

**The United Church of Canada  
Winnipeg Presbytery – Executive Meeting  
Tuesday, November 13, 2018**

**The Presbytery Executive met on Tuesday, November 13, 2018, at 5:50 p.m. at Windsor Park United Church with the Chair of Presbytery, Sherri McConnell, presiding.**

**Present: 8**

**Quorum: Yes**

Baschak, Richard	Paul, Linda	Windsor, Dorcas
Best, Mary	Rutherford, Beth	Woodbeck, Patrick
McConnell, Sherri (Chair)	Shepherd, Loraine MacKenzie	

**Regrets:**

Armstrong, Jack	Quinn, Doris
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**1. Call to Order**

Sherri McConnell welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m.

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. Notice of Motions**

Sherri McConnell noted that Linda Paul and Patrick Woodbeck had met and drafted the financial motions for the Executive to discuss prior to them being presented as a Notice of Motions to Winnipeg Presbytery at its November 13, 2018 meeting.

Patrick Woodbeck gave background information on each proposed motion.

Motion to Un-Restrict Funds of Winnipeg Presbytery

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that the following funds: Capital Reserve Fund, Disability Reserve Fund, Ministry & Personnel Actions Reserve and Personnel Emergency Reserve Fund, and the Transition Reserve Fund, be un-restricted in order to better facilitate the transition to the new structure of the United Church of Canada and movement of these funds to the new Region 5 of the United Church of Canada or other incorporated group or body, where applicable.”

Capital Reserve Fund Motion

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery, that after all final costs and invoices related to the ending of Winnipeg Presbytery have been paid, that the funds remaining in the Capital Reserve Fund of Winnipeg Presbytery be transferred to the Region 5 of The United Church. Winnipeg Presbytery recommends that the following Winnipeg Presbytery priorities (TRC, Affirming, Intercultural, Ecumenical/Interfaith, Partners in Mission/ 1Just City, Indigenous Accord, opportunities for rural and urban individuals to connect) seek to be reflected in the work of Region 5 beginning in 2019.”

Disability Reserve

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that the funds remaining in the Disability Reserve Fund of Winnipeg Presbytery be transferred to 1Just City to

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be used for the community ministries with paid accountable ministry staff for the sole purpose of engaging emergency personnel resources in the event of disability.”

Ministry & Personnel Actions Reserve and Personnel Emergency Reserve

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that the funds remaining in the Ministry and Personnel Actions Reserve and the Personnel Emergency Reserve funds of Winnipeg Presbytery be transferred the general funds of Winnipeg Presbytery with the intent that these funds be used to cover any costs accrued in J.8 and J.9 matters or their equivalent.”

Transition Reserve

“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that \$45,000 from the Winnipeg Presbytery Transition Reserve be transferred to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario/Region 5 of the United Church of Canada to cover the remaining Winnipeg Presbytery obligation for the lease at 1622B St. Mary’s Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba and that the remaining funds be transferred to the General Fund of Winnipeg Presbytery to be used for any transition costs.”

**3. Hungarian United Church Fund**

Background Information:

The sale of the Hungarian United Church Building – Beginning in April of 2014 motions list and eventually sell the property of the Hungarian United Church were made by Winnipeg Presbytery executive. The final sale was approved in June of that same year.

*“That the Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approve the listing for sale of the Hungarian United Church building (732 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg, MB).”*

*Executive meeting April 22, 2014*

*Page 8540, motion 070*

*“That the Hungarian United Church provide a financially sustainable plan for the next 1-3 years to Winnipeg Presbytery Executive by the May 27, 2014 Executive Meeting.”*

*Executive meeting April 22, 2014*

*Page 8540, motion 071*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery approve the sale of Hungarian United Church (732 Ellice Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba) to Ethiopian Orthodox Holy Saviour Church for the price of \$210,000.00.”*

*General meeting June 10, 2014*

*Page 8578, motion 147*

Disbanding of the Congregation – Motions to disband the congregation of the Hungarian United Church appeared in November of 2015 with the condition that all funds from the sale of the building, with their recommendations as to its usage, be returned to Winnipeg Presbytery and manse be transferred to the United Church of Canada/Real Property Fund. The congregation was officially disbanded as of January 31, 2016. St. Andrews River Heights United Church was asked to accept the membership roll of the Hungarian United Church onto their membership roll as of this same date.

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*“That Hungarian United Church be disbanded as of January 31, 2016 and that their monies along with their recommendations be returned to Winnipeg Presbytery and the manse to the United Church of Canada.”*

*Executive meeting November 24, 2015*

*Page 8725, motion 157*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive affirms its earlier motion 157/2015 to disband the Hungarian United Church, effective January 31, 2016.”*

*Executive meeting January 12, 2016*

*Page 8730, motion 009*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery requests St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church to accept the transfer of the Hungarian United Church memberships effective January 31, 2016.”*

*Executive meeting January 12, 2016*

*Page 8730, motion 010*

The funds from the Hungarian United Church – The funds from the sale of the Hungarian United Church building were to be returned to Winnipeg Presbytery and Winnipeg Presbytery recommended to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario that the funds be disbursed as follows; 4% of the proceeds of the sale be given to the archives, \$25,000 of the proceeds of the sale to St. Andrews River Heights to be held in trust for the Hungarian interest group (to be reviewed in 2 years), and remaining funds to be used to fund the 1Just City Fund Developer position until the 3 year contract was complete. The Presbytery executive then proceeded to make a motion that the remaining funds from the closure and sale of the Hungarian United Church be used to fund the 3 year 1Just City Fund Developer position. When this motion was passed it appeared that there were only enough funds to cover this particular position up until the end of October 2017. The executive of Winnipeg Presbytery subsequently requested that the funds required to cover the remainder of the 2017 calendar year be paid by CDI (Church Development Inc) out of the Christian Service Fund held by CDI.

*“That all the Hungarian United Church funds be transferred to Winnipeg Presbytery.”*

*Executive meeting January 12, 2016*

*Page 8730, motion 011*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive authorizes the signing officers for Hungarian United Church to continue until March 31, 2016, when all the funds will be transferred to Winnipeg Presbytery of The United Church of Canada.”*

*Executive meeting February 2, 2016*

*Page 8734, motion 016*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive recommends to the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario that the proceeds of the Hungarian United Church be dispersed as follows: 4% to the United Church Archives, \$25,000 to St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church, to be held in trust for the Hungarian group (formerly the Hungarian United Church) to be reviewed in 2 years, and the balance to fund the 1JustCity Fund Developer salary until the 3 year contract is complete.”*

*Executive meeting February 23, 2016*

*Page 8742, motion 032*

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*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive extends the Signing Authorities of Hungarian United Church to April 30, 2016.”*

*Executive meeting March 29, 2016  
Page 8756, motion 055*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive approves the use of the remaining funds from the closure of Hungarian United Church for the Fund Developer’s salary until the end of October, 2017.”*

*Executive meeting March 28, 2017  
Page 8862, motion 045*

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive requests that CDI set aside the funds (approximately \$20,000) from the Christian Service Fund for bridge funding for the Fund Developer’s salary to the end of December, 2017. Further, the Executive is instructing 1JustCity to submit an application to CDI by September 1, 2017, for these funds.”*

*Executive meeting March 28, 2017  
Page 8863, motion 046*

Use of any remaining funds – In June of 2018 Winnipeg Presbytery requested St. Andrews River Heights return any unused funds remaining on their books that had been designated for the Hungarian interest group, less \$1000 given to St. Andrew’s River Heights to cover any costs they might have incurred.

*“That Winnipeg Presbytery Executive thanks St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church for their gracious hosting of the Hungarian Interest Group, and in keeping with Motion 032/2016 dated February 23, 2016, that the funds held in trust for the Hungarian Interest Group be returned to Winnipeg Presbytery, minus \$1,000 for the use of St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church.”*

*Executive meeting June 26, 2018  
Page 9032 motion 136*

Funds Remaining – As of November 6, 2018 there is currently \$41,102.95 left in the Hungarian United Church fund. This amount includes; \$15,346.32 returned from St. Andrew’s River Heights United Church and the amount of \$25,756.63 which was the remaining amount left in the Hungarian United Church Fund as of December 31, 2017 when Presbytery’s 3 year commitment to fund the 1Just City Fund Developer position ended.

Proposed motion:

*“That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery recommends to Winnipeg Presbytery that the remaining funds in the Hungarian United Church Fund, \$41,102.95, be transferred to CDI to reimburse the Christian Service Fund for the bridge funding used to cover the Fund Developer position at 1Just City at the end of 2017.”*

**4. Follow-up to J.8 & J.9 Reviews**

Sherri McConnell reported that follow-up was needed on the following motions that were made at the Executive Meeting on October 23, 2018:

*Motion 216/2018 - Mediation Moved: Beth Rutherford Seconded: Mary Best “That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery in relation to the Commission Motion #17/2018 (October 3, 2018) request Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd and the Conference Personnel Minister prior to the Executive meeting of November 13, 2018 to identify a mediator available to follow through on the mediation outlined in that motion.” CARRIED*

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**Motion 229/2018 – Date Extension for Motion 216/2018**

Moved: Beth Rutherford                      Seconded: Richard Baschak

“Regarding Motion 216/2018, contacts have not led to identifying a mediator, therefore the deadline for this motion is moved to the Executive meeting of Nov. 27, 2018.”                      **CARRIED**

1 abstention – Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd

*Motion 219/2018 – Training for M&P Positions at Kildonan United Church Moved: Linda Paul Seconded: Ricard Baschak That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery to Commission Motion #21/2018 request Mary Best and Beth Rutherford to identify up to three people with current or recent past experience on a Ministry & Personnel Committee by the November 13, 2018 meeting of Presbytery Executive who will then be appointed to mentor and help access appropriate resources and training for those persons filling the M&P positions at Kildonan United Church for a period of time to be determined by both parties. CARRIED 2 abstentions Mary Best & Beth Rutherford*

**Motion 230/2018 – Date Extension for Motion 219/2018**

Moved: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd                      Seconded: Dorcas Windsor

“Regarding Motion 219/2018, contacts have not led to identifying people, therefore the deadline for this motion is moved to the Executive meeting of Nov. 27, 2018.”                      **CARRIED**

2 abstentions - Mary Best & Beth Rutherford

*Motion 220/2018 – ‘Holy Manners’ Workshop Moved: Richard Baschak Seconded: Linda Paul “That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery in relation to Commission Motion #22/2018 (October 03, 2018) appoint Sherri McConnell and Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd to identify one or more people to provide a Workshop with the theme ‘holy manners’ for the Minister and all volunteers at KUC as outlined in that motion including the development of appropriate Behavioural Covenants.” CARRIED*

**Motion 231/2018 – Appointment of Michelle Owens to Provide ‘Holy Manners’ Workshop**

Moved: Mary Best                      Seconded: Linda Paul

“That Michelle Owens provide a workshop with the theme “holy manners” for the minister and all volunteers at KUC as outlined in Commission Motion #22/2018 (October 03, 2018), including the development of appropriate Behavioural Covenants.”                      **CARRIED**

It was agreed that a letter be sent to Michelle Owens which would include the Commission Motion #22/2018 (October 03, 2018), Motion 231/2018 above, and the contact information for Mark Satterly and the Kildonan United Church Council Chair.

*Motion 215/2018 – Follow-up to Commission Motion #16/2018 Moved: Linda Paul Seconded: Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd “That the Executive of Winnipeg Presbytery by way of follow-up to Commission motion #16/2018 Appoint Richard Baschak in consultation with Judy Hare, the MNWO Conference Personnel Minister: i. to identify a counsellor qualified and available to conduct anger-management counselling with the Reverend Mark Satterly ii. present to a meeting of Winnipeg Presbytery or its Executive an estimate of costs related to the above counselling so that funds from Winnipeg Presbytery can be designated for this purpose iii. secure a signed release form from the Reverend Mark Satterly for the sharing of the J.8 & J.9 Review Reports with the counsellor iv. secure assurance from Rev. Satterly that he will sign any release forms required by the Counsellor to enable him/her to report to Winnipeg Presbytery or its successor the completion of the counselling. CARRIED*

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**Motion 232/2018 – Date Extension for Motion 215/2018**

Moved: Linda Paul

Seconded: Beth Rutherford

“Regarding Motion 215/2018, contacts have not led to identifying people, therefore the deadline for this motion is moved to the Executive meeting of Nov. 27, 2018.”

**CARRIED**

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Maggie Zoske  
Recorder

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**Sherri McConnell, Chair**

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**Linda Paul, Secretary**

