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- Call To Order** Pursuant to the authority of the January 27, 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, at 11:00 am. A quorum was declared present
- Present** Lynda Christensen, Jean Macdonald, Lori Megley-Best, Karen Verveda, Iva Hancock and Linda Moore, Murray Gordon (11:32)
- Regrets** Doug Astle, Gini Herdson, Brian Harding
- Guests** Marc Coulombe, Scott Swanson
- Prayer** Lori Megley-Best provided our opening prayer
- Agenda** **M/S Jean Macdonald/Lynda Christensen that** the Agenda be accepted as amended. **CARRIED**
- Minutes** **M/S Lynda Christensen/Jean Macdonald that** the Minutes of the Executive meeting of January 13, 2015 be approved. **CARRIED**
M/S Jean Macdonald/Karen Verveda that the Minutes of the Full Court meeting of January 27, 2015 be received. **CARRIED**
- Business Arising**
- Trinity Memorial UC**, Abbotsford, dated December 14, 2014 (received December 23, 2014), requesting consideration of Motion passed by Board regarding calculation of allocations.
It has been confirmed by BC Conference that any monies received, including grants, are to be considered 'income' when calculating allocations.
 - Mt. Lehman UC** – Request for letter of support for project.
Discussion on the details of the project. Agreed Executive will provide a letter of supporting principle for the project. Linda will write letter.
 - Men's Ministry Project**
Scott Swanson outlined what further information and support was needed for his application to the ProVision Fund and answered questions of Executive. Marc Coulombe will consult with BC Conference staff to word a motion of support and will forward the motion to Scott for his review. Scott will then send the motion to Linda Moore who will disseminate to Executive. We will then hold a Conference Call Executive meeting to discuss the motion.
- Finance**
- Finance Report**
M/S Lynda Christensen/Jean Macdonald that the Finance Report to January 31, 2015 be received. **CARRIED**
- Correspondence**
- Thank you note from Naramata and email received to say refund will be forthcoming. **RECIEVED**
 - A beautiful, handmade Thank You card from Michelle Creedy for student gift. **RECEIVED**
- Pastoral Relations**
- Crescent UC**
M/S Lori Megley-Best/Karen Verveda that Rev. Gordon Verplank be appointed as Pastoral Charge Supervisor for Crescent UC for April, May and June, 2015. **CARRIED**
 - Conference Minister – Pastoral Relations Report**
Marc Coulombe provided an up-date on changes happening at Colebrook UC, Gladwin Heights UC/St. Andrews UC, Mission, Aldergrove UC, Hope UC, Rosedale UC, Sunnyside UC, Northwood UC, Mt. Shannon UC and Cloverdale UC.

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Pastoral Relations – Cont'd.

Conference Minister – Cont'd. **M/S Jean Macdonald/Murray Gordon** that we appoint Cari Copeman-Haynes as Pastoral Supervisor of Colebrook UC, subject to the ability to coordinate Council meetings. **CARRIED**

Marc also advised that Diane Halkett continues as Student Supply at Websters/Whonnock UC. Webster's/Whonnock UC is now a part of Westminster Presbytery, but Diane's Circle of Accompaniment will continue with Fraser Presbytery.

3. **Mt. Lehman**

Michael Collison has expressed the desire to change from 2/3 time to ½ time. Marc Coulombe will follow up on this.

New Business

1. **V4M Report**

Lori Megley-Best advised that, to date, we have received no applications for the Youth and Young Adult Contract Position and requested that everyone look for and encourage applicants.

The Vision for Mission team asked Executive how we can collaborate on agendas for Full Court meetings. Lots of lively discussion followed.

It was agreed that Executive and Vision for Mission team would meet before the end of June. **Bring Forward**

2. **Discernment of "Harvesting" around Commissioners for General Council**

Notes will be sent to all Presbytery Members.

3. **Nominations**

Discussion on which Nomination categories:

- Pastoral Relations Support Team
- Spiritual Care Team
- Property Management
- Education and Students
- Men's Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Outreach, Social Justice, Environment

4. **Archives**

Linda Moore will research which records should be retained by Presbytery.

5. **March Full Court 2-day Meeting**

We are waiting for confirmation from a host church.

6. **Sexual Abuse Prevention & Response Policy Consultant Training**, May 5-7, 2015. BC Conference has asked that Presbytery forward the names of four people who we would recommend to come to that training.

7. **Congregations with No Board Chair**

M/S Jean Macdonald/Lori Megley-Best that Fraser Presbytery adopt a policy that in the case where a congregation does not have a Board Chair, Presbytery may appoint an interim Chair for a specified time period until an elected Board Chair can be appointed. **CARRIED**

Other Business

1. **Annual Reports**

Lynda Christensen will gather reports

Linda Moore will remind Presbytery members to bring a copy of their Annual Report to our next Full Court meeting, if available, or to send to Lynda Christensen.

2. **Comprehensive Review**

BC Conference hopes to have more detail in March.

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Other Business – Cont'd.

3. Proposals for BC Conference

Proposals usually come from Full Court, then go to Executive, then to BC Conference. Jean Macdonald advised that she has interest in putting forward a proposal re Israel/Palestine.

Vision for Mission team will be asked to carve some space within our next Full Court meeting Agenda to encourage anyone interested in putting forward a proposal to submit it to Executive before the March 10th Executive meeting. Proposal would then go to Full Court in April.

4. Meeting of Lower Mainland Presbytery Chairs

Iva Hancock advised of an up-coming Climate Change Workshop.

M/S Jean Macdonald/Lori Megley-Best that Fraser Presbytery give five hundred dollars (\$500.00) to BC Conference for the four-Presbytery Workshop (from Strategic Initiatives).

CARRIED

Next Meeting

March 6-7 - Full Court – Gladwin Heights UC
March 10 - 11:00 am – Executive

Closing

Karen Verveda provided our closing prayer

Adjourn

(2:14 pm)

Iva Hancock, Chair

Linda Moore, Secretary

