

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting
Tuesday, March 20, 2018**

The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

Present: 13

Quorum: Yes

Armstrong, Jack	Quinn, Doris	Walker, Janet
Baschak, Richard	Rutherford, Beth	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie (Chair)	Woodbeck, Patrick
Paul, Linda		

Visitors:

Hare, Judy	Lumley, Karen	Manley-Tannis, Richard
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Regrets:

McConnell, Sherri

1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. and opened with a poem and 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: Richard Baschak

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

048/2018 Courtesy:

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

049/2018 Correspondence:

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

050/2018 February 27, 2018 Minutes: “That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of February 27, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8967-8975).”

051/2018 Quorum for March 20, 2018: Quorum had been achieved for the March 20, 2018 meeting.”

CARRIED

Motion 052/2018 – Approval of Agenda

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Correspondence Item #18-28 – Wpg Indigenous Accord – Information and Reporting template
- New business – ecumenical service.”

CARRIED

4. Financial Items & Bus Rental for Conf. AGM Worship Service

Doris Quinn reported that she had not received a response from the bus company. Will report at next meeting.

Once we have all the details regarding booking deadlines, etc., this information will be sent to all the congregations including information regarding the subsidy.

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It was agreed that Loraine would write the message to be sent to congregations, once we receive all the information. It was noted that it would be helpful to receive approximate numbers from congregations.

**5. Education & Students Committee Motion – Knox United Church
Motion 053/2018 – Approval of Knox United Church as Learning Site**

Moved: Richard Baschak Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive, on the recommendation of the Education and Students Committee, which has received and reviewed the Application by a Pastoral Charge/Local Ministry to be Approved as a Learning Site for Supervised Ministry Education (SME 208), approves Knox United Church as a Learning Site for Supervised Ministry Education for a ¾ time appointment, with Ken DeLisle as Educational Supervisor.” **CARRIED**

6. Correspondence Items

#18-23 – U of W Foundation re: Deer Lodge Bursary (info only)

#18-24 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to The Hon. M Mihychuk re: #18-09 (info only)

#18-25 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to St. James Open Doors re: use of leftover money from Communications coordinator (info only)

#18-26 – L. MacKenzie Shepherd, Wpg Pres. to P. Webster, St. Andrew’s RHUC re: Hungarian Interest Group Funds (info only)

#18-27 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)

Winnipeg Indigenous Accord – Information and Reporting Template (Correspondence Item #18-28)

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would send this email to Richard Baschak so he can work with Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd on this task.

Linda Paul was thanked for the letters she writes on behalf of the Executive.

7. 1JustCity – Employment of Indigenous Worker/Fund Developer/Josh Ward

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister, and Karen Lumley, the 1JustCity Chair, to the meeting.

Judy Hare reported that she met with Janet Walker, Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud and Irene Rainey to discuss items relating to 1JustCity, their incorporation, charitable number and employment of staff.

1JustCity is now incorporated and have received their charitable number but they haven’t set a date for this to be activated. A number of items need to be in place before this takes place.

Currently, the Fund Developer is an employee of the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario, deployed to 1JustCity. Josh Ward is under appointment at St. Matthew’s-Maryland Community Ministry. It is the intention of the Board at St. Matthew-Maryland Community Ministry that it will dissolve at the end of June then the ministry will come under the umbrella of 1JustCity.

Oak Table Community Ministry and West Broadway Community Ministry are separately incorporated. They will remain separate from 1JustCity at this time. Ministry Personnel currently under a call in an incorporated body will have to be shifted into a contract. They will be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery.

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For 1JustCity to employ staff, they need an ADP number and to make decisions regarding pension and group insurance. It was agreed that Karen Lumley, Gail Purcell and Irene Rainey would attend to these matters.

1JustCity will also no longer fall under the Winnipeg Presbytery's insurance and liability insurance and will need to obtain their own coverage. They are looking into obtaining insurance from the same company as Oak Table and West Broadway.

It is the intention that 1JustCity will take over their own bookkeeping and salary responsibilities as of July 1, 2018. There needs to be a clear ending and clear beginning.

Linda Firman, the Conference Bookkeeper, will prepare a statement of income and expenses so that Winnipeg Presbytery can make a motion at the end of June to transfer their funds to them. But before this can happen, 1JustCity will need to prepare a budget to demonstrate they can pay for staff. Additionally, signatories and bank accounts need to be arranged. Salary schedules will have to be decided upon.

Linda Firman will prepare a charities return to the end of June 30, 2018. 1JustCity will prepare one starting July 1, 2018.

Before the motions take place, a letter from Bishop Don Phillips that is associated with St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry, giving his agreement with the 1JustCity Board taking over July 1, 2018.

Karen Lumley announced that Vicki Catagas was hired as the new Indigenous Worker for 1JustCity starting April 1 or 2. She will be an employee of Oak Table Community Ministry for the time being.

1JustCity is investigating office space.

Since 1JustCity is not able to be a hiring body until July 1, 2018, when all the pieces are in place, the following motion was made:

Motion 054/2018 – Approval of Salary and Expenses for 1JustCity Fund Developer

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Linda Paul

"In response to a request from 1JustCity from a meeting March 13, 2018, that Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves that the entire salary and expenses for the Fund Developer position for 2018 be taken out of current 1JustCity funds."

CARRIED

Karen Lumley and Judy Hare were thanked for their assistance.

Karen Lumley was excused from the meeting.

8. Conference Executive Report

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that at the recent Conference Executive Meeting, a discussion took place about monies that the various Presbyteries hold. There was some discussion looking ahead at the new region and whether CDI would be willing to manage other Presbyteries' money. This would have to be discussed with CDI.

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It was noted that if CDI is willing, letters to other Presbyteries would have to be sent this spring or summer as many Presbyteries will be having their final Presbytery meetings in the fall. Their Executives would most likely continue until the end of 2018.

It was also noted that Presbyteries will not be able to hold on to money at the end of 2018 and will either have to transfer these funds to the newly formed region or to a congregation to manage.

Janet Walker and Sherri McConnell will include this consideration of Presbytery funds in their transition discussion. It was agreed this would be part of the table discussion at the April Presbytery meeting.

Loraine asked that a notice be sent to the Presbytery notifying churches that there is a deadline of May 10, 2018 to send archival material to the United Church Archives. This deadline is imposed to ensure that the material is processed while there is extra help in the Archives. It was agreed that Linda Paul would write a notice for Maggie Zoske to send to the Presbytery.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd cited that roughly half of the pastoral charges in our Conference have ministry personnel vacancies.

Loraine reported on recent conference calls that had taken place regarding choosing the Executive Minister for this region.

The Regional Transitional Team will begin in the fall and go through the transition period. Two people may be needed from Winnipeg Presbytery. If only one person is needed, it was decided that Sherri McConnell should be the representative from Winnipeg Presbytery. Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd agreed to be the other representative if two are needed from Winnipeg Presbytery.

9. Committee Reports

a) Personnel

No report.

b) Joint Pastoral Relations

Motion 055/2018 – Change in Pastoral Relations – Cathy Kinsman

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the request of Cathy Kinsman for a change in pastoral relations, effective June 30, 2018, with the approval of the St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church Service Team, with her last day of work being March 13, 2018, with pay in lieu of notice.”

CARRIED

1 abstention

Other pastoral relations concerns were discussed.

Mary Best reported that Tammy Bleue, a student from the Centre for Christian Studies, has been employed as Candidate Supply at St. Mary’s Road United Church.

Motion 056/2018 – Tammy Bleue – License to Administer the Sacraments

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

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“That Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario that Tammy Bleue be licensed to administer the sacraments during her appointment at St. Mary’s Road United Church.” **CARRIED**

It was noted that Kwang Beom Cho will be on sabbatical May 21, 2018 to August 26, 2018.

Motion 057/2018 – Appointment of Janet Walker and Min-Goo Kang as Pastoral Charge Supervisors – Korean United Church

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Janet Walker and Min-Goo Kang be appointed as Pastoral Charge Supervisors for Korean United Church, May 21, 2018 – August 26, 2018, during Kwan Beom Cho’s sabbatical.”

CARRIED

The Settlement Commission of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario report dated February 20, 2018 and March 13, 2018 is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-VIII.**

c) Nominating Committee

No report.

10. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:

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)
- 1Justcity – Announcement (10 minutes)
- Barbara Myers – Report on Immanuel UC Property Development – during Ministry Update (15 minutes)
- Conference Annual Meeting Planning Committee (5 minutes)
- Conference Annual Meeting Local Arrangements (5 minutes)
- Proposals to be submitted to Conference (20-30 minutes)

May

- Voting on St. Matthew’s-Maryland CM Service Agreement – 5 motions – (20 minutes)
- YAAY Report (10 minutes)
- Ministry Update ????
- Richard Manley-Tannis’ Farewell (15 Minutes)
- Nominating Committee (5 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, Milly Malavsky (20 minutes?)
- Financial Update (5 minutes)
- Nominating Committee Report (10 minutes)
- Ministry Update ????

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September

- 1JustCity/Partners in Mission – Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud (15 minutes)

It was recommended that the following dates be set for Presbytery Meetings in the fall:

September 11

October 9

November 13

December 11

It was agreed the Executive meeting dates would be chosen when Sherri McConnell, the Chair Elect, is present.

11. New Business

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd commented that she had become aware of an ecumenical service that is to be held in July. Loraine offered to attend on behalf of the United Church in Winnipeg Presbytery if Sherri McConnell is unable to do so. Loraine agreed to forward the invitation to Sherri once it arrived.

Janet Walker announced that she was having difficulty finding Presbytery representation to attend congregational meetings at Sturgeon Creek United Church, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church on April 15.

The Executive gave Janet Walker the authority to find Presbytery representation to attend congregational meetings at Sturgeon Creek United Church, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church on April 15.

12. Closing Prayer

Beth Rutherford led the closing prayer.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

