

Fraser Presbytery Full Court Meeting
May 29, 2015, 12 noon, at BC Conference, Whistler, BC

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Welcome	Iva Hancock welcomed all present																														
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.																														
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Opening Prayer	Bruce McAndless-Davis provided our opening prayer																														
Introductions	Iva Hancock introduced Kimiko Karpoff (Colebrook United Church), Helen Scott (Laity Alternate, Colebrook United Church), Anna Kihara and Susan Hoogeveen (Youth At Conference representatives)																														
Corresponding Privileges	MOTION (Mary Duncan/Gordon Verplank) that that we extend corresponding privileges to our visitors and guests. CARRIED																														
Agenda	MOTION (Brian Harding/Rod MacKinnon) that the Agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED																														
Minutes	MOTION (Heather Anderson/Mollie Williams) that the minutes of the Executive meeting held April 14th, 2015 be received. CARRIED MOTION (Brian Harding/Linda Moore) that the minutes of the Full Court meeting held April 28th, 2015 be approved. CARRIED																														
Finance	MOTION (Gordon Verplank/Cari Copeman-Haynes) that the Finance report to April 30th, 2015 be received. CARRIED																														
Business Arising	1. Nominations Report Heather Anderson reported Gail Sigvaldeson has volunteered to be a part of the Outreach/Social Justice/Environment Team and that the Nominations Team is still looking for volunteers for the Church Development Team.																														

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Business Arising – Cont'd.

2. **ProVision Criteria**

The Full Court put forward a motion at our Full Court meeting held April 28th, 2015, “that we review the Criteria for the ProVision Fund, by June 1st annually”, following receipt of a written update from Joan McMurtry. This item was brought forward from that meeting but, as Joan McMurtry was not present at this meeting, it was decided to again bring this item forward to our next full court meeting June 23rd, 2015.

Bring Forward

3. **Visit by BC Conference Executive**

Iva Hancock reported that arrangements were being made for the BC Conference Executive to meet with Fraser Presbytery Full Court meeting planned for November 2015. Further information will follow.

4. **Men’s Ministry – Update**

Murray Gordon distributed two pieces of information in relation to the “Manifest” Men’s Ministry (Rev. Scott Swanson). It was decided that Linda Moore will circulate that information via email to the Full Court following this meeting.

New Business

1. **Website**

Linda Moore reported she met with the consultant for one and one-half (1.5) hours as an introduction to taking care of Fraser webpage and that she will be wading through the one hundred thirty-seven (137) page instruction manual provided. It is hoped that quiet time over the summer will allow time for learning.

2. **Gift for Treasurer**

Our Treasurer, Gini Herdson, has decided to ‘retire’ from her position and in appreciation of the wonderful work she has done, it was decided that we would purchase a gift for her from Gifts with Vision.

3. **Admissions**

Cari Copeman-Hayes announced with great pleasure that Rev. Bruce McAndless-Davis will be formally admitted to the United Church of Canada on Sunday, May 1, 2015, during BC Conference at Whistler. An enthusiastic round of applause followed.

Pastoral Relations

1. Update

Treena Duncan, provided an update on Pastoral Relations from BC Conference:

- Sunnyside United Church – after one (1) year interim in her position Peggy Jensen has requested a change in pastoral relations, effective July 31st, 2015.
- Rosedale United Church has extended their search deadline.
- Cloverdale United Church has appointed Mary Nichol for three (3) years starting August 1st, 2015.
- Hope United Church – Diane Astle has accepted a quarter-time appointment for three (3) years and the Congregational Designated Minister, Jill Last will cover for the balance of time.
- Carman United Church is still in the search process.
- Aldergrove United Church – BC Conference is still working with them in their search.

Other Business

1. **Meeting Schedule** for 2015-2016 (circulated with Agenda)

2. **Naramata Centre**

Bruce McAndless-Davis reported that there will be a meeting of the Naramata Society on June 27th, 2015 at Penticton United Church. Lori Megley-Best and Gail Sigvaldeson will be attending that meeting and Presbyters are encouraged to share their thoughts with Gail and Lori before the meeting. Negotiations are on-going and Lori asked for prayers of support.

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3. **Justice Advisory**

Jean Macdonald handed out information about Fossil Fuel and Israel/Palestine

4. **Commissioners to General Council**

Will Sparks, Louise Cummings, Kathy Davies and Jean Macdonald are nominees. Robyn Green has been nominated from the floor.

5. **BC Conference President Elect**

Will Sparks advised that, after discussion with Cari Copeman-Haynes, she has agreed to her name being put forward as a nominee for the position of President Elect to BC Conference. A round of applause followed!

Proposals

Iva Hancock advised that Fraser Presbytery will be putting forward three Proposals to BC Conference and asked who would be speaking to the proposals:

1. Israel Palestine Two State Proposal (Proposal 2015-5) – Jean Macdonald, Cari Copeman-Haynes and Heather Anderson said they were prepared to speak to the Proposal.
2. Three Council Model (Proposal 2015-2) - Will Sparks is prepared to speak to the Proposal
3. Regional Council (Proposal 2015-4) – Louise Cummings is prepared to speak to the Proposal.

News Around Presbytery

1. Mary Duncan advised that she is moving to Surrey.
2. **Trinity Memorial United Church**, Abbotsford – Spiritual Pathways to Awakening – “connecting community and God with all that religious stuff”
3. **First United Church, White Rock** - Louise Cummings reported that First United Church, White Rock, is moving forward in relation to redevelopment. First United Church, Shite Rock congregation has voted to accept a development that would include a memory care facility and that the church will have title to about one quarter of the redevelopment. It's in the design process. Congregants from Sunnyside United Church and Crescent United Church are part of discussions.
4. **Pete Seeger Tribute** - Iva Hancock extended a thank you to Will Sparks' group for presenting the Pete Seeger tribute. It was a great event and raised almost two thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) for the Orchestra of Recycled Instruments in Paraguay.

Next meeting

Executive Conference Call Meeting – June 18, 2015 at 10:00 am
Full Court Meeting and BBQ – June 23, 2015 at Colebrook United Church

Enabling Motion

MOTION (Jean Macdonald/Mary Duncan) that the Executive be empowered to carry on the business of Fraser Presbytery until the next Full Court meeting.

CARRIED

Closing worship

Mary Duncan provided our closing prayer.

Adjourn

MOTION (Kisten Autio) that this meeting adjourn. (1:12 PM)