

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – General Meeting
April 10, 2018**

The regular General Meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery was held on Tuesday, April 10, 2018, at Harrow United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, presiding.

Attendance: 83

Quorum: Yes

Personnel in Paid Accountable Ministry in Pastoral Charges and Community Ministries

Bleue, Tammy	Kinsman, Cathy	Satterly, Mark
Brown, Elizabeth	Kury, Joanne	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie
Campbell, Robert	Lumley, Karen	Suministrado, Noel
DeLisle, Ken	McConnell, Sherri	Taylor, Gordon
Fletcher, Carol	Moysey, Teresa	Trono, Lynda
Gilbert, Bob	Murray, Deborah	Walker, Janet
Greenwood, Irene	Park, Ha Na	Ward, Josh
Johnson, Don	Rutherford, Beth	Woodbeck, Patrick
Kang, Min-Goo		

Personnel under Appointment by General Council, Conference or Presbytery

Blaikie Whitecloud, Tessa	Harrison Lesley	Manley-Tannis, Richard
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Personnel without Settlement or Engaged in Other Employment with the Permission of Presbytery

Blaikie, Bill	Compton, Adel	Fox, Lesley
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Personnel Regularly Retired from Paid Accountable Ministry

Anstie, Ken	Douglas, Peter	Millar, Bill
Cooke, Richard	Gillis, Bill	

Lay Representatives and Members at Large

Allen, Joyce	Holowka, Deborah	Rausch, Boyd
Arintok, Abraham	Ketchen, Susan	Renwick, Nancy
Armstrong, Jack	Khadka, Damber	Seguire, Marilyn
Ashton, Vinny	Kuras, Betty	Sexsmith, Del
Barnett, Ted	Kyung, Myung soo	Smith, Michele
Barr, Terry	Leontowich, Greg	Sulyma, Carol
Baschak, Richard	Martindale, Lorrie	Sutton, Maureen
Brehaut, Peter	Mattus, Hope	Swan, Rita
Codd, Shirley	McConnell, Wanda	Teichroew, Judy
de Jong, Gerta	Millard, Jo	Todd, Patricia
Dwarka, Diane	Miller, Sheron	Walker, Anne
Emberly, Sheldon	Paul, Linda	Wall, Karen
Gaburno, Wilma	Purcell, Gail	Windsor, Dorcas
Gershuny, Alan	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Kirk
Gillis, Diane		

Candidates

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Corresponding Members

MacAuley, Scott	Zoske, Maggie
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Visitors

Douglas, Elsie	Smith, Karen	Whitecloud, Hanwakan
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Regrets

Best, Mary	Hill, Holly	Owens, Michelle
Colgan, Maureen	Hofley, Kathryn	Rutherford, Dwight
Cooke, Jeff	Malavsky, Milly	Stewart, Lori
Douglas, Caryn	Pokotylo, Gaye	Whitehead, Marc
Duncan, Anne		

We Gather as God’s People

1. Call to Order

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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.

2. Welcome & Introductions

Hanwakan Whitecloud, Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud’s partner, was introduced to the court.

Cathy Kinsman introduced Tammy Bleue, Student Supply from St. Mary’s Road United Church.

Ken DeLisle introduced Wanda McConnell, the new lay representative from John Black Memorial United Church.

3. Opening Worship/Prayer

Min-Goo Kang from Fort Garry United Church and Diane Dwarka from The United Church in Meadowood led the opening worship.

4. Welcome from Host Group

Teresa Moysey, from Harrow United Church, invited everyone to the meeting on behalf of the Host Group.

5. Omnibus Motion A – Procedural Motions 058/2018 - 061/2018

Moved: Richard Cooke

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

058/2018 Courtesy:

“That all visitors and guests be made corresponding members for this meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery

059/2018 Agenda:

That the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented

060/2018 Minutes:

That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of February 27, 2018, be received for information (pages 8967-8975)

061/2018 Minutes:

That the draft Minutes of the Winnipeg Presbytery General Meeting of March 17, 2018, be approved (pages 8976-8980).”

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Robert Campbell requested Correspondence Item #18-09 from The Hon. M. Mihychuk and the response from the Executive, Correspondence Item #18-24 be released for information. It was agreed Maggie Zoske would forward these items to him.

We Listen for the Spirit as We Work Together

6. Conference Annual Meeting Planning Committee

Beth Rutherford and Sherri McConnell highlighted the upcoming Conference Annual Meeting, taking place May 24-27 at The University of Manitoba.

The theme for this final gathering of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario is “Remembering, Celebrating, Imagining”. Theme presentations will be “Remembering” led by Ted Dodd and Erin Acland and Holly Berofe of Conference Archives, “Celebrating” through a wide variety of workshops on Friday afternoon (May 25) and “Imagining” with the Conference YAAY Committee.

It was noted that the various Presbyteries were invited to lead worship times during Conference with the exception of Winnipeg Presbytery as local arrangements wanted to maximize its support from Winnipeg Presbytery in the form of billets, baking, book display/sales and other volunteer opportunities.

The music at Conference will be provided by the Gerhard brothers. We will be trying out new ways of doing business and will have education around our new process.

The Saturday evening, which was formally the retirees dinner, will be a celebration dinner acknowledging the retirees as well as the Conference staff.

It was hoped that Presbytery reps would encourage their ministry personnel and vice versa to attend the Conference.

A letter had been sent to all congregations encouraging closure of their churches so that all may attend the Sunday morning service on May 27. It was hoped this worship service space would be filled to capacity. To assist with planning, it is asked that congregations respond with approximate numbers of those that may attend this service. At this service, we will also be celebrating the Ordination of Patrick Woodbeck from our Presbytery.

7. Conference Annual Meeting Local Arrangements

Del Sexsmith reported that extra volunteers for the following were urgently needed: baking muffins and cookies for the Conference breaks, billets and book sales.

Please contact Sheron Miller at miller01@mymts.net if you're available to help with any of these volunteer opportunities.

8. Notice of Motion – St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry

Gordon Taylor reported that the rationale behind the governance of St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry being transferred to 1JustCity is threefold: efficiency (volunteers, staff, enhanced collaboration and efficiency of operations, money – access public money and Maryland Fund sharing); liability (as an incorporated body, the exposure is somewhat less); visibility (have lots of inner city ministry, UCC Ministries not as well-known as Siloam Mission).

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Gordon noted that the Service Agreement that was circulated, describes the relationship between St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry and 1JustCity. It clarifies the boundaries of these two groups.

Gordon introduced the Notice of Motion, which would be voted on at the May Presbytery Meeting and asked that any corrections to the Service Agreement and motions be sent to him prior to the next Presbytery meeting. No amendments will be made at the meeting.

The Board of St. Matthew's-Maryland Community Ministry would like CDI to continue to manage this fund and that the proceeds of the fund be automatically available to 1JustCity without restriction.

Gordon Taylor introduced the Notice of Motion, to be voted on at the May 8, 2018 Presbytery meeting:

That the Board of St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry recommend to Winnipeg Presbytery

1. that as of July 1, 2018, governance of St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry be transferred to 1JustCity, Inc.;
2. that as of July 1, 2018, the governance of St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry, and the relationship between 1JustCity, Inc. and the St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry, be described by the attached Service Agreement (*titled "Service Agreement to take effect July 1, 2018 between St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry [SMMCM] and 1JustCity, Inc. [JCI]"*);
3. that as of July 1, 2018, the ownership of all St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry liabilities and assets (*including account balances held at the Toronto Dominion Bank and Assiniboine Credit Union, accounts receivable, accounts payable, etc.*) and fiduciary responsibility for St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry be transferred to 1JustCity, Inc.; and
4. that Winnipeg Presbytery change the terms of the Maryland Trust so that, as of July 1, 2018
 - a. proceeds from the Maryland Fund shall be made automatically available by Church Development Inc. for the use of 1JustCity; and
 - b. disbursements of capital from The Maryland Fund may be made available by Church Development Inc. for the use of 1JustCity, Inc. through their request; and
 - c. that the use of such proceeds or disbursements by 1JustCity, Inc. is no longer to be restricted only for the benefit of St. Matthew's Maryland Community Ministry.

It was noted that Winnipeg Presbytery cannot decide on anything regarding finances until after a consultation at General Council in June. Sherri McConnell will be attending this consultation on behalf of Winnipeg Presbytery.

Gordon Taylor encouraged the court to read the circulated information prior to the meeting next month.

9. Joint Pastoral Relations

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Motion 062/2018 – Milly Malavsky – Request for Retirement

Moved: Janet Walker Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the request of Milly Malavsky to retire from active ministry as of September 15, 2018, and recommends her retirement to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for action.”

CARRIED

10. Iridesce: The Living Apology Project

A video presentation of Iridesce: The Living Apology Project was presented to the court. Richard Baschak invited everyone to an Iridesce event taking place at Churchill Park United Church on May 6. Elizabeth Brown invited everyone to an event taking place at Trinity United Church on May 20.

All Purpose Break

We Continue to Listen and Respond

11. Nomination for Moderator

Carol Fletcher introduced her nomination for Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud as Moderator. Tessa addressed the court.

Motion 063/2018 – Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud – Candidate for Moderator

Moved: Carol Fletcher Seconded: Karen Lumley

“That Winnipeg Presbytery nominate Tessa Blaikie-Whitecloud as a candidate for Moderator for consideration at General Council 43 in Oshawa, Ontario.”

CARRIED

Motion 064/2018 – Motion to Destroy Ballots

Moved: Carol Fletcher Seconded: Karen Lumley

“That the ballots from Motion 063/2018 be destroyed.”

CARRIED

This nomination would be forwarded to the General Council office before the deadline of June 1, 2018 along with the necessary documentation.

12. 1JustCity

Karen Lumley, the 1JustCity Chair, announced that 1JustCity was finally incorporated, have received their charitable number and have hired a new Indigenous worker, Vicky Catagas, who started work on April 1. 1JustCity is currently working with Judy Hare, the Conference Personnel Minister, on items that need to be in place before the charitable number is activated on July 1.

Karen thanked the court, on behalf of 1JustCity, for their continued support.

13. Executive Minister Announcement

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd announced that the new Executive Minister for Region 2 (northern Alberta) Region 4 (Saskatchewan) and Region 5 (Manitoba and west of the time change in Ontario) would be Shannon McCarthy.

A Regional Transition Team is being formed and the representative from Winnipeg Presbytery would be Sherri McConnell.

14. Ministry Update – Barbara Myers

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Barbara Myers of SvN Architects & Planners presented information on the Immanuel United Church property development.

We Go in Faith

15. Courtesies/Closing Worship/Prayer

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd thanked the Host Group: Harrow United Church, Westworth United Church, Fort Garry United Church and Crescent Fort Rouge United Church.

16. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. Richard Cooke

Maggie Zoske
Recorder

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

