

Fraser Presbytery Full Court Meeting  
April 28, 2015, 7:00 pm, at United Churches of Langley

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- Call To Order** Pursuant to the authority of the March 6-7, 2015 meeting of the Fraser Presbytery Full Court in the BC Conference of the United Church of Canada was declared open to conduct the business properly before it, by Iva Hancock, Chairperson. A quorum was declared present. (7:10 pm)
- Present** Iva Hancock, Maureen Anderson, Brian Harding, Heather Anderson, Judy Goudie, Doug Astle, Mary Duncan, Doug Rutley, Sandy Hildebrandt, Tim Bowman, Sheila Flavelle, Myrna McGregor, Cherie Dobson, Bill Booth, Gail Sigvaldeson, Judy Chang, Lynda Christensen, Eilleen Anderson, Anna Paton, Louise Cummings, Bruce McAndless-Davis, Lori Megley-Best, Dell Sutton, Gabrielle McLarty, Carl Beach, Will Sparks, Kathy Davies, Linda Moore
- Regrets** Juanita Lowe, Joan McMurtry, Scott Swanson, Marc Coulombe, Cari Copeman-Haynes
- Prayer** Bill Booth, with Brian Harding at the piano, led us with worship and music
- Introductions** Eilleen Anderson, new Laity representative from United Churches of Langley
- Agenda** **M/S Brian Harding/Will Sparks that** the Agenda be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**
- Minutes** **M/S Gail Sigvaldeson/Judy Goudie that** the Minutes of the Full Court meeting held March 6-7, 2015 be approved as corrected. **CARRIED**  
**M/S Brian Harding/Mary Duncan that** the Minutes of the Executive meeting held March 10, 2015 be received. **CARRIED**
- Business Arising**
- 1. Comprehensive Review Proposals**

Will Sparks introduced the subject by giving a brief background on the process of Review of our entire denominational structure. The bottom line is we need to cut eleven million dollars (\$11,000,000) from our national budget. Comprehensive Review proposals were published across the country March 3, 2015 and we were asked to look at them. Clusters have met individually and together to discuss Comprehensive Review report.

(a) **Proposal #1 - Three Council Proposal**

**M/S Will Sparks/Anna Paton that** the 42nd General Council 2015 approve the following regarding the Comprehensive Review, Three Council Model:

    1. That there be no fewer than 10 regional councils
    2. That the College of Ministers staff be deployed regionally
    3. That the denominational staff and resources focus on the following priorities:
      - Leadership in global partnerships
      - Denomination-wide communications
      - Pensions and Payroll
      - Support for denominational policy
      - Support for the Moderator
      - Organizing the denominational gathering
      - Mission and Service administration
    4. That funding and staffing for all other priorities be vested within the regional body so that sufficient resources are available to adequately support
      - the covenants with communities of faith
      - leadership development
      - all other responsibilities outlined in the Comprehensive review proposal
- .....cont'd.

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**Business Arising – Cont'd.**

**- Comprehensive Review**

**Proposals**

**(a) Proposal #1 - Three**

**Council Proposal – Cont'd.**

Core Principles upon which this proposal is based:

1. General support for a three council model with a regional council (middle body)
2. The community of faith is the primary mission unit of the church
3. The regional council, being the council in active covenant with the community of faith is the best place to vest support and accountability for the creation of vital communities of faith and resources for leadership and congregational development. **CARRIED**

**(b) Proposal 2 – Regional Council**

**M/S Louise Cummings/Bruce McAndless-Davis** that the 42nd General Council 2015 approve the following regarding the Comprehensive Review, Regional Council:

Whereas people in ordered ministry are in a covenant relationship with the United Church of Canada which is not simply professional, the proposal is:

- Fraser Presbytery Proposes that United Church membership of members of the College who are in paid accountable ministry would be held in Regional Councils rather than the community of faith. **CARRIED**

**(c) Comprehensive Review: Chasing The Spirit**

Discussion on the choice of name for this. Presbytery strongly disagrees with the word 'chasing' being used but we could not come up with a better title. It was agreed that the title was not 'theologically sound'.

**2. Nominations Report**– circulated at meeting.

**APPENDIX 2015-B**

**M/S Heather Anderson/Judy Chang** that the Nominations Report be accepted.

**CARRIED**

**Finance**

No report

**Correspondence**

**1. ProVision Report**

Joan McMurtry submitted a written up-date on the Fraser ProVision Fund (Appendix ) which was distributed at this meeting

Discussion on the report revolved basically on the need to review the Criteria as our vision may have been too narrow when the criteria was originally written.

Kathy Davies provided clarification on the amount of funds still available in the fund, either as grants or loans.

**M/S Anna Paton/Lori Megley-Best** that we review the Criteria for the ProVision Fund, by June 1<sup>st</sup> annually, for immediate implementation. **CARRIED.**

**2. UCC Response to Nepal Earthquake**

Information has been sent to all members of Presbytery as well as all Pastoral Charges.

**New Business**

**1. Electing Presbytery Members of the Conference**

**M/S Linda Moore/Anna Paton** that all lay members of Fraser Presbytery be elected as lay members of the Conference. **CARRIED**

**2. Nominations for Moderator**

**M/S Lori Megley-Best/Will Sparks,** that Fraser Presbytery nominate Rev. Debra Bowman to be a candidate for Moderator at the General Council meeting to be held in August 2015. **CARRIED (unanimous)**

**Pastoral Relations**

**1. Report from Marc Coulombe** – presented by Doug Astle

Bill Booth suggested Marc Coulombe be requested to attend our meetings, as the report Doug Astle presented was huge.

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**Other Business**

1. **Treasurer's Position**

As noted on the Nominations Report, Brian Harding as agreed to be Fraser Presbytery Treasurer.

2. **Meeting Schedule**

The following plan was established for our two-day meetings trying to keep in mind the number of churches in each cluster and the history of previous hosts:

- Fall 2015 - Fraser East
- Spring 2016 - Surdel
- Fall 2016 - Fraser East
- Spring 2017 - Peninsula
- Fall 2017 - Mid Fraser
- Spring 2018 - Fraser East
- Fall 2018 - Surdel

Above is a catch-up list – after above schedule we will rotate as follows for the two-day meetings: Mid Fraser, Surdel, Fraser East, Mid Fraser, Peninsula, Surdel, Fraser East, Mid Fraser, Surdel, Peninsula.

Surdel Cluster has been asked to host our June 2015 BBQ meeting

**News Around Presbytery**

An opportunity to share what's happening in your Church Community

1. Leadership Forum – Kathy Davies and Will Sparks will be attending on behalf of Fraser Presbytery
2. Anna Paton reiterated that Janice Young is coming to Crescent UC. Ann asked that presbytery extend prayers for Louise Cummings as First UC White Rock just decided to proceed with the development of their property and Peninsula amalgamation talks are progressing.
3. Bruce McAndless-Davis advised First UC White Rock had a momentous vote on Saturday and long meeting on Sunday. They required a 75% margin, then decided on 2/3. When the vote was taken the result was a 75% in favour of redevelopment of their property and will enter into agreement with a developer to get a memory care facility along with a church and sum of money.
4. Bill Booth advised that Sangwon Cha is now Canadian citizen! His children followed a week later in becoming citizens and his wife will be having her appointment soon. It has been a three-year process.
5. Doug Rutley announced Rosedale UC's Garage sale this coming Saturday.
6. Pete Seeger concert May 23 at Chilliwack UC - proceeds will go to a group in Paraguay who are making musical instruments out of a garbage and who have started music school
7. Gabrielle McLarty reminded everyone about Bobby Jo Valentine Concert contemporary Christian artist - at Crossroads UC , May 9, at 7:30 pm– May 9 7:30 Bobbi Joe Valentine –.
8. Gabrielle McLarty announced that two Youth, Susan Hoogeveen and Anna Kihara, will be attending BC Conference as Fraser Presbyter reps.

**Next Meeting**

Executive May 12, 2015

Full Court – at BC Conference May 28-31, 2015

**Closing Prayer**

Bill Booth provided our closing

**Adjourn**

(9:00 pm)

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**FRASER PRESBYTERY NOMINATIONS REPORT – April 2015**

Executive:

**Chairperson:** Karen Verveda (2015-2017)

**Chair-Elect:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Past Chair:** Iva Hancock (2015-2016)

**Secretary:** Linda Moore

**Treasurer:** Brian Harding

**BC Conference Executive:** Murray Gordon: (2014-2017)

**Spiritual Care:** Lori Megley-Best (2014-2016)

**Pastoral Relations** (Ministry Profile and Search): Jean MacDonald (2014-2016)

**Intercultural Team:** Bill Booth, Carl Beach, Sangwon Cha, Will Sparks, [Brian Tsai and Pyoung Shik Shin]

**Pastoral Relations Support Team:** Jean MacDonald (Chair), Mollie Williams and Judy Chang

**Candidate Support Team:** Anna Paton (Chair) Cari Copeman-Haynes, Ann Gordon and Juanita Lowe

**Spiritual Care Team:** Lori Megley-Best (Chair), Gabrielle McLarty, Kerry Child, Arlene Kropp and Janice Young (July 1<sup>st</sup>)

**Church Development Team:** Lynda Christenson and \_\_\_\_\_

**Hospitality Coordinator:** Judy Goudie

**Outreach/Social Justice/Environment:** Heather Anderson and \_\_\_\_\_

**Youth and Young Adults Rep.:** [Merlin Smith]

**Vision for Mission Core Team (V4M):** Kathy Davies, Scott Reynolds, Lori Megley-Best, Will Sparks and Iva Hancock

**Pensions Convenors:** Connie Thompson and Dianne Astle (Co-Chairs)

**Nominations:** Heather Anderson and Iva Hancock

**ProVision Discernment Committee:** Kathy Davies, Jason Hodgins\*, Gordon Howe (appointed by BC Conference), Barb Greg\* and Joan McMurtry

**Communications:** Website – Linda Moore  
[Newsletter – Joan McMurtry]  
[Yahoo email group - Stewart Lyster]

Members at Large: (we can have 10)

Iva Hancock (Past Chair)

Linda Moore (Secretary)

Kathy Davies (V4M Team)

Merlin Smith (Youth & Young Adults Rep.)

Arlene Kropp (Spiritual Care Team)

Winnie Kowolewich (UCW Presbytery President)

Home Missions: Mark Isaac\*

Fairhaven Homes Board Rep to Presbytery (Residential Care): Walter Hawkins\*

[ ] = square bracketed names indicates 'unconfirmed'

\* = appointed by Presbytery (non-members of Presbytery)