own arrangements, pay for it in full, and then submit their paid invoice to Winnipeg Presbytery to receive this subsidy.

Motion 032/2018 – Winnipeg Presbytery to Subsidize Bus Rental for Conference Worship Service

Moved: Patrick Woodbeck Seconded: Linda Paul

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive agrees that Winnipeg Presbytery would subsidize \$100.00 per bus for congregations wishing to attend the Celebration of Ministry Service at the University of Manitoba on May 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., upon the receipt of a paid invoice.” **CARRIED**

It was agreed that each congregation would have to make their own booking once the final details have been made with the bus companies.

Doris Quinn agreed to find out whether accessible buses were available and cost, as well as what the booking deadline would be for congregations.

Financial Items

Doris Quinn reviewed the distributed financial statements.

Clarification was given regarding the financial responsibility of 1JustCity for the Fund Developer's salary beginning January 1, 2018. The transition information to 1JustCity may not have been given to Linda Firman (from the Conference office) who provides bookkeeping support for Winnipeg Presbytery and 1JustCity.

Maggie Zoske was requested to re-send Correspondence Item #17-120 to Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Doris Quinn and Linda Firman.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to write Karen Lumley, the Chair of 1JustCity, reminding her of 1JustCity's financial obligation of the Fund Developer's salary.

9. Amalgamation of St. James Churches Update

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19. Ha Na Park – Workshops Proposal - Correspondence Item #18-20
See Item 18.

20. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

Beth Rutherford raised some issues from the Personnel Committee that Beth would follow up with the Presbytery staff.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Motion 036/2018 – Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries – Westminster United Church

Moved: Mary Best Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approve the recommendation of Joint Pastoral Relations that the Coordinator of Children, Youth & Family Ministries position at Westminster United Church be designated a congregational accountable ministry.” **CARRIED**

Motion 037/2018 – Vacation Bible Camp Coordinator – The United Church in Meadowood

Moved: Mary Best Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approve the recommendation of Joint Pastoral Relations that the Vacation Bible Camp Coordinator position at The United Church in Meadowood be designated a congregational accountable ministry.” **CARRIED**

Motion 038/2018 – Youth Ministry Leader – Atlantic-Garden City United Church

Moved: Beth Rutherford Seconded: Linda Paul

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approve the recommendation of Joint Pastoral Relations that the Youth Ministry Leader position at Atlantic-Garden City United Church be designated a congregational accountable ministry.” **CARRIED**

1 abstention – Mary Best

Mary Best reported that she was working with Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister, on a workshop to be held on April 7, 2018 for M&P Committees, with a particular focus on congregations that are in the midst of change. It will be a requirement to send representation to this workshop. More details and location would be announced.

The report from the Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario dated January 23, January 9, January 31 and February 13, 2018 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-V**).

c) Nominating Committee

No report.

21. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

March

- Visitation of Betty Kelly (President, Conf. MNWO) (1 hour – late morning)
- TRC Response Group (45 minutes)
- Financial Update – Doris Quinn (5 minutes)
- MAID Workshop (2 hours – afternoon 1-3pm)
- Conference Annual Meeting Local Arrangements (5 minutes)
- Request for Table Hosts-Conf. Ann. Meeting (5 minutes)

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- St. James Amalgamation Talks – during Ministry Update – Beth Rutherford (5-10 minutes)
- CDI (10 minutes)

April

- Discussion Time – what we will miss when Presbytery is finished (30 minutes)
- Notice of Motion – St. Matthew’s-Maryland CM – Service Agreement (15 minutes)
- Barbara Myers – Report on Immanuel UC Property Development – during Ministry Update (15 minutes)
- Churchill Park UC – Iridesce Workshop (5 minutes)

May

- YAAAY Report (10 minutes)
- Ministry Update ?????
- CDI Audit?? (15 minutes)
- Richard Manley-Tannis’ Farewell (15 Minutes)

June

- Quorum Motion – part of procedural motion
- Covenanting of New Executive (10 minutes)
- Wpg Presbytery Audit & Appointment of Auditors (15 minutes)
- CDI Audit (if it doesn’t take place in May – 15 minutes)
- Recognition of Retirees and People Leaving Winnipeg Presbytery – Bill Millar, Joanne Kury (20 minutes?)
- Voting on St. Matthew’s-Maryland CM Service Agreement – 5 motions – (20 minutes)
- Financial Update (5 minutes)
- Nominating Committee Report (10 minutes)
- Ministry Update ?????

22. New Business

Old Presbytery Files Shredding

Maggie Zoske reported that she had numerous outdated files and asked if these could be shredded. It was suggested that a list of these files be sent to United Church Archives first.

Motion 039/2018 – Shredding of Winnipeg Presbytery Outdated Files

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“That the Presbytery Administrator is authorized to shred files that are not needed by United Church Archives.”

CARRIED

Copy of Letter sent to Conference of MNWO – Ha Na Park (Correspondence Item #18-21)

Motion 040/2018 – Inclusion of Racialized Minority or Deaf Persons as GC Commissioners

Moved: Patrick Woodbeck Seconded: Linda Paul

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive requests the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario to consider the inclusion of 1-2 people who are racialized, Indigenous or from the Deaf community to become GC Commissioners for the 2018 General Council in Oshawa.”

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Lorraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to contact Ha Na Park.

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1JustCity Press Release (Correspondence Item #18-22)

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd read the press release from Karen Lumley, 1JustCity regarding the apprehension of the two escapees from Stoney Mountain.

23. Closing Prayer

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd closed the meeting with prayer.

24. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

