

**The United Church of Canada
Winnipeg Presbytery – General Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 2018**

The regular General Meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018, at Immanuel United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Sherri McConnell, presiding.

Attendance: 68

Quorum: Yes

Personnel in Paid Accountable Ministry in Pastoral Charges and Community Ministries

Best, Mary	Johnson, Don	Park, Ha Na
Brown, Elizabeth	Kang, Min-Goo	Rutherford, Beth
Cook, Jeff	Lumley, Karen	Trono, Lynda
Gilbert, Bob	Maxwell, Cathy	Whitehead, Marc
Greenwood, Irene	Moysey, Teresa	Woodbeck, Patrick
Howard, Laurie	Murray, Deborah	

Personnel under Appointment by General Council, Conference or Presbytery

Harrison, Lesley

Personnel without Settlement or Engaged in Other Employment with the Permission of Presbytery

DeLisle, Ken	Douglas, Caryn	Stewart, Lori
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Personnel Regularly Retired from Paid Accountable Ministry

Christie, Jim	Douglas, Peter	Gillis, Bill
Cooke Richard		

Lay Representatives and Members at Large

Armstrong, Jack	Kenyon, Bob	Renwick, Nancy
Ashton, Vinny	Kuras, Betty	Seguire, Marilyn
Barker, Peggy	Latter, Carol	Sheffer, Margaret
Barnett, Ted	McConnell, Wanda	Smirl, Marissa
Barr, Terry	Mian, Heather	Smith, Michele
Baschak, Richard	Millard, Jo	Sutton, Maureen
Blaikie Whitecloud, Tessa	Miller, Sheron	Swan, Rita
Brehaut, Peter	Paul, Linda	Teichroew, Judy
Codd, Shirley	Peniuk, Maureen	Walker, Anne
Dwarka, Diane	Pokotylo, Gaye	Wall, Karen
Gershuny, Alan	Purcell, Gail	Windsor, Dorcas
Gillis, Diane	Quinn, Doris	Windsor, Kirk
Holowka, Deborah		

Candidates

Khadka, Damber	Schau, Don
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Corresponding Members

Zoske, Maggie

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Visitors

Douglas, Elsie
Jarvis, Joan

McKay, Marion

McKay, Allan

Regrets

Allen, Joyce
Campbell, Robert
Compton, Adel
Crouch, Tim
de Jong, Gerta
Duncan, Anne
Fabbri, Donna

Fletcher, Carol
Hill, Holly
Hofley, Kathryn
Kury, Joanne
Malavsky, Milly
Mattus, Hope
McCarthy, Shannon

Owens, Michelle
Raine, Irene
Rutherford, Dwight
Sulyma, Carol
Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie
Tilleman, Susan

We Gather as God's People

1. Call to Order

Sherri McConnell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sherri 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

Wanda McConnell introduced Laurie Howard, the new minister of John Black Memorial United Church.

Dorcas Windsor introduced Marion and Allan McKay.

3. Opening Worship

Ha Na Park from Immanuel United Church and Laurie Howard from John Black Memorial United Church led the opening worship.

4. Welcome from Host Group

Norah McMurtry, from the Council of Immanuel United Church, welcomed everyone to the meeting on behalf of the Host Group.

5. Omnibus Motion A - Procedural Motions 162/2018 – 172/2018

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Ken DeLisle

162/2018 Courtesy:

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

163/2018 Agenda:

That the agenda for this meeting be approved as presented

164/2018 Minutes:

That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 15, 2018, be received for information (pages 9006-9010)

165/2018 Minutes:

That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of May 25, 2018, be received for information (page 9011)

166/2018 Minutes:

That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 5, 2018, be received for information (pages 9012-9014)

167/2018 Minutes:

That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 12, 2018, be

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168/2018 Minutes:	received for information (pages 9015-9016) That the draft minutes of the Winnipeg Presbytery General Meeting of June 12, 2018, be approved (pages 9017-9028)
169/2018 Minutes:	That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of June 26, 2018, be received for information (pages 9029-9035)
170/2018 Minutes:	That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of July 6, 2018, be received for information (pages 9036-9037)
171/2018 Minutes:	That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of July 18, 2018, be received for information (pages 9038-9040)
172/2018 Minutes:	That the minutes of the Executive Meeting of August 8, 2018, be received for information (pages 9041-9042).” CARRIED

We Listen for the Spirit as We Work Together

6. YAAY Committee Report

Marissa Smirl, from the YAAY Committee, updated the court on activities of the youth in the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario. Marissa highlighted the following upcoming events:

- September 27-30 – Cambrian Presbytery Youth Event in Kenora for youth in grades 7 to 12.
- October 19-21 - ALF, the annual fall youth retreat at Central United Church in Brandon for youth in grades 7 to 12. The theme is Remembering Celebrating Imagining, which is the same theme as the Conference Annual Meeting this year.

The YARG Group - young adults aged 18-30 were invited to go to their Facebook page, where events are posted.

The winter retreat names ZEEBU, which takes place the Louis Riel weekend in February, would be partnering with 1JustCity for that retreat.

As the YAAY Committee begins to think about what the YAAY Committee will look like within the structural changes of the church, the committee would like to invite any youth and young adults who are interested in having a say, to get in contact with them. Please be in touch with Twila MacNair in the Conference Office for more information – tmacnair@confmwo.mb.ca

7. Joint Pastoral Relations

Motion 173/2018 – Irene Greenwood – Request for Retirement

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Jack Armstrong

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the request of Irene Greenwood to retire from active ministry as of April 30, 2019 and to recommend her retirement to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for action.” **CARRIED**

Motion 174/2018 – Mary Best – Request for Retirement

Moved: Irene Greenwood

Seconded: Richard Baschak

“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the request of Mary Best to retire from active ministry as of June 30, 2019 and to recommend her retirement to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario for action.” **CARRIED**

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Motion 175/2018 – Dwight Rutherford – Retained on the Roll

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Elizabeth Brown

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Dwight Rutherford be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery.”

CARRIED

Motion 176/2018 – Cathy Kinsman – Retained on the Roll

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Michele Smith

“Having received a completed PR442RR that Cathy Kinsman be retained on the roll of Winnipeg Presbytery.”

CARRIED

Motion 177/2018 – Adoption of Retained on the Roll in Good Standing with Restrictions

Moved: Mary Best

Seconded: Diane Gillis

“Whereas the credentials to exercise the functions of ministry include the completion of the following courses, approved by the General Council:

- Introductory Boundaries for Church Leaders Training with a refresher every five years;
- Racial Justice Training;
- the presentation of a Police Records Check, dated no later than July 1, 2011;
- the completion of the Annual Declaration in Respect to Criminal Charges and Criminal Records online form.

That Winnipeg Presbytery adopt the following policy in order to be compliant with the policy of The United Church of Canada.

Retired Order of Ministry Personnel who have not completed the requirements to exercise the functions of ministry may request to be “retained on the Roll in good standing, with restrictions” by completing a form for the purpose, and submitting it to the Presbytery Secretary by October 15, 2018. This request would indicate that they understand that without updated credentials, they are unable to exercise any of the functions of ministry, even on an occasional basis. Those functions include pulpit supply, pastoral visiting, celebrating sacraments, officiating at marriages and funerals.”

CARRIED

Mary invited Presbytery to the covenanting service between Cathy Maxwell and St. Charles-Headingley United Church in Headingley on Sunday, October 28 at 7:30 p.m.

8. Notice of Motion – Property Sales

Patrick Woodbeck reported that the new Region had requested that Presbyteries pass along any policies and practices that it would like to be carried forward in the new structure.

Patrick introduced the following motion that details our current practice, which would be discussed and voted on at the October Presbytery meeting:

“That Winnipeg Presbytery forward to Region 5 Commission the continuation of the following practises of Winnipeg Presbytery regarding the sale of property:

1. When congregations amalgamate, all proceeds from the sale of church properties go to the newly formed community of faith.
2. When a congregation closes and a property is sold, the appropriate percentages from the sale of the property go to Archives and the remaining proceeds go to Church Development Inc. (CDI).”

Concerns were raised regarding the exact amount to go to Archives. It was offered by Bill Gillis that the Archives amount was a Conference decision and was not contained in The Manual (2016). The exact amount would be found and presented in October.

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Irene Greenwood asked whether there had been any consideration of the recommendation coming out of the “Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle Report” ensuring there be a percentage of proceeds of property liquidation allocated to Indigenous ministry and justice work.

Sherri McConnell noted that the motion would be presented at the October Presbytery Meeting at which all concerns could be discussed and the motion be amended as to the will of the court.

9. Partners in Mission

Tessa Blaikie Whitecloud announced that there would be a Partners in Mission Gathering taking place on Saturday, October 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Atlantic Garden City United Church (725 Atlantic Avenue). It would be a time of learning, sharing and planning for future opportunities to learn about social justice issues affecting all our communities. Lunch would be provided. Tours of the outreach sites would be available at the close of the meeting.

Further information about this event would be forwarded to Presbyters.

All Purpose Break

We Continue to Listen and Respond

10. Life After Presbytery

Sherri McConnell commented that at the all-day Presbytery meeting in March 2018, priorities of Winnipeg Presbytery were discussed.

Four areas were identified as priorities that Winnipeg Presbytery would like to see continue in the new structure: TRC Response Group, 1JustCity/Partners in Mission, Affirming Group and the Intercultural Group.

At meetings from September until November, we would hear from each area on their work and find out ways to stay connected.

a) TRC Response Group

Irene Greenwood, from the TRC Response Group, gave an overview of the background and activities of TRC Response Group. Irene’s report is attached to the permanent record book as **Appendix 18-XVI**.

Table group discussions took place around the following questions:

- Do you know what your congregation is planning to do in the coming year on this work?
- What support do you need from the larger church?
- How do you see this work continuing in the new structure?

Table groups were asked to give written responses to Elizabeth Brown.

b) Region 5 Update

Joan Jarvis, Relations & Social Justice Minister, Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario, updated the court on the work to date of the Transition Commission.

A Staffing Update was sent out on September 5, 2018. This can be viewed on the Conference of Manitoba & Northwestern Ontario website.

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A Region 5 Transition Commission Information Bulletin #1 was sent out on September 10, 2018, of which may be found on the Conference website as well. Items in this bulletin included:

Who is on the Transition Commission?

What is the Commission's Responsibilities?

- Date of Tri-Region Gathering of Commission Members – October 9-11 in Saskatoon, SK
- Date of Inaugural Regional Meeting – June 13-16, 2019 – Keystone Centre, Brandon, MB
- Who's invited to attend?
- Transition Information Meeting for Presbytery Treasurers – October 16
- Region 5 Contact List – asking for contact list from each Presbytery
- Region 5 Needs a Name!! – contact region5commission@gmail.com with your ideas
- Questions? Contact the Region 5 Transition Commission directly at region5commission@gmail.com

c) Life After Presbytery Discussion

What is a cluster and what is a network?

Patrick Woodbeck, along with other Presbyters, presented the difference between a cluster and a network as follows:

- A **cluster** is a group of pastoral charges (communities of faith) that are geographically close to each other and come together for support in their ministry (these might include: shared worship, shared education, youth groups, etc.)
- A **network** is a group of pastoral charges (communities of faith), that might not be geographically close to each other, or might be across the entire church, that come together to work on issues that may be of interest to the larger church (these might include: poverty reduction, right relations, social justice issues, and affirming issues).

Table talk time was spent discussing what was seen across the church or in each Presbyter's church that could be transitioned into being a network or cluster.

We Go in Faith

11. Courtesies

Sherri McConnell thanked the Host Group: Immanuel United Church, John Black Memorial United Church, Gordon-King Memorial United Church and North Kildonan United Church.

12. Closing Worship/Prayer

Laurie Howard from John Black Memorial United Church and Ha Na Park from Immanuel United Church led the closing worship.

13. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Sherri McConnell, Chair

Linda Paul, Secretary

