

Fraser Presbytery Full Court Meeting
June 23, 2015, 6:00 pm, at Colebrook United Church
5441 125A Street, Surrey

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Welcome Iva Hancock welcomed all present

Following Grace, everyone enjoyed an excellent BBQ provided by our Chef, Scott Collins, and the folks from Surdel Cluster and served by our kitchen workers Darlene and Don Haskins, Heather Ho and Helen Scott. A hearty expression of thanks was extended by Iva Hancock following the meal.

Call To Order Pursuant to the authority of the May 29, 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.

Present**Clergy****Laity**

Rod MacKinnon	Cari Copeman-Haynes	Murray Gordon	Del Sutton
Heather Anderson	Gabrielle McLarty	Ann Gordon	Ev Mann
Doug Astle	Pyounghshik Shin	Jeff Hoff	Carl Beach
Scott Reynolds	Will Sparks	Judy Chang	Kathleen Hearty
Louise Cummings	Tim Bowman	Lynda Christensen	Sheila Flavelle
Peggy Jensen	Bill Booth	Eilleen Anderson	Myrna McGregor
Brian Tsai	Kirstin Autio	Jean Macdonald	Cherie Dobson
Lori Megley-Best	Craig Perry	Sharon Coates	Kathy Davies
Kimiko Karpoff	Mark Collins	Elizabeth Winkler	Iva Hancock
		Kathleen Anderson	Linda Moore
		Linda Turner	

Retired Ordained Ministry

Diane Astle
Mollie Williams

Regrets**Clergy****Laity**

Scott Turnbrook	Daniel Bogert-O'Brien	Brian Harding
Karen Verveda	Gabrielle Suedfeld	Judy Goudie
Bruce McAndless-Davis	Michael Collison	Anna Paton
Juanita Lowe		Doug Rutley

Guests

Mary Nicol [Cloverdale United Church (UC)], Marc Coulombe (BC Conference), Brenda Thomas (Crossroads UC), Robyn Green and fiancé David Nelson, Judy MacKinnon (Roots & Wings), Ev Leskiw (Hostess), Peggy Wu (Amazing Grace UC), Amy Tsai (Amazing Grace UC), Matt Offer [United Churches of Langley (UCOL)], Kellie Warnock (UCOL), Dougal Shewan (UCOL)

Worship

Lori Megley-Best lit the Christ Candle and led us in worship and song accompanied by Heather Anderson on the piano

Joys and Concerns

- Jean Macdonald expressed the delight of Crescent UC in celebrating the 100th Birthday of Becky Irwin
- Bill Booth provided an update at week 2.5 of fire a Trinity UC with no idea how long restoration will take - 4-6 months
- Murray Gordon advised that Carman UC has called Rev. Karen Medland effective September 1
- Lori Megley-Best advised that Mary Nicol has been appointed to Cloverdale/Hazelmere PC effective August 16
- Will Sparks advised that two weeks ago Sara Child, daughter of Kerry Child, DLM, was baptized at Northwood UC. They also celebrated the 100th birthday of Muriel Clay

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Joys & Concerns – Cont'd.

- Louise Cummings advised that Bruce McAndless-Davis' appointment has been increased to full time effective July 1st at First UC White Rock
- Bill Booth announced delight in the marriage of his daughter, Kay, one week after the fire at Trinity Memorial UC
- Linda Turner shared her experience at an Eco Justice conference in Greece

Prayer

Lori Megley-Best offered a prayer of thanks and support for all the Joys and Concerns of Presbytery and those expressed this evening.

Welcome and Introductions

- Iva Hancock introduced our guests and new additions to Presbytery: Mary Nicol, Marc Coulombe, Brenda Thomas, Robyn Green and fiancé David Nelson, Judy MacKinnon, Peggy Wu, Amy Tsai, Matt Offer, Kellie Warnock, Dougal
- Linda Turner introduced Julie De Paulo as Bethany-Newton US's Laity Alternate
- Cari Copeman-Haynes delighted in advising three (3) of our four (4) Candidates were present at this meeting and that Craig Perry is now a full Candidate.

Corresponding Privileges

MOTION (Cari Copeman-Haynes/Bill Booth) that that we extend corresponding privileges to our visitors and guests. **CARRIED**

Agenda

MOTION (Judy Chang/Kirsten Autio) that the Agenda as amended be accepted. **CARRIED**

Correspondence

1. Sarah Isaak, Carman UC – In response to an email received, Executive approved a grant of five hundred dollars (\$500.) toward expenses to attend "Outtatown", one semester, offered by Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Sarah would like to present what she learned to any interested congregation upon her return. **For Information**

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MOTION (Brian Tsai/Murray Gordon that the Minutes of the Full Court Meeting held May 29, 2015 be approved. **CARRIED**

Finance

MOTION (Jean Macdonald/Lynda Christensen) that the Finance Report to May 31, 2015 be received. **CARRIED**

Pastoral Relations

Marc Coulombe provided the following report as BC Conference Minister to Lower Mainland Presbyteries:

- Colebrook UC – Kimiko Karpoff's appointment has been extended to August 18
- Carman UC – Karen Medland has been called September 1 from Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery
- Carman UC - Rod Mackinnon's appointment has been extended to the end of August
- Rosedale UC – appointment in progress
- Sunnyside UC – Peggy Jensen has discerned that commute from Vancouver Island has been more difficult than anticipated and she will be leaving her appointment July 31st. Sunnyside congregation will continue with interim minister Scott Swanson and Gordon Verplank
- Hope UC - Designated Congregational Minister, Jill Last, will be working one-quarter time with Minister Diane Astle
- Aldergrove UC – vacancy is still open – congregation is currently looking at increasing position to three-quarter time and are looking for pulpit supply

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Business Arising

1. Nominations

Heather Anderson reviewed the Nominations report.

- Outreach Social Justice Circle – Heather Anderson and Gail Sigvaldeson are currently nominated and would welcome others.
- Church Development Team – currently no one has responded to requests for nominations to this team. Lynda Christensen advised that the team was involved in only two developments during the past year – Mission and Abbotsford and that the time commitment is small. Heather suggested Presbyters look into our congregations to see if someone would be willing to be a part of the Team. Presbytery would then make them a Member at Large.

Bill Booth offered to be a “resource/consultant” person for Church Development. He does not want to attend Executive Meetings but will provide assistance as needed.

MOTION (Heather Anderson/Kirsten Autio) that the Nominations report (Appendix C 2015) be approved. **CARRIED**

God Moment

Lori Megley-Best asked us to form small groups to discuss “Surely God is in this place! Help me notice!” and where/when we have seen/felt God’s presence. The following were times mentioned following reflection:

- congregations
- weekend collaboration/cooperations – at Presbytery
- sense of a sudden rushing of the spirit when a telephone call came during a Presbytery meeting – Mary Duncan’s husband had collapsed
- at BC Conference elections – several ties to Fraser Presbytery – God is raising something up here
- working/joining together with gracious spirit in Presbytery
- moments we weren’t together – Spiritual Care Network Retreat – Advent - Lent – really rich times for those who attended – feeling supported in the Presbytery.
- Gladwin/St. Andrews – our name change occurred as it is because we wanted to move up the alphabet – we felt very supported by Presbytery and particularly by Iva Hancock while undergoing problems and change
- meet each other at table – new people/life together

Do we want to mark what we’ve learned?

- Will Sparks - we are learning – the shape of our ministry together. Trying to do things with a greater sense of from Oversight/Discipline to Support and Accompaniment. We are learning to make that shift. We are working and learning – ministry/congregations/presbytery
- Kirstin Autio – now living in Vancouver – have tried out a few other Presbyteries. – we are not doing so poorly. We are doing well.
- Murray Gordon – concept idea of the cluster in this Presb. Fraser East Cluster is working well. Good conversations and Hope UC is joining in – congeniality. Good ideas being thrown out. Support together

Lori Megley-Best asked that hold all of these thoughts in our prayers.

Worship

Praise God for This Holy Ground

New Business

1. Gratitude

Iva Hancock extended thanks and a card to:

- Mary Duncan – moving to Surrey upon her retirement
- Rev. Peggy Jensen – extended thanks for her time with Presbytery

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New Business – Cont'd.

- Gini Herdson, Treasurer – retiring after three (3) years of service to Presbytery Iva extended special thanks to Helen Scott for her excellent report on BC Conference

Iva Hancock extended thank you's to the Executive and to our Vision for Mission team, Lori Megley-Best, Kathy Davies, Scott Reynolds and Will Sparks, who have planned all the full court meetings and to Lori Megley-Best, Spiritual Care, for planning our Worship for our meetings.

Thanks also extended to two members of Executive who are leaving this year, Rev. Doug Astle, Pastoral Relations, and Lynda Christensen, Property Development. Iva extended a special thank you to Lynda as she always made sure the coffee was on for our Executive and evening Presbytery meetings.

Iva extended our thanks: to Jean Macdonald for her work with Pastoral Relations and General Council; to Brian Harding for his work with Property Development and now as Treasurer; to Murray Gordon for his work as representative at BC Conference; to Linda Moore as Secretary.

Loir Megley-Best expressed thanks that Iva Hancock. Iva 'always has her faith hat on' and, as she will now become our Past Chair, will be a wonderful resource. A card with a Gifts with Vision card and plant were given to Iva.

Iva thanked Lori for her comments and said it's been an honour to serve Presbytery.

Iva extended a Thank You to all for attending and for volunteering when needed.

2. **United Churches of Langley – Property Sale**

United Churches of Langley (UCOL) have expressed the desire to sell their Willoughby property (208th Street and 80th Avenue, Langley, BC). The full Proposal was circulate and discussed by the Executive and is now before the Full Court.

Kathy Davies gave the background on how the UCOL congregation came to this decision to ensure financial sustainability.

Will Sparks advised that he has been in conversation on the subject with Doug Goodwin, BC Conference and that there are two stages to the process of selling the property. The first stage is to receive approval from Presbytery to place the property on the market for sale. The second stage, once there is a buyer, is to seek Presbytery permission to sell. This request should come from the Trustee of UCOL.

Presbytery and guests were then asked to express their support and concerns on placing the property on the market. There were several expressions of support and there were no concerns expressed.

Dougal Shewan, Trustee and Chair of UCOL Finance Committee advised that a lot of effort went into the Proposal. UCOL will keep Presbytery well informed and if there are any questions when we bring forward they will be discussed.

Will advised that the key question around permission to sell will be what's going to happen to the proceeds. The current Proposal says that the asset will be protected by investing in Fiera Funds (through BC Conference) and will serve UCOL for the immediate future. Down the road we need to know UCOL is protecting the legacy in case UCOL wants to do something incredible with the proceeds from the sale. The current proposal constitutes a plan for Mission and Ministry.

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MOTION (Will Sparks/Bill Booth) that Fraser Presbytery approve the request of the United Churches of Langley congregation to place their Willoughby property (Civic Address: 80th Avenue and 206A Street Langley, BC; Legal Address: Lot 1, Section 23, Township Plan 8, Plan BCP46141, N.W.D.) on the market as per their Proposal. **CARRIED**

Iva Hancock thanked Will Sparks for all the work and consultation he did on the Willoughby Proposal

Blessing Circles

Lori Megley-Best asked that we form small circles (3-4) to think of what we are going to do over the summer that's really important and that the small group pray for each person after sharing.

New Business – Cont'd.

3. ProVision Fund

Iva Hancock advised that Joan McMurtry was not able to attend this Presbytery meeting and that the Executive will be meeting with her to discuss Presbyters' concerns in relation to the ProVision criteria.

4. Youth & Young Adult (YAYA) Worker

Jean Macdonald advised that it was recently discovered that no provision had been set up to pay Gabrielle McLarty, DLM, for her work with YAYA. At the onset of hiring, it was thought the job would go to a laity person, not clergy. In fairness to Gabrielle it has been determined that it would be better to remunerate her through an appointment, rather than a Contract. This will better protect her pension benefits.

MOTION (Jean Macdonald/Mollie Williams) that Fraser Presbytery appoint Gabrielle McLarty to serve in the Fraser Presbytery Youth and Young Adult position, with the following terms:

Appointment: April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016

Quarter time (average 10 hours per week)

Salary \$10,257. DLM Category F

Housing \$5193.

Telephone \$87.

Continuing Ed. \$500.

TOTAL \$16,037.

**CARRIED
(Unanimous)**

Arrangements will be made to pay Gabrielle through Crossroads payroll.

Other Business

1. Vision for Mission (V4M)

Lori Megley-Best advised that the V4M team will be continuing our connection throughout the summer through gatherings they have named "Down to the River to Pray". Everyone is welcome to come Tuesday evenings to pray for about one-half hour at the river beginning July 1 through to September at Derby Reach Regional Park (Heritage area). Information will be emailed to all Presbyters tomorrow.

News Around Fraser Presbytery

1. Cari Copeman-Haynes has been elected President Elect to BC Conference
2. Craig Perry is going to General Council
2. Bruce McAndless-Davis has been admitted to United Church of Canada
3. Elections at BC Conference – Will, Jean, Kathy, Robyn
4. Debra Bowman was been Nominated at BC Conference as United Church of Canada Moderator

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News Around Presbytery – Cont'd. 5. Louise Cummings advised that Peninsula Cluster continues in discussion using the 'a' word (amalgamation). Throughout the summer the cluster will be worshipping together, two weeks at each location. They are also sponsoring a refuge family with a Muslim group.

MOTION (Doug Astle/Matt Offer) that we extend this meeting ten (10) minutes. **CARRIED**

Several other upcoming special events were announced. Including that information in these minutes will not help promote these events, as no one will receive the minutes until the Fall. Linda Moore advised that if anyone would like to share their events with the whole Presbytery, she can easily distribute the material for them. All that is needed is a quick email to her.

Next meeting Executive – September 8, 2015
Full Court – September 22, 2015

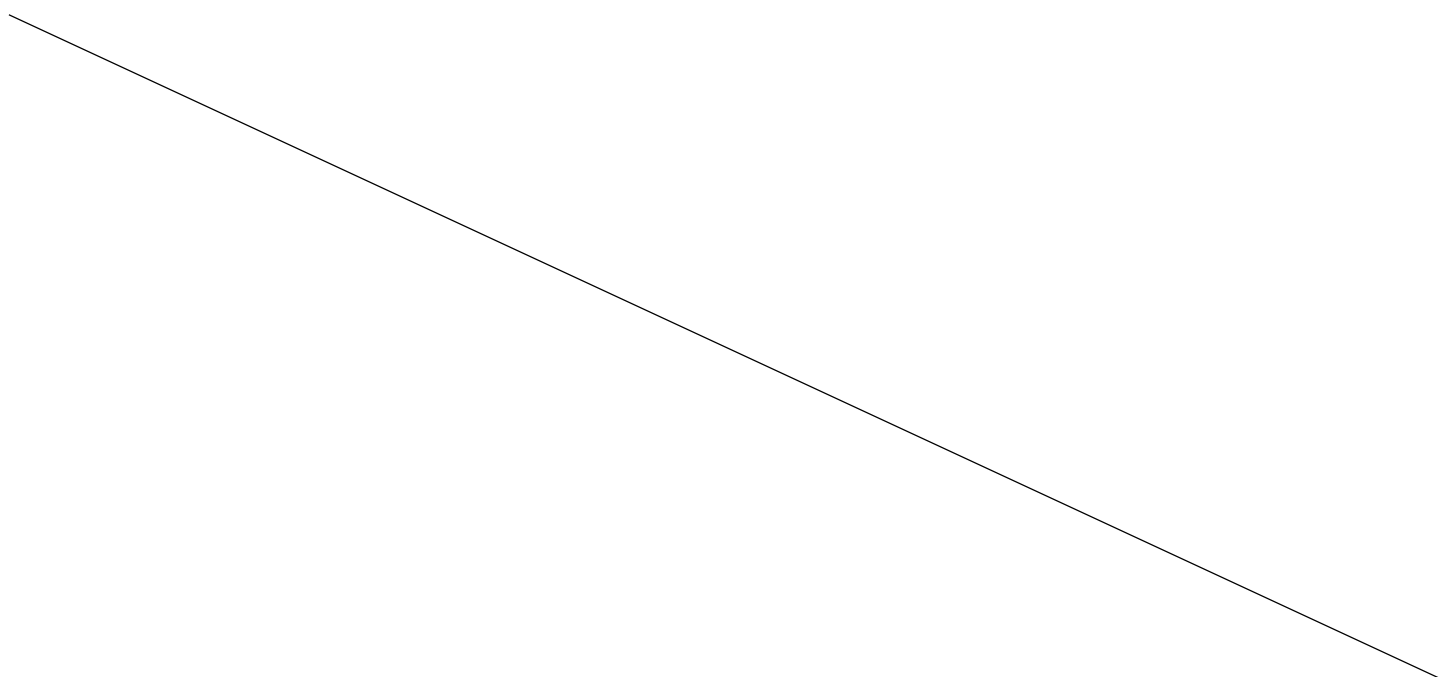
Closing worship Lori Megley-Best provided our closing prayer

Enabling Motion **MOTION (Heather Anderson/Bill Booth)** that the Executive be empowered to carry on the business of Fraser Presbytery until the next Full Court meeting. **CARRIED**

Adjourn (9:09 pm)

Iva Hancock, Chair

Linda Moore, Secretary



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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 1st)

Church Development Team:

Hospitality Coordinator: Judy Goudie

Outreach/Social Justice/Environment: Heather Anderson and Gail Sigvaldeson

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)