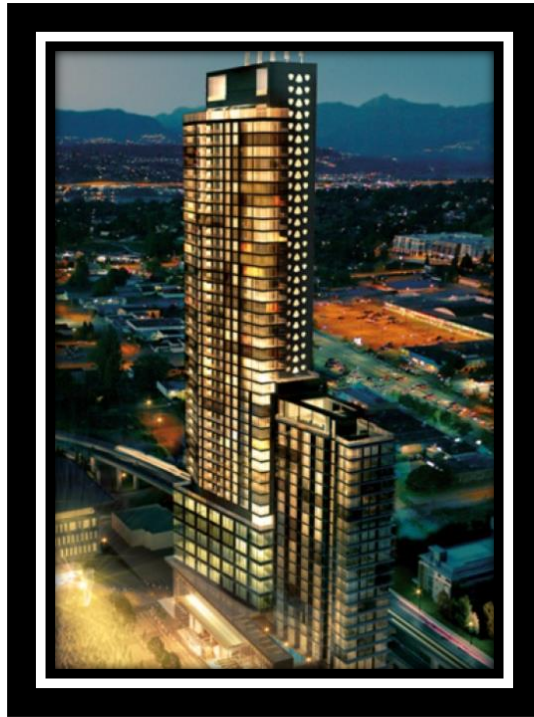


The Executive Report for
The 126th Synod of British Columbia
October 13th to 15th, 2017
within
Surrey Korean Presbyterian Church



126th Synod of B.C. Agenda and Reports

The Reverend Herb Hilder, Moderator

The Reverend Gavin Robertson, Moderator Elect

Synod of B.C.

126TH SYNOD OF B.C. AGENDA AND REPORTS

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Synod Schedule

Friday, October 13th

All Friday Events take place within Surrey Korean Presbyterian Church (SKPC)

Registration and Supper

3:00-7:00pm	Registration and Open House in Hall –SKPC
5:00pm-6:30pm	Supper in the Hall - SKPC
6:45pm-7:00pm	Preliminary Business – in the Sanctuary SKPC
7:00pm -8:00pm	Worship & Service of Installation of the Moderator –in the Sanctuary SKPC
8:00pm (approx..)	Continued Business –in the Sanctuary SKPC

Saturday, October 14th

All Saturday Events take place within SKPC

9:00am	Worship - Sanctuary
10:15am	<i>I have come that you might have life</i> -Corey Schlosser-Hall: Sanctuary
11:00am	Coffee Break – Church Hall
11:15am	<i>Stuck in a moment and we can't get out of it</i> - Corey Schlosser Hall: Sanctuary
12:00pm	Lunch – Church Hall
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3:00pm	Coffee Break: Church Hall
3:30pm	<i>Go on your way: Sustaining life-giving changes</i> - Corey Schlosser Hall- Sanctuary
4:15pm	Small Groups/Q&A
5:30pm	Banquet: Church Hall
7:30pm	Business Session #2

Sunday, October 15th

All Sunday Events take place within SKPC

10:00AM	Worship within the Sanctuary
12:00PM	Depart Synod

Friday Evening, October 13th

6:45pm Business - Session # 1 - Sanctuary

Within the SANCTUARY of Surrey Korean Presbyterian Church (SKPC), the Moderator, the Reverend Herb Hilder will constitute the court with prayer.

The Reverend Dr. Cheol soon Park will present the Synod Executive Report.

Stated Hour: 7:15 pm - Service of Induction for the Moderator Elect of the 126th Synod of B.C.

Recommendation #1

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Synod Executive Report be received and its recommendations be considered.

Recommendation #2

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Reverend Reid Chudley be appointed as Clerk of Synod, until January 31st 2018 or until an new Clerk is appointed.

Recommendation #3

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that The Reverend Gavin Robertson be elected Moderator of the 126th Synod of B.C.

Recommendation #4

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Docket as printed be the Order of Business for the 126th Synod of B.C.

Recommendation #5

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Consent Agenda be received and its recommendations considered.

The Consent Agenda are recommendations #6 - #12.

Recommendation #6

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay that the Roll of Synod be the Roll of the Presbyteries of Kootenay, Kamloops, Westminster, Vancouver Island and Western Han-Ca as provided by their Clerks, and that attendance be noted according to the registration of Synod.

Recommendation #7

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the membership of the Committee to Examine Minutes, the Committee on Courtesies and the Committee for Leave to Withdraw be approved.

Presbytery of Kootenay – Laura Kavanagh, Ray Jansen

Presbytery of Kamloops – Jim Smith, Norma Ashcroft

Presbytery of Westminster – Irwin Cunningham, Marlene Martens

Presbytery of Vancouver Island – Ginny-Lou Alexander, Ross Bathingthwaighte

Presbytery of Western Han-Ca – Soon Ja Bai, Laurie Deacon

Committee on Courtesies – Isabel Evans, Roy Napier

Committee for Leave to Withdraw – Reid Chudley

Recommendation #8

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Presbytery of Vancouver Island propose the nomination for the Moderator of the 127th Synod for the year 2018.

Recommendation #9

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Presbytery of Westminster propose the nomination for the Moderator of the 128th Synod for the year 2019.

Recommendation #10

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Presbytery of Kamloops nominate a host congregation for the 128th Synod for October 2019.

Recommendation #11

Moved by C.S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that those reports to Synod, not appearing on the Docket and not having specific recommendations, be received for information and appended to the Minutes of the 126th Synod.

Stated Hour Service of Installation of the Moderator

The Moderator of the 125th Synod, The Reverend Herb Hilde will open the worship service for the induction of the Moderator of the 126th Synod. The Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park will preach the sermon.

Friday Evening

8:00pm (approx.) Business - Session # 1 (continued) - Sanctuary

Recommendation #12

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the minutes of the 125th Synod of British Columbia, as circulated, be approved.

Recommendation #13

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Synod Financial Manager's Report be received and considered.

Recommendation #14

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that Ms. Annette Pardais be appointed Synod Financial Manager for a one year term.

Recommendation #15

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the firm of Gordon Thompson Inc., Tax Accountant and Auditor be appointed as Auditor for 2017.

Recommendation # 16

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that Mrs. Nancy Farran, of RBC Dominion Securities, continue for one year, as Synod Investment Advisor.

Recommendation #17

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Budget for 2017 be received and considered. *Budget is located on page 12.*

*For the last several years a motion to defer the **approval** of the Budget has been passed, reflecting a preference to approve it among the final motions. This year we will defer to that preference.*

Discussion of the Regional Resourcing Grant

The Synod of British Columbia has access to \$61,641 for the year 2018, the same amount that was made available in 2016 and 2017!

In each year since 2014, The Synod of BC has divided the monies evenly between the 5 presbyteries. This year again (2018), each Presbytery made a successful application for the use of these funds. In addition the Synod Executive requested the balance of these funds and created a travel fund for rural and remote congregations. We are hoping to keep these funds available for next year's Synod gathering.

Again, here are some guidelines for applications:

There is a preference on the Life and Mission Agency to fund 'one time' or short term events or ministries such as retreats, conferences (presbyteries don't have to 'invent' a conference, but could, collectively attend an existing conference), summer ministries, camp staff etc.

Projects that are long term or ministries that are seeking interim funding for assistance to achieve a budget are not likely to be approved.

As a reminder, the Grant Review Committee accepts applications for this fund in the following format:

1. Name of Project
2. Outline of Project (including, vision, scope, goals and TIMELINE)
3. Budget
4. Beneficiaries of Project (locally)
5. Personnel involved in the project
6. Justification (what need is this project meeting in the local congregation, presbytery, Synod)
7. Extract of minutes from supporting Presbytery with relevant motion/details.

Recommendation #18

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park that the Life and Mission Agency funds through the Regional Resourcing Grant for the Synod be divided equally at \$12,300 between the 5 presbyteries.

Recommendation #19

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park,

1. That the Clerks of presbyteries be given power to issue to apply for this grant directly through the PCC website “Grants” page (<http://presbyterian.ca/canadianministries/funds/>) as projects are approved within each presbytery.
2. That the presbyteries be strongly urged to have their submissions for Life and Mission Agency funding to the Grant Review Committee by January 31st, 2018.
3. That the Clerks of Presbyteries copy applications to the Clerk of Synod for the Synod Executive’s information.
4. That each Presbytery bring a 5 minute summary presentation of each grant to the 127th Synod of British Columbia.

Recommendation #20

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that after January 31st, 2018 any residual Life and Mission Agency funds that are not already allocated be made available to any submitted project within the Synod of B.C.

Following Recommendation 20, the Executive Report will be tabled until Saturday Evening following the supper.

Saturday Morning, October 14th @ SKPC

- 9:00am Morning Worship – Sanctuary
- 10:00am Announcements/Presentations
- 10:15am I have come that you might have life-Corey Schlosser-Hall: Sanctuary
- 11:00am Coffee Break – Church Hall
- 11:15am Stuck in a moment and we can’t get out of it- Corey Schlosser Hall: Sanctuary
- 12:00pm Lunch Break

Saturday Afternoon, October 14th @ SKPC

- 1:30pm Come unto Me (Jesus) all who are weary- Corey Schlosser Hall: Sanctuary
- 2:15pm The right idea, right leadership and ripe circumstances-
Corey Schlosser Hall: Sanctuary
- 3:00pm Coffee Break
- 3:30pm Go on your way: Sustaining life-giving changes-
Corey Schlosser Hall- Sanctuary
- 4:15pm Small Groups
- 5:30pm Banquet – Church Hall

Saturday Evening, October 14th

7:30pm Business Session #2

Within the SANCTUARY of Surrey Korean Presbyterian Church (SKPC), the Moderator, the Reverend Gavin Robertson will resume the business of the court through prayer.

The Past Moderator, the Reverend Herb Hilder will continue to present the Executive Report.

Recommendation # 21

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Report of the Committee to Review Minutes be received and considered.

Recommendation # 23

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Report of the Committee on Leave to Withdraw be received and considered.

Recommendation # 24

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered.

Recommendation # 25

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Budget for the Synod for the year 2017 be approved.

Recommendation # 26

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the 126th Synod of B.C. rise with the Benediction at the conclusion of Sacred Worship on Sunday Morning, October 15th, 2017 and meet again on Friday, October 12th, 2017 within Central Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, at 7:00PM.

Recommendation # 27

Moved by H. Hilder, seconded by C. S. Park, that the Report of the Synod Executive, be adopted (as amended) and that any unfinished business of the 126th Synod of BC be referred to the Executive with power to issue.

Sunday Morning, October 15th

10:00am The Commissioners will gather within the sanctuary for worship. The Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park will preach and the Moderator, the Reverend Gavin Robertson will celebrate communion.

List of Assets

Budget

SYNOD OF B.C.

RATE] YEAR	MEMBERS	6,112			MEMBERS	6,082
		\$5,00	2016	\$5,00	2.5% projected decrease	\$4,00
	2016	2016	2017	2018		
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	BUDGET	BUDGET		
RECEIPTS						
Presbytery Assessments						
Kootenay	221	1,105	1,105	1,060	238	951
Kamloops	706	3,530	3,530	3,225	544	2,176
Westminster	2,738	13,690	13,690	13,355 <i>ok</i>	2,138	8,554
Vancouver Island	1,242	6,210	6,005	5,960	881	3,524
Western Han-Ca	1,205	6,025	6,025	10,480 <i>ok</i>	2,281	9,123
Total Assessments		30,560	30,355	34,080		24,328
Transfer to / from Reserve		12,000	0	0		12,000
		42,560	30,355	34,080		36,328
Other Income						
Synod Registrations		3,200	3,244	3,200		3,000
Unknown		0	1,100	0		0
RBC Income:						
Interest		2,000	1,770	2,300	based on June 2017 year to date	2,500
Dividends		5,100	6,307	5,600	based on June 2017 year to date	6,000
Capital gains		6,500	41,913	7,500	rough estimate	7,500
GST Rebate		1,600	224	2,000		0
Loan P & I		450	0	650		250
Other		0	14,467	0		0
Jack Smith Fund		15,500	34,493	25,000		15,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS	6,112	76,910	133,873	80,330	6,082	70,578
DISBURSEMENTS						
Synod Meeting						
Catering		1,500	1,425	1,600		3,000
Honoraria		2,000	2,800	2,000		2,000
Travel		19,000	11,550	19,500		17,000
Administration						
Clerk's Honorarium		5,000	5,000	5,000		5,000
Office Expenses		1,850	1,069	1,500		1,200
Executive Meetings		1,000	1,479	1,100		2,000
Liability Insurance		1,202	1,338	1,220		1,600
Bookkeeping Costs		3,000	3,000	3,000		0
Audit Fees		2,500	2,500	2,500		2,000
Investment Fees		6,000	5,525	6,000		6,500
Bank Charges		100	108	100		100
Travel						
Commission Travel		2,425	2,412	900		3,500
Executive Travel		3,250	4,060	3,300		2,500
TOTAL EXPENSES		48,827	42,266	47,720		46,400
Grants & Loans						
Canada Youth Conference		10,260	14,260	0		4,000
Inter Faith Centre		1,800	1,800	1,800		1,800
Jack Smith Adjustment		0	2,500	0		0
Korean Campus Ministry		2,500	2,500	2,500		2,500
PN Loan		0	8,219	0		0
Richmond PC Loan		20,000	20,000	0		0
Jack Smith Fund						
Cariboo		0	10,000	0		0
Cedar Tree Ministries		7,500	7,500	7,500		7,500
Hummingbird Ministries		8,000	8,000	8,000		8,000
		50,060	74,779	19,800		23,800
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		98,887	117,045	67,520		70,200
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)		(21,977)	16,828	12,810		378

Minutes of the 125th Synod of BC

Friday Evening

Due to a storm the power in Richmond went out including at Richmond Presbyterian Church. This resulted in a delay to supper and many commissioners were delayed due to ferry and flight cancellations. The Open House presentations were incomplete due to delayed commissioners, but those presentations that were put up, were really appreciated. Eventually the power went back on and the supper was enjoyed by all those present. The business and opening worship began on time within the sanctuary.

6:45pm Business - Session # 1 - Sanctuary

Within the SANCTUARY of Richmond Presbyterian Church (RPC), the Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park constituted the court with prayer. He prayed for Geof Jay and Meridyth Robertson who were absent from the court due to a vehicle accident.

He welcomed Mary Fontaine, from Hummingbird Ministries, who addressed the court on behalf of the First Nations People and welcomed the members of the court onto the traditional lands of the Coast Salish people. She blessed the court with a traditional drumming ceremony.

The Stated Hour of 7:15 pm for the Service of Installation of the Moderator was noted.

Due to the vehicle accident the Reverend Geof Jay was not present to begin the Executive report. Martin Baxter presented the Executive Report on behalf of the Executive. Due to a ferry cancellation, Irwin Cunningham was not in the court either and Teresa Charlton agreed to second all the recommendations of the report.

Recommendation #1

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Synod Executive Report be received and its recommendations be considered. **Carried.**

Recommendation #2

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Reverend Reid Chudley be appointed for one year as Clerk of Synod. **Carried.**

Recommendation #3

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that The Reverend Herb Hilder be elected Moderator of the 125th Synod of B.C. **Carried.**

Recommendation #4

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Docket as printed be the Order of business for the 125th Synod of B.C. **Carried.**

Recommendation #5

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Consent Agenda be received and its recommendations considered. The Consent Agenda is recommendations #6 - #12. It was noted that due to absences, the recommendation had been amended by the Clerk.

The Consent Agenda was **Carried.**

Recommendation #6

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Roll of Synod be the Roll of the Presbyteries of Kootenay, Kamloops, Westminster, Vancouver Island and Western Han-Ca as provided by their Clerks, and that attendance be noted according to the registration of Synod.

Recommendation #7

Moved by G. Jay, seconded by I. Cunningham, that the membership of the Committee to Examine Minutes, the Committee on Courtesies and the Committee for Leave to Withdraw be approved.

Presbytery of Kootenay – Nancy Counce, Betty McLagan

Presbytery of Kamloops – Anne Krausse, Steve Filyk

Presbytery of Westminster – Margaret Clow, Norma Ashcroft

Presbytery of Vancouver Island – Annabelle McKinnie, Richard Watson

Presbytery of Western Han-Ca – Vincent Tan, Kerry McIntyre

Committee on Courtesies – Colin Cross, Enabelle Gorek

Committee for Leave to Withdraw – Doug Swanson, Reid Chudley

Recommendation #8

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that Mr. Peter Northover be permitted to sit and correspond.

Recommendation #9

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Presbytery of Kootenay propose the nomination for the Moderator of the 126th Synod for the year 2017.

Recommendation #10

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Presbytery of Vancouver Island propose the nomination for the Moderator of the 127th Synod for the year 2018.

Recommendation #11

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Presbytery of Westminster nominate a host congregation for the 127th Synod for October 2018.

Recommendation #12

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that those reports to Synod, not appearing on the Docket and not having specific recommendations, be received and appended to the Minutes of the 124th Synod.

With the business completed the Synod moved into the Service of Installation of the Moderator

The Moderator of the 124th Synod, The Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park opened the worship service for the Installation of the Moderator of the 125th Synod. The Chaplain, the Reverend Dr. Richard Topping preached the sermon, based on Acts chapter 10 (God shows no favouritism). Richard preached on how the church is always catching up to God. The church does not set the mission. Instead we are charged with being converted to God's Mission.

At the conclusion of the service of installation the business of the 125th Synod scheduled for Friday evening continued at approximately 8:00pm, the Moderator, The Reverend Herb Hilder assumed the Moderator's chair and the Past Moderator, The Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park continued the presentation of the Executive Report.

Recommendation #13

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that the minutes of the 124th meeting of the Synod of British Columbia, as circulated, be approved. **Carried.**

As the Minutes were being considered, the Clerk, Reid Chudley addressed the Business arising from the Minutes that appeared in the Executive Report, that are presented below. The Court, including the mover and seconder of the Notice of Motion that came to the 124th Synod, agreed with the interpretation of the Executive and Clerk, and the matter was considered resolved.

Business Arising from the Minutes of the 124th Synod.

Notice of Motion: In the minutes of the 124th Meeting of the Synod of BC within St. Andrew's, Nanaimo, a notice of motion was given by G. Jackson and J. Smith asking for clearer reporting of the *BC Building Fund*, *The Presbyterian Extension Fund* and the *Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund*.

In doing a little research into these funds the executive has discovered the following:

The Building Fund: This fund has been invested in the General Fund of the Synod within its portfolio with the Royal Bank. It is reported within the general assets of Royal Bank Dominion Securities. (page)

The Presbyterian Extension Fund (PEF) and *The Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund* (PIM) are wholly owned by the Presbyteries within the Synod, as shareholders. It is the opinion of the Executive that the Synod of BC, as a court, has no real jurisdiction over these funds and neither do we have authority to require reporting. Instead reporting of these funds should be made by request from the shareholders (ie. The Presbyteries).

David Jennings, one of the managers of the PEF and PIM has kindly given us information which has been circulated with the Executive Report.

It is the opinion of the Executive that no changes to the Standing Orders is required as these funds are either already being reported or are not under the direct jurisdiction of this court.

Recommendation #14

Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by T. Charlton, that the Synod Financial Manager's Report be received and considered. **Carried.**

Recommendation #15

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that Mr. Peter Northover be appointed Synod Financial Manager for a one year term. **Carried.**

Recommendation #16

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that the firm of Gordon Thompson Inc., Tax Accountant and Auditor be appointed as Auditor for 2016. **Carried.**

Recommendation # 17

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that Mrs. Nancy Farran, of RBC Dominion Securities, continue for one year, as Synod Investment Advisor. **Carried.**

Recommendation #18

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter that the Budget for 2017 be received and considered. **Carried.**

*For the last several years a motion to defer the **approval** of the Budget has been passed, reflecting a preference to approve it among the final motions. This year we will defer to that preference.*

Recommendation #19 Motion withdrawn by agreement, as it was unnecessary.

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by G. Jay, that the Budget for 2017 be approved at the Saturday evening business session.

Discussion of the Regional Resourcing Grant

The Synod of British Columbia has access to \$61,641 for the year 2017, the same amount that was made available in 2016!

In 2014, 2015 and 2016 The Synod divided the monies evenly between the 5 presbyteries. This year again (2016), each Presbytery made a successful application for the use of these funds. In addition the Synod Executive requested the balance of these funds and created a travel fund for rural and remote congregations. We are hoping to keep these funds available for next year's Synod gathering.

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As a reminder, the Grant Review Committee accepts applications for this fund in the following format:

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2. Outline of Project (including, vision, scope, goals and TIMELINE)
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4. Beneficiaries of Project (locally)
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7. Extract of minutes from supporting Presbytery with relevant motion/details.

Recommendation #20

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that the Life and Mission Agency funds through the Regional Resourcing Grant for the Synod be divided equally at \$12,300 between the 5 presbyteries. **Carried.**

Recommendation #21

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter,

1. That the Clerks of presbyteries be given power to issue to apply for this grant directly through the PCC website "Grants" page (<http://presbyterian.ca/canadianministries/funds/>) as projects are approved within each presbytery.

- 2. That the presbyteries be strongly urged to have their submissions for Life and Mission Agency funding to the Grant Review Committee by January 31st, 2016.
- 3. That the Clerks of Presbyteries copy applications to the Clerk of Synod for the Synod Executive’s information.
- 4. That each Presbytery bring a 5 minute summary presentation of each grant to the 125th Synod of British Columbia.

Carried.

Recommendation #22

Moved by C. S. Park, seconded by M. Baxter, that after January 31st, 2017 any residual Life and Mission Agency funds that are not already allocated be made available to any submitted project within the Synod of B.C. **Carried.**

With the business completed the Moderator, The Reverend Herb Hilder adjourned the business meeting until Saturday, October 15th 2017 at 7pm. The Moderator prayed for the work of Synod and all the congregations which it serves.

Saturday Morning, October 15th

The Synod and guests opened the Synod Conference with worship led by the Synod Executive and with the Synod chaplain, The Reverend Dr. Richard Topping preaching the sermon, again from the Book of Acts.

The Reverend Ken Shigematsu was welcomed as Synod speaker. Ken shared that he grew up in two Presbyterian Church in Canada congregations: Whalley and Coquitlam churches. He shared that he grew up as a new Canadian and was grateful for his involvement in the church. His Dad grew up in the radio business and this planted a seed of broadcasting which became his sense of call to preach and lead.

Through the day Ken led the conference participants through a reflection on Psalm 127. In particular Ken emphasised verse 17:2

In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for God grants sleep to those he loves. In particular Ken reminded the conference that this verse can also be translated: In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— *for while they sleep he provides for those he loves*. Ken reminded the conference that everything the church does should ideally start from a place of rest. We can have faith and trust that even while we rest God is working to bring about good things for those God loves. Often congregations and ministries forget that it is God who leads and is working ahead of us. Unless God builds it, we build in vain. The Hebrew Sabbath reminds us that the Jewish day starts at bedtime: it is by grace that we start the day with sleep, while God provides for us as we rest. A wonderful promise and an important reminder.

Ken preached in the afternoon about the church at Antioch as told in Acts 11. Ken emphasized that the church at Antioch was a very missional church (a sending church). It was Spirit led and helped out those in need through gifts sent through Paul and Barnabas. The conference members were invited to reflect on whether our congregations were typically in ward looking or outward looking.

The conference participants moved into small groups in the later afternoon. Though questions were prepared, there was a sense of sharing and fellowship within the groups that led the conversation in other directions.

In the last hour of the conference Ken answered questions about his ministry at 10th avenue Church, how much the congregation (just how) it had grown.

Saturday Evening, October 15th

7:00pm Business Session #2

Following the supper, the Synod resumed the business meeting in the SANCTUARY of Richmond Presbyterian Church (RPC), where the Moderator, the Reverend Herb Hilder resumed the moderator’s chair. Reverend Hilder resumed the business of the court with a prayer and the Executive Report continued.

Before the business continues, guests addressed the court: The Reverend Dr. Hans Kouwenberg on behalf of Knox College; The Reverend Dr. Richard Topping on behalf of St. Andrew’s Hall and VST; Laura Kavanagh on behalf of PWS&D.

Following the Announcements, the Past Moderator, the Reverend Dr. Cheol Soon Park, continued to present the Executive Report.

Recommendation # 23

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Report of the Committee to Review Minutes be received and considered. **Carried.**

Report:

That the minutes of the Presbyteries of Kootenay, Western Han-Ca be attested as neatly and correctly kept;

and that the minutes of the Presbyteries of Westminster, Kamloops and Vancouver Island be attested as neatly kept with notes.

Report as a whole: **Carried.**

Recommendation # 24

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Report of the Committee on Leave to Withdraw be received and considered. **Carried.**

Report: That the following Commissioners be given leave to withdraw: Brian Fraser, Willem van de Wall, Rita Wensler, Bartholomew Alexander, Ross McLelland, Glen Inglis, Jean Lawrence.

Report as a whole: **Carried.**

Recommendation # 25

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Report of the Committee on Courtesies be received and considered. **Carried.**

Report:

This, the 125th Synod of British Columbia, gives thanks to God for: The Local Arrangements Committee of Richmond PC, especially Isabel Evans, the coordinator and Joseph Boon, Amy Topping, Eleanor Tan, Vic Beltran, Dorcas Beltran, Mary Co, Helen Beattie, Marie Bateman, Graham Stager, Barry Gifford, Ronda Manuel, Mary Hansen, Charlie Te, Cathy Te, Phyliss Coburn, Sarah and Garry Marcinowski, Anne Davidson, Mary Ryder, Lorne Malkose and all those who provided baking; Ken Shigematsu (our speaker); Richard Topping (our chaplain); The Moderator, Herb Hilder; the Past Moderator, Cheol Soon Park; the Executive of the Synod: Geof Jay, Martin Baxter, Teresa Charlton, Peter Northover (SFM), Betty McLagan, Alfred Lee, Meridyth Robertson, Reid Chudley (Clerk).

Report as a whole: **Carried.**

Recommendation # 26

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Budget for the Synod for the year 2017 be approved. **Carried.**

Motion from the floor: Moved by P. Eastwood and seconded by Isabel Evans that, in each year that the Canada Youth Conference Occurs, that Synod financial support be divided equally among all participants by February 28th of that year. **Carried.**

Recommendation # 27

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Report of the Synod Executive, be adopted, as amended, and that any unfinished business of the 125th Synod of BC be referred to the Executive with power to issue. **Carried.**

Recommendation # 28

Moved by C. S. Park and seconded by M. Baxter, that the Synod of B.C. rise with the Benediction at the conclusion of Sacred Worship on Sunday Morning, October 16th, 2016 and meet again on Friday, October 13th, 2017 within Surrey Korean Presbyterian Church, 15964 88th Ave. Surrey BC V4N 1H5, at 7:00PM. **Carried.**

Report as whole: Carried.

Sunday Morning, October 18th

At 10:00am, on October 18th, 2017, The Commissioners and guests of the 125th Synod of BC gathered within the sanctuary for worship. The Reverend Dr. Richard Topping preached the sermon and the Moderator, the Reverend Herb Hilder celebrated the Sacrament of Holy Communion, while the choirs and praise teams led the prayers and singing.

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