

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, April 24, 2018, at 1:00 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	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie (Chair)
Baschak, Richard	Quinn, Doris	Walker, Janet
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	Woodbeck, Patrick
McConnell, Sherri		

**Visitors:**

Campbell, Paul

**Regrets:**

Windsor, Dorcas

**1. Call to Order / 2. Devotions**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. 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: Linda Paul

Seconded: Richard Baschak

**065/2018 Courtesy:**

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

**066/2018 Correspondence:**

"That the correspondence be received and referred as noted."

**067/2018 March 20, 2018 Minutes:** "That the draft minutes of the Executive meeting of March 20, 2018, be approved as printed and circulated. (pages 8981-8986)."

**068/2017 Quorum for April 24, 2018:** Quorum had been achieved for the April 24, 2018 meeting." **CARRIED**

**Motion 069/2018 - Approval of Agenda**

Moved: Beth Rutherford

Seconded: Linda Paul

"That the agenda be approved with the following additions:

- Winnipeg Indigenous Accord as Agenda Item #20)

- Additional Correspondence Items:

#18-37 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to T. Blaikie Whitecloud – Nomination as Moderator (for info only)

#18-38 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres to General Council – Nomination for Moderator (for info only)

#18-39 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. to M. Malavsky – Retirement Congratulations (for info only)."

**CARRIED**

**4. Chinese United Church**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd welcomed Paul Campbell to the meeting. Paul Campbell updated the Executive on Chinese United Church.

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Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reminded the Executive about Chinese United Church being in default of their Presbytery assessments – close to \$10,000. Because of this default they are unable to call a minister.

It was noted that a letter was sent to Chinese United Church in January, 2017, upon receipt of an initial payment, explaining that it was not possible to declare a vacancy until such time as either all monies owed to Winnipeg Presbytery are repaid or that a plan be submitted to Presbytery indicating how they intended to make arrangements to have the money repaid. No response was received.

It was recognized that dealing with Winnipeg Presbytery may be easier than dealing with the region or national church after 2018 regarding their outstanding assessment.

Paul Campbell commented that this congregation is looking at options regarding their property and their future. They are committed to being in Chinatown due to elderly congregation members who live in the area.

It was decided that Janet Walker would select a small group of Presbyters to meet with them to discuss theirs and Presbytery's concerns.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd thanked Paul Campbell for his many years of work with this congregation. Paul Campbell was excused from the meeting.

Patrick Woodbeck was excused from the meeting.

**5. Amalgamation of St. James Churches**

**Motion 070/2018 – Amalgamation of St. James Churches**

Moved: Janet Walker                      Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the amalgamation of Kirkfield Park United Church and Silver Heights United Church and Sturgeon Creek United Church on October 1, 2018.

Further, that the new congregation will be known by a name to be determined by a congregational vote at the joint worship service held at Silver Heights United Church on April 29, 2018.

Further, that the newly amalgamated congregation will meet at Sturgeon Creek United Church, 207 Thompson Drive, and that the anticipated renovations be coordinated by the combined boards and be done as soon as financially feasible.

Further, that the Trustees of the redundant churches, Silver Heights United Church and Kirkfield Park United Church, request permission from Winnipeg Presbytery to sell these properties and request that the proceeds from the sale of those churches become the assets of the newly amalgamated congregation.

Further, that the new governance model be that of Leadership Teams.”

**CARRIED**

Pastoral concerns regarding this amalgamation were discussed.

**6. Financial Items & Bus Rental for Conf. AGM Worship Service**

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Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd announced an email had been sent to all congregations notifying them about the subsidy that is being offered by Winnipeg Presbytery.

Beth Rutherford commented that information would be obtained shortly on parking, bus drop off locations as well as wheelchair accessibility for the Annual Meeting Worship Service on May 27 at University Centre. This information would be shared with Winnipeg Presbytery when received.

**7. Correspondence Items**

#18-29 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. To K. Lumley, 1JustCity – Approval of salary/expenses for Fund Developer

taken out of 1JustCity Funds (info only)

#18-30 – L. Paul, Wpg Pres. To Korean UC – Appointments of Pastoral Charge Supervisors (info only)

#18-31 – C. Fletcher – Nomination of T. Blaikie-Whitecloud for Moderator (for info)

#18-32 – N. Sanders, General Council – Naming People to Regional Council Transition Commissions (info only)

#18-33 – L. Harrison, Conf. MNWO – Mission & Service Fund Raiser (for discussion – Item #9)

#18-34 – C. Latter, Westminster UC – Installation of Solar Panels (info only)

#18-35 – R. Manley-Tannis – Accountability Report (info only)

#18-36 – K. Kehler – Social Planning Council – Poverty Report Endorsement Request (for discussion – Item #10)

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**8. Mission & Service Fund Raiser (Correspondence Item #18-33)**

It was agreed this item be added to the May Presbytery meeting agenda and included in the information package for the meeting.

**9. Social Planning Council – Poverty Report Endorsement Request (Correspondence Item #18-36)**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd announced that 1JustCity had agreed to be a signatory to this poverty plan.

**10. Succession Plan for Presbytery Website and Social Media  
Motion 071/2018 – Winnipeg Presbytery Communications Coordinator**

Moved: Beth Rutherford                      Seconded: Sherri McConnell

“That the Winnipeg Presbytery offers Richard Baschak the position of Communication Coordinator to maintain a social media presence on Facebook and Twitter for \$20/hr for 5 hours per week from June 1 to December 31, 2018, or until such a time Winnipeg Presbytery makes others arrangements.”

**CARRIED**

Building of relationships on social media will be included in the 5 hours/week. Accountability of this position would be to the Executive.

**11. Affirming Ministries Update**

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Richard Baschak presented information on the Iridesce event taking place on May 6 at Churchill Park. The Affirming Group has also put together a proposal on how to continue after Richard Manley-Tannis is no longer with Winnipeg Presbytery. Four to six people have stepped forward to form an organizing committee. They are in a process of discerning the possibility of forming an Affirming network.

**12. Committee Reports**

**a) Personnel**

The Personnel Committee continues to prepare for the ending of Presbytery and the ending of the Office Administrator position. We still await clarity from the General Council office about severance. The issue of use of accumulated overtime hours and ongoing care of staff through these unsettling times was discussed.

**b) Joint Pastoral Relations**

**Motion 072/2018 – Bill Blaikie – Request for Retirement**

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approves the request of Bill Blaikie to retire from active ministry as of June 4, 2018, and recommends his retirement to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for action.”

**CARRIED**

Mary Best updated the Executive on various Pastoral Relations items.

Mary commented that Joint Pastoral Relations was still working towards obtaining the necessary documentation from those who are Retained on the Roll.

**c) Nominating Committee**

No report.

**13. Spirit Path**

It was agreed this item would be added to the May Executive agenda.

**14. Funds from Church Closures**

It was agreed this item would be added to the September Executive agenda.

**15. General Council Resource for Treasurers**

It was agreed that Mary Best would send Maggie Zoske the new handbook links so she can send these to congregations for their information.

**16. Retirement & Those Leaving Wpg Presbytery Acknowledgements – June meeting:  
- Bill Millar, Joanne, Kury, Milly Malavsky, Bill Blaikie, James Christie**

It was agreed that Linda Paul and Maggie Zoske would send invitations to the retirees to attend the June Presbytery meeting. Each retiree would be given 2-3 minutes to address the court.

**17. Covenanting of New Executive – June meeting**

It was agreed that Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd would Chair the June meeting. The covenanting of the new Executive, with Sherri McConnell as Chair, would take place at the end of the June meeting.

Maggie Zoske agreed to send Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd a covenanting service used in the past.

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**18. MAID Workshop live-streaming decision**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported that in response to a request at the meeting of Conference Executive on March 1 and 2, 2018, Presbytery Executive approved, through email consensus on March 6 and 7, 2018, the hiring of Rivercity AV to live-stream and make accessible the archives video of the MAID workshop that took place at the all-day Presbytery meeting on March 17, 2018.

**19. Ecumenical Service – July 13**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd reported on the Ecumenical Service that would be taking place on July 13. Loraine agreed to be part of the planning committee as the United Church representative. The planning committee (which includes representation from the Roman Catholic, Anglican, Presbyterian and United Churches) meets monthly to plan this event.

**20. Winnipeg Indigenous Accord**

Richard Baschak reported that information was being gathered and compiled by the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord around initiatives taken in response to the 94 Calls to Action named in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) Report. In response to this request, he designed a survey that was sent to all our ministry personnel. Eight responses were received. Richard advised that the information that was received would be submitted to the Winnipeg Indigenous Accord by April 27.

**21. Churches for Fall Presbytery meetings**

It was agreed that Maggie Zoske would book Winnipeg Presbytery meeting locations for the fall.

**22. Agenda Building for Presbytery Meetings:**

It was agreed that for the remainder of the year, there would be no Ministry Updates.

**May – Broadway Disciples UC**

- M&S Fundraiser (10 minutes)
- Voting on St. Matthew's-Maryland CM Service Agreement – 5 motions – (20 minutes)
- YAAY Report (10 minutes)
- Nominating Committee (5 minutes)
- Education & Students Committee Motions (10 minutes)
- Richard Manley-Tannis' Farewell (15 Minutes)
- Extra time for coffee time

**June- St. Andrew's River Heights UC**

- Quorum Motion – part of procedural motion
- Covenanting of New Executive (10 minutes)
- Wpg Presbytery Audit & Appointment of Auditors (15 minutes)
- CDI Audit (10 minutes)
- Recognition of Retirees and People Leaving Winnipeg Presbytery – Bill Millar, Joanne Kury, Milly Malavsky, Bill Blaikie, James Christie (20 minutes)
- Financial Update (5 minutes)
- Nominating Committee Report (10 minutes)

**September**

- 1JustCity/Partners in Mission – Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud (15 minutes)
- Life After Presbytery Discussion (60 minutes)

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**23. Transition piece**

It was agreed that this item be added to the May 15 Executive Meeting agenda.

Thanks were given to Janet Walker and Sherri McConnell for doing this large piece of work.

**24. New Business**

No new business.

**25. Closing Prayer**

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd closed the meeting with a prayer.

**26. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd, Chair

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Linda Paul, Secretary

