



OUR HOSTS

The Synod Executive thanks the congregation of Calvin Presbyterian Church for their generosity in opening their doors to enjoy their hospitality, music, worship, and spirit.

We also thank Abbotsford Korean Church for sharing their hospitality and the fellowship of food in thanks for the financial assistance the Synod has provided for large scale repairs and upgrades.

We are honoured to be worshipping on the traditional ancestral lands of peoples living in the region we now call British Columbia, and do not take the privilege and responsibility lightly. The Synod of British Columbia seeks to learn from Indigenous wisdom as to how we can live in right-relationship with the Creator, creation, and all peoples.



OUR PROGRAM



Thursday

St. Andrew's Hall - Women's Day Away
Separate Registration
Shuttle Service from Abbotsford



Friday

Registration at Calvin Presbyterian - From 5:30 PM
Book Table (Available All Weekend)
Worship - 7:30 PM (Online & In-Person)
Reception - Following Worship



Saturday

Morning Devotions - 9:15 AM (Online & In-Person)
Business Meeting - 10 AM (Online & In-Person)
Lunch - 12 PM (Abbotsford Korean or Free Choice)
Afternoon Activities - 1:30 PM (Various Locations)
Hymn Sing - 4 PM (Calvin Presbyterian)
Banquet - 5:30PM (Catered Meal at Calvin Presbyterian or Free Choice)



Sunday

Morning Worship with Communion - 10 AM (Online & In-Person)
Dismissal by New Moderator
Travel Home

OUR MODERATOR



Margaret Peacock
Incoming Moderator

OUR SPEAKERS



Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart
Conference Speaker



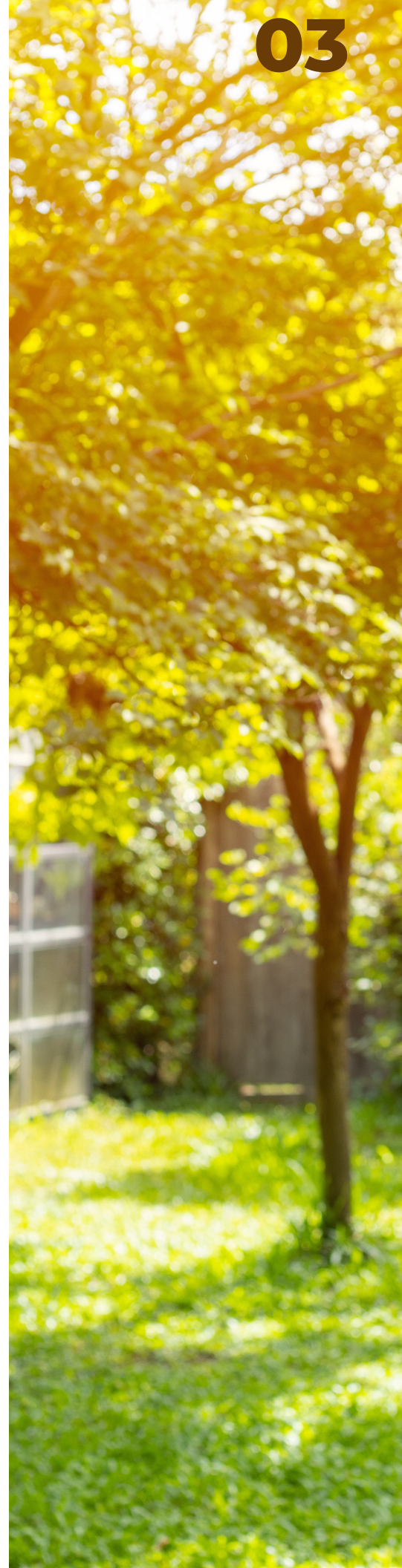
Rev. Grace Wulff
Meditative Doodles



Rudy Bot
Naturalist Guide



Hank Roos
Naturzlist Guide



OUR ACTIVITIES



Willband Creek Park Nature Walk

The results of the previous methods of promotion are considered good and impactful, but we need some new challenges in order to make a great impact in our selling. There are some popular methods that we haven't tried yet. After doing some research about those methods, more than half of it can be applied.



Better Than Brunch

Besides applying the special discount day method, there are a few more things that we can try to increase the offline sales of our products. It is by taking part in some big events that are held in the city. We will be able to inform people about our products and it can automatically increase the offline sales. Doing some research about the current demand of the market is also necessary.



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Simon Fraser Interfaith

BUSINESS MEETING

Notice of Motion

The Synod Executive gives **Notice of Motion** that a discussion of when Synod is to be held (i.e. weekend conference versus mid-week conference) to take place later in the Business Meeting in order to facilitate greater participation in future conferences.

Opening Motions

Recommendation #1 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the Synod Executive Report be received, and its recommendations be considered.

Recommendation #2 Moved by P. Eastwood, seconded by R. Napier, that Teresa Charlton be appointed as Clerk of Synod for a one-year period.

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Committee on Courtesies - Teresa Charlton

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Presbytery of Kamloops –

Presbytery of Vancouver Island –

Kootenay Presbytery-

Western Han- Ca Presbytery –

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Recommendation #10 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the minutes of the 130th meeting of the Synod of British Columbia, as circulated, be approved.

Election of New Moderator

It was the responsibility of the Presbytery of Kamloops to provide a nomination for the position of Moderator of Synod for the coming year.

Recommendation #11 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by P. Eastwood, that Mrs. Margaret Peacock be nominated for the position of Moderator of the 131st Synod for the year 2023-2024.

The court will pause briefly to allow for the Installation of the New Moderator.

Future Synods

The responsibility of future Synods continues to be an ongoing topic of conversation. We continue to work through motions made in previous years to adjust the location of Synod, in what was supposed to be a three year initiative to provide recognized speakers and programs. In the post-COVID world, the church is discovering that priorities are now changed. As such, the Synod still recognizes the following rotation of hosting responsibilities.



Korean Presbyterian, Edmonton

2023: Westminster
2024: Vancouver Island
2025: Kootenay (for Westminster)

The Synod Executive discussed at length the continued need for a Synod Planning Team. It was decided that the input of such a group remained valuable for the Executive in helping to plan meaningful conferences with timely speakers.

Recommendation #12 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the presbyteries, in the above order, be asked to supply the names of host congregations.

Life and Mission Agency Funding

Regional Resource Funds continued to be used in modest fashion this past year. This year, recipients of grants were:

Camp Douglas Worship Leader (Westminster)
Happy Conference for Spouses (Western Han-Ca)
Presbytery Retreat (Vancouver Island)

The full grant amount for the Synod of British Columbia for 2024 is \$61,000. It is hoped that each Presbytery would take the opportunity to use these funds to further the work in their region. Please Note:

- 1) The application form requires:
 - a. A narrative of the project
 - b. Proposed Budget
 - c. Presbytery support
- 2) The Life and Mission Agency makes the final approval of projects.
- 3) Projects must be educational in nature.
- 4) Projects must offer learning opportunities for more than one congregation.

Recommendation #14 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Life and Mission Agency funds through the Regional Resourcing Grant for the Synod be allotted among the FIVE (5) presbyteries equally an amount of \$10,000 AND the remaining \$11,000 for Synod Planning for the year 2024.

Recommendation #15 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by T. Charlton,

1. That the Clerks of presbyteries be given Power to Issue to apply for this grant directly through the PCC website “Grants” page 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 June 30th 2024.

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 presentation of each grant to the Open House at the 132nd Synod of British Columbia.

Recommendation #16 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that after July 1st 2024, any Regional Resourcing Grant funds that are not already allocated to projects/event be made available to any submitted project within the Synod of B.C.

Synod Grants

The Synod reviewed several grant applications over the year, both for ongoing projects and new applications. The list of available resources and their Terms of Reference can be found on the Synod Website. The court is reminded that the Synod Executive considers applications at each of its meetings. Like the Regional Resource Grant Applications, Synod Grant Applications require:

- a) A Narrative of the project
- b) A Proposed Budget
- c) Presbytery Approval

Grants approved by the Synod Executive this year were:

Ongoing Projects – Jack Smith Fund

Korean Campus Ministry
Simon Fraser Campus Ministry

New Projects - Jack Smith Fund

Abbotsford Korean - Building Upgrades
Knox Vernon - Lighting Upgrades

Emergency Support - St. Denis Fund

Korean Presbyterian Church, Edmonton

Camp Douglas

Synod Dues For 2024

The Synod Executive appreciated the work of the court at last year's meeting to settle on a flat rate for each congregation. It is suggested that the same rate be applied for the upcoming year. A reminder to the court that if a congregation is in financial distress, they can apply to the Synod Executive for a reprieve or review of their fee.

Recommendation #17 – Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Robertson that Synod Dues for 2024 be a flat rate of \$100/congregation.

Synod Loans

Synod is able to offer congregations and ministries loans with agreeable terms and conditions. The current policy on repayment of Synod loans is as follows.

1. Loans received prior to December 31, 2020 to be re-paid with a yearly amount of \$500 (minimum) + 1% of the outstanding amount.
2. Loans received after January 1, 2021 to be re-paid with a yearly amount of \$1000 (minimum) + 1% of the outstanding amount.

This past year, the Synod Executive provided the following loan:

Abbotsford Korean - Ongoing Repairs

It came to the Synod Executive's Attention that Surrey Korean is currently undergoing significant financial distress. After discussion it was proposed that outstanding loan payments be suspended for a THREE year period (interest + principal) with a reassessment to be completed after that time.

Financial Management & Budget for 2023

The Synod finances continue to be in a healthy position, supported by the ongoing work of Ms. Annette Pardais, and the long-range planning of RBC Dominion Securities. The Synod Executive is making plans to meet with the Investment Manager and discuss the recent declines in the market and any new strategies that should be considered.

Recommendation #18 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Synod Financial Manager's Report be received and considered.

Recommendation #19 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that Ms. Annette Pardais be appointed Synod Financial Manager for a one-year term.

Recommendation #20 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that Mrs. Nancy Farran and Mr. Justin Dyer, of RBC Dominion Securities, continue for one year, as Synod Investment Advisors.

Recommendation #21 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Budget for 2023 be received and considered. The budget is located in the Appendix.

Recommendation #22 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the Budget for 2024 be approved.

Recommendation #23 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood, that Ms. Annette Pardais be offered thanks for her continued diligence with managing the financial accounts of the Synod.

Recommendation #24 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Robertson, to approve the Financial Manager's Report.

New Business

At last year's Business Meeting, a Notice of Motion was moved by Roy Napier and seconded by Laura Kavanagh that the Executive review expense allocations at their January 2023 meeting. At the meeting, updating the expense rates was discussed.

Recommendation #25 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Robertson, that the following rates be updated on the Expense Sheet, and these changes be reflected in the Standing Orders.

Milage rate: Increased to 0.50 cents/km

Passenger rate: Increase to 0.25cents/km

Breakfast: \$15.00

Lunch: \$25.00

Dinner: \$40.00

In combination with updating the expenses in the Standing Orders, it became apparent to the Executive that the Standing Orders as a whole are overdue for a review, with a view that they would be a more useful set of Terms of Reference in this Post-COVID reality.



Camp Douglas

Recommendation #26 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Robertson, that the Synod Executive work through the existing Standing Orders and prepare a proposed draft of Updated Standing Orders at the next Synod Business Meeting.

Notice of Motion [Discussion to follow]

Final Recommendations

The Synod Executive will continue the work of the Court beyond this meeting. Their next planned meeting is in late January 2024, so those with correspondence or grant requests are encouraged to submit their information or requests by January 15, 2024, in order to ensure they are placed on the agenda.

Recommendation #25 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the thanks be extended to Calvin Presbyterian for hosting the Synod this year and to Abbotsford Korean Church for their hospitality at lunch on Saturday.

Recommendation #26 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the Committee to Examine Records reports the following:

Presbytery of Westminster

Presbytery of Kamloops

Presbytery of Vancouver Island

Kootenay Presbytery

Western Han - Ca Presbytery

Recommendation # 27 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood that the Report of the Synod Executive be adopted and that any unfinished business of the 131st Synod of BC be referred to the Executive of the Synod with power to issue.

Recommendation # 28 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by P. Eastwood, that the Synod of B.C. rise with the Benediction of worship on Sunday, October 15, 2023, to resume business again at the 132nd Synod of BC on _____. [Depending on Discussion of Notice of Motion]

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SYNOD 2023 FINANCIALS



SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
ASSETS		
RBC Community Account	15,622	14,773
RBC Dominion Securities	773,813	908,925
	<u>789,435</u>	<u>923,698</u>
Loans Receivable		
Abbotsford Korean PC	30,000	-
Central PC, Vancouver	6,343	6,343
St. Paul's PC	-	4,675
St. Aidan's PC	12,860	14,000
Surrey Korean PC	13,033	13,033
Trinity PC - Campbell River	-	4,500
	<u>62,236</u>	<u>42,551</u>
Funds Held in Trust		
Estate of Jack Smith	612,202	753,651
	<u>612,202</u>	<u>753,651</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,463,873</u>	<u>1,719,900</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		
Opening balance	1,719,900	1,540,530
Excess of receipts over disbursements	(256,027)	179,370
Ending balance	<u>1,463,873</u>	<u>1,719,900</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>1,463,873</u>	<u>1,719,900</u>

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
RECEIPTS		
Assessments		
Kamloops Presbytery	800	800
Kootenays Presbytery	610	-
Vancouver Island Presbytery	-	1,100
Western Han Ca Presbytery	1,638	1,300
Westminster Presbytery	2,700	2,700
	<u>5,748</u>	<u>5,900</u>
Synod Registration	1,567	-
Loan interest, net	1,395	1,570
Jack Smith Fund - Earnings /(Loss)	(2,971)	38,902
RBC Investments		
Interest	1,264	1,580
Dividends	7,767	7,680
Other	12,129	23,876
	<u>26,899</u>	<u>79,508</u>
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bank charges	101	99
Executive meetings	897	186
Grants	43,300	18,300
Honorarium		
Clerk	5,000	5,000
Investment costs	8,371	9,005
Liability insurance	1,746	1,304
Synod expenses		
Administrative	2,668	-
Catering	704	-
Travel	8,690	-
Office expense	70	198
	<u>71,547</u>	<u>34,092</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements before the undernoted	(44,648)	45,416
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments		
Jack Smith Fund	(108,478)	40,054
RBC Investments	(102,901)	93,900
	<u>(211,379)</u>	<u>133,954</u>
Excess of receipts over disbursements	(256,027)	179,370

SYNOD OF B.C.
2024 Budget with 2023 Comparison and 2022 Actual
FINAL - For Approval

RATE	\$1.00		\$100.00		\$100.00	
YEAR	2022 ACTUAL		2023 BUDGET		2024 BUDGET	
	Members		Congregations	(\$5 per member to a max imum of \$100 per congregation)	Congregations	(\$5 per member to a max imum of \$100 per congregation)
	(2020 base)		(2021 base)		(2021 base)	
	#	\$	#	\$	#	\$
RECEIPTS						
Presbytery Assessments						
Kamloops	457	800	8	775	8	765
Kootenay- paid late	155	610	5	395	5	390
Vancouver Island	997	0	11	1,100	11	1,100
Western Han-Ca	1,638	1,638	13	1,300	13	1,265
Westminster	2,195	2,700	27	2,480	27	2,370
Total Assessments	5,442	5,748	64	6,050	64	5,890
Transfer to / from Reserve		0		0		20,000
		5,748		6,050		25,890
Other Income						
Synod Registrations		1,567		2,500		2,500
Loan Principal & Interest		1,395		500		500
Jack Smith Fund		(2,971)		30,000		20,000
RBC Income:						
Interest		1,264		1,000		1,000
Dividends		7,767		7,500		7,500
Capital gains		0		0		0
Other		12,129		10,000		10,000
TOTAL RECEIPTS		26,899		57,550		67,390
DISBURSEMENTS						
Synod Meeting						
Administrative & promotional		2,668		2,500		2,000
Catering		704		3,000		1,500
Honoraria		0		2,500		2,500
Travel		8,690		20,000		10,000
Administration						
Bank Charges		101		300		300
Clerk's Honorarium		5,000		5,000		5,000
Executive Meetings & Travel		897		500		500
Investment Fees		8,371		9,000		9,000
Liability Insurance		1,746		1,500		1,500
Office supplies and postage		70		150		150
Travel						
Other		0		0		0
TOTAL EXPENSES		28,247		44,450		32,450
Grants & Loans						
Canada Youth Conference		0		0		0
Inter Faith Centre		1,800		1,800		1,800
Korean Campus Ministry		2,500		2,500		2,500
Jack Smith Fund						
Abbotsford Korean PC		20,000		0		20,000
Brentwood Presbyterian		5,000		0		0
Edmonton Korean PC		6,000		0		0
Knox Vernon PC		0		0		4,500
Tlicho Christian		8,000		8,000		0
Western Han Ca		0		0		6,000
		43,300		12,300		34,800
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		71,547		56,750		67,250
EXCESS, RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS		(44,648)		800		140

MINUTES

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Synod British Columbia Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 10AM In-Person and via Zoom

Welcome

The Business Meeting of the 130th Synod of British Columbia began on Saturday, October 15, 2022 at 10:20AM. The Moderator acknowledged the ancestral lands upon which we were meeting, and then read Colossians 3:15-17. At the conclusion of the devotion, the Moderator welcomed everyone online and in-person who was present, prayed, and constituted the court.

Roll & Regrets

Registration for this year's conference was done online using Mailchimp. The list of participants can be found in Appendix 1.

In-Person Attendance – 43

Online Attendance – 3

Regrets – 19

Preliminary Motions

The Synod Executive met regularly through 2022, both via Zoom and in person, even enjoying a meal with the Executive of the Western Han-Ca Presbytery in June, 2022. Although our docket was a little lighter than in other years, and there were fewer than average grant requests as a result of the Post-COVID inertia many congregations are feeling, the Synod Executive continue to work diligently and be accountable to ongoing projects, as well as engaging and supporting new and innovative ministry.

The Executive is cognoscente of its ability to provide some stability to the wider church, as congregations and clergy continue to lead in these uncertain times. As such Rev. Alfred Lee agreed to remain as the Moderator of Synod for one additional year, to assist the Executive provide ongoing financial and pastoral support to congregations within its bounds.

During the closing announcements of last year's Online Synod Business Meeting, Rev. Victor Kim brought to our attention that churches in British Columbia might be caught up in the regulations of the Land Transparency Act. The Synod Executive endeavored to explore the implications to churches in the province and to provide an Info Chart and contact information for churches.

Of special concern this year was the quiet support of the Han-Ca Presbytery as their congregations and clergy wrestle with the implications and ramifications of the decisions of General Assembly in the last two years. A letter filed just prior to our last Synod is printed in the Appendix as a show of the Synod's ongoing support of the Western Han-Ca and their ministry.

Recommendation #1 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that the Synod Executive Report be received and its recommendations be considered. Carried.

Recommendation #2 Moved by G. Jay, seconded by R. Napier, that Teresa Charlton be appointed as Clerk of Synod for a one-year period. Carried.

Recommendation #3 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that Ms. Annette Pardais (Synod Financial Manager) be permitted to sit and correspond. Carried.

Recommendation #4 Moved by W. Vandewall, seconded by R. Napier, that the Rev. Alfred Lee remain as the Moderator of the Synod of British Columbia for one additional year. Carried.

Recommendation #5 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that membership on the following committees be approved:

Committee on Courtesies - Teresa Charlton

Committee on Leave to Withdrawal - Teresa Charlton

Carried.

Recommendation #6 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that Committee to Examine Minutes considers the minutes submitted and report back.

Carried.

Recommendation #7 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that the Docket as printed be the Order of Business for the 130th Synod of B.C. Carried.

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Future Synods

Prior to COVID, the Synod Executive had been looking towards broadening the scope of possible speakers and topics for the Annual Conference. A Planning Team was formed, composed of Rev. Victor Kim, Rev. Paddy Eastwood, and Rev. Rebecca Simpson, to advise the Executive. The original intent was to plan a three-year program centered around the topics of renewal and rejuvenation of congregations. Funds were re-allocated from the yearly Regional Resource Grant to accommodate additional costs that might be associated with encouraging larger profile speakers to attend. The hosting rotation was also adjusted to encourage Commissioners and lay-leaders from congregations to attend.

2022: Westminster (for Kootenay)

2023: Westminster

2024: Vancouver Island

2025: Kootenay (for Westminster)

Since those plans were put into place, much has changed. In 2020 the Synod Conference and Annual Meeting was cancelled, and in 2021, the meeting was held entirely online. In addition, Rev. Victor Kim resigned in order to take his new position as Principal Clerk at National Office. The Executive felt that many Commissioners may be COVID-Weary, and in need of re-connecting this year, so a more pastoral program was adopted.

The Executive is mindful that many are still not comfortable to gather in-person. This year, the Executive has worked to re-establish the 'usual' pattern of our Annual Conference, offering a hybrid model for parts of the conference to encourage as many to participate as possible. Following our meeting, the Executive will review the success of the conference and meet with the remaining members of the Planning Team to evaluate what is the best approach moving forward.

In the meantime, the Executive will be recommending to set aside a portion of the 2023 Regional Resource Grant for the purpose of moving forward with the Planning Team's original plan, should that be the outcome. (see Life and Mission Agency below).

Recommendation #13 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by G. Jay, that the presbyteries, in the above order, be asked to supply the names of host congregations. Carried.

Life and Mission Agency Funding

Although many of the usual recipients of Regional Resource Grant funds have not yet been able to return to their activities, the Executive is happy to report that some programs are up and running again. This year, recipients of grants were:

Camp Douglas (Westminster)

Western Han-Ca Presbytery

The full grant amount for the Synod of British Columbia for 2023 is \$61,000. With an eye on ensuring that each Presbytery has an equal opportunity to apply for funds, and that additional resources may be available for the Synod Planning Team in 2023, the following recommendations are made. Presbyteries are encouraged to apply early in the year. The application can be found under 'Grants' on the National Office website, requiring a narrative of the project, a proposed budget, and extract of Presbytery support.

Recommendation #14 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Life and Mission Agency funds through the Regional Resourcing Grant for the Synod be allotted among the FIVE (5) presbyteries equally AND an equal portion of \$10,166 for Synod Planning for the year 2023. Carried.

Recommendation #15 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by T. Charlton,

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2. That the presbyteries be strongly urged to have their submissions for Life and Mission Agency funding to the Grant Review Committee by May 31st 2023.
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 presentation of each grant to the Open House at the 131st Synod of British Columbia.

Carried.

Recommendation #16 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that after June 1st 2023 any Regional Resourcing Grant funds that are not already allocated to projects/event be made available to any submitted project within the Synod of B.C. Carried.

Synod Grants

The Synod reviewed several grant applications over the year, both for ongoing projects and new applications. The grants approved by the Synod Executive this year were:

Ongoing Projects – Jack Smith Fund

Korean Campus Ministry – \$2500
 Simon Fraser Campus Ministry - \$1800
 Tlichon Missionary Work - \$8000

New Projects - Jack Smith Fund

Brentwood Presbyterian - \$5000 [52 Songs Project]
 Abbotsford Korean - \$20,000 [Building Upgrades/Repairs]

Emergency Support - St. Denis Fund

Korean Presbyterian Church, Edmonton - \$6000

Applications are accepted by the Executive throughout the year. The Terms of Reference for Synod Grants can be found on the Synod Website, or by contacting the Synod Clerk. An application will require a narrative, budget, and Presbytery support. Applications that indicate a congregation or ministry's intent to provide some of the financing required are preferred, but not necessarily required, depending on the circumstances. A final report at the conclusion of the project is welcomed.

Synod Dues For 2023

The Synod Executive recognized that although many congregations are returning to more 'normal' practice and activity, the longer-term financial difficulties as a result of COVID linger and many congregations are continuing to struggle financially. It was decided that Synod Dues would remain the same for 2023, \$5/member to a maximum of \$100/congregation. Congregations who find this a challenge are asked to contact the Executive to be considered for financial relief.

After some discussion the following motion was made:

Recommendation #16B – Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by S. Filyk that Synod Dues for 2023 be amended to a flat rate of \$100/congregation. Carried.

Synod Loans

In addition to Grants, the Synod is also able to offer congregations and ministries, loans with agreeable terms and conditions. The current policy on repayment of Synod loans is as follows.

- 1.Loans received prior to December 31, 2020 to be re-paid with a yearly amount of \$500 (minimum) + 1% of the outstanding amount.
- 2.Loans received after January 1, 2021 to be re-paid with a yearly amount of \$1000 (minimum) + 1% of the outstanding amount.

This past year, the Synod Executive was able to provide the following loan:

Abbotsford Korean - \$30,000 (Building Repairs)

Financial Management & Budget for 2023

The Synod finances continue to be in a healthy position, supported by the ongoing work of Mrs. Annette Pardais, and the long-range planning of RBC Dominion Securities.

Recommendation #17 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Synod Financial Manager's Report be received and considered. Carried.

Recommendation # 18 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that Ms. Annette Pardais be appointed Synod Financial Manager for a one-year term. Carried.

Recommendation #19 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that Mrs. Nancy Farran, of RBC Dominion Securities, continue for one year, as Synod Investment Advisor. Carried.

Recommendation #20 Moved by T. Charlton, seconded by R. Napier, that the Budget for 2023 be received and considered. The budget is located in the Appendix. Carried.

Recommendation #21 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that the Budget for 2023 as amended [due to Recommendation #16B] be approved. Carried.

Recommendation #22 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that Ms. Annette Pardais be offered thanks for her continued diligence with managing the financial accounts of the Synod. Carried.

Recommendation #22B Moved by M. Baxter, seconded by R. Lockhart, to approve the Financial Manger's Report. Carried.

New Business

At last year's Business Meeting, a Notice of Motion was moved by Steve Filyk and seconded by Laura Kavanagh to review the Standing Orders regarding honorariums and adjusting them for inflation (COLA). Steve spoke to the motion with the following:

Recommendation #22C Moved by S. Filyk, seconded by L. Kavanagh, that the Clerk's Honorarium be increased by 20% for the 2023 Budget, to be adjusted yearly by COLA, and that this change be reflected in the Standing Orders. Carried.

Recommendation #22D Moved by R. Napier, seconded by L. Kavanagh, that the Executive review expense allocations at their January 2023 meeting. Carried.

A Notice of Motion was given by L. Kavanagh, seconded by R. Watson that the Standing Orders of Synod be changed to address the overall expense issues.

Final Recommendations

The Synod Executive will continue the work of the Court beyond this meeting. Their next planned meeting is in late January 2023, so those with correspondence or grant requests are encouraged to submit their information or requests by January 15, 2023, in order to ensure they are placed on the agenda.

Recommendation #23 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that the thanks be extended to Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church and the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church for hosting the Synod this year. Carried.

Recommendation #24 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that Leave to Withdrawal has been requested by: [The Committee will add names here as needed.]

Note: This Recommendation was withdrawn.

Recommendation #25 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that the Committee to Examine Records reports the following:

Presbytery of Westminster – Received with Notes

Presbytery of Kamloops – Received with Notes

Presbytery of Vancouver Island – Received with Notes

Kootenay Presbytery - Not Received

Western Han- Ca Presbytery – Received with Notes

Carried.

Recommendation # 26 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay that the Report of the Synod Executive be adopted and that any unfinished business of the 130th Synod of BC be referred to the Executive of the Synod with power to issue. Carried.

Recommendation # 27 Moved by R. Napier, seconded by G. Jay, that the Synod of B.C. rise with the Benediction of worship on Sunday, October 16, 2022, to resume business again at the 131st Synod of BC on Friday, October 13, 2023. Carried.

The Moderator closed the business meeting with the Benediction. Prayers were offered for Laura Gorman (illness), Laurie McKay (family emergency), Norma Ashcroft (illness), Rev. Brian Fraser and Rev. Mary Fontaine.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
ASSETS		
RBC Community Account	14,773	2,064
RBC Dominion Securities	908,925	790,895
	<u>923,698</u>	<u>792,959</u>
Loans Receivable		
Central PC, Vancouver	6,343	6,343
St. Paul's PC	4,675	7,500
St. Aidan's PC	14,000	16,000
Surrey Korean PC	13,033	13,033
Trinity PC - Campbell River	4,500	5,000
	<u>42,551</u>	<u>47,876</u>
Funds Held in Trust		
Estate of Jack Smith	753,651	699,695
	<u>753,651</u>	<u>699,695</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,719,900</u>	<u>1,540,530</u>
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts payable	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net assets		
Opening balance	1,540,530	1,413,838
Excess of receipts over disbursements	179,370	126,692
Ending balance	<u>1,719,900</u>	<u>1,540,530</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>1,719,900</u>	<u>1,540,530</u>

SYNOD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
RECEIPTS		
Assessments		(waived)
Kamloops Presbytery	800	-
Kootenays Presbytery	-	-
Vancouver Island Presbytery	1,100	-
Western Han Ca Presbytery	1,300	-
Westminster Presbytery	2,700	-
	<hr/> 5,900	<hr/> -
Loan interest, net	1,570	1,060
Jack Smith Fund - Earnings	38,902	30,813
RBC Investments		
Interest	1,580	2,101
Dividends	7,680	7,357
Other	23,876	11,663
	<hr/> 79,508	<hr/> 52,994
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bank charges	99	99
Executive meetings	186	1,450
Grants	18,300	32,300
Honorarium		
Clerk	5,000	5,000
Investment costs	9,005	7,506
Liability insurance	1,304	1,216
Synod expenses		
Office expense	198	-
Other travel	-	100
	<hr/> 34,092	<hr/> 47,671
Excess of receipts over disbursements before the under	45,416	5,323
Regional grant	-	30,000
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments		
Jack Smith Fund	40,054	65,993
RBC Investments	93,900	25,376
	<hr/> 133,954	<hr/> 91,369
Excess of receipts over disbursements	179,370	126,692

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
 FUND STATEMENT FOR: ESTATE OF JACK SMITH
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021

Prepared: February 28, 2022

Capital Account

Balance at beginning of period		668,882
Revaluation of asset	40,054	40,054
Distributions		
10% of annual income from previous year	3,081	
transfer unused interest from prior year	2,732	5,813
Balance at end of period		<u>714,749</u>

Income Account

Balance at beginning of period		30,813
Investments		
Quarter 1	4,134	
Quarter 2	4,685	
Quarter 3	5,943	
Quarter 4	24,140	38,902
Distributions		
Synod of British Columbia	25,000	
10% of annual income from previous year (to capital)	3,081	
Remainder of annual income from previous year	2,732	(30,813)
Balance at end of period		<u>38,902</u>
Total Fund Balance		<u><u>753,651</u></u>

BUDGET

SYNOD OF B.C.

2023 Budget with 2022 Comparison and 2021 Actual

FINAL - REVISED - For Approval

RATE		\$1.00		\$100.00	
YEAR	2021 ACTUAL	5% projected decrease 2022 BUDGET		2023 BUDGET	
		Members		Congregations	
		(2020 base)		(2021 base)	
	# \$	# \$		# \$	
RECEIPTS					
Presbytery Assessments					
Kamloops	8 800	457 457		8 775	
Kootenay- paid late	5 0	155 155		5 395	
Vancouver Island	11 1,100	997 997		11 1,100	
Western Han-Ca	13 1,300	1,638 1,638		13 1,300	
Westminster	27 2,700	2,195 2,195		27 2,480	
Total Assessments	64 5,900	5,442 5,442		64 6,050	
Transfer to / from Reserve	0	0		0	
	5,900	5,442		6,050	
Other Income					
Synod Registrations	0	2,500		2,500	
Loan Principal & Interest	1,570	1,000		500	
Jack Smith Fund	38,902	25,000		30,000	
RBC Income:					
Interest	1,580	2,000		1,000	
Dividends	7,680	6,500		7,500	
Capital gains	-	15,000		0	
Other	23,876 33,136	7,500		10,000	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	79,508	64,942		57,550	
DISBURSEMENTS					
Synod Meeting					
Administrative & promotional	0	1,500		2,500	
Catering	0	3,000		3,000	
Honoraria	0	2,500		2,500	
Travel	0	17,500		20,000	
Administration					
Bank Charges	99	300		300	
Clerk's Honorarium	5,000	5,000		5,000	
Executive Meetings & Travel	186	2,000		500	
Investment Fees	9,005	7,500		9,000	
Liability Insurance	1,304	1,300		1,500	
Office supplies and postage	198	25		150	
Travel					
Other	0	1,000		0	
TOTAL EXPENSES	15,792	41,625		44,450	
Grants & Loans					
Canada Youth Conference	-	10,000		0	
Inter Faith Centre	1,800	1,800		1,800	
Korean Campus Ministry	2,500	2,500		2,500	
Jack Smith Fund					
Brentwood Presbyterian	6,000	0		0	
Tlicho Christian	8,000	0		8,000	
	18,300	14,300		12,300	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	34,092	55,925		56,750	
EXCESS, RECEIPTS LESS DISBURSEMENTS	45,416	9,017		800	

ATTENDANCE

Roy	Napier	John	Lee
Laura	Kavanagh	Mark	Carter
Alfred	Lee	Isabel	Evans
Susan	Stacey	Beverley	Shepansky
Gordon	Shields	Mark	Carter
Ken	Sewell	Richard	Watson
Margaret	Peacock	Teresa	Charlton
John T.	Hanna	Ross	Lockhart
Martin	Baxter	Paddy	Eastwood
Geof	Jay	Anna-Marie	Carstens
Afonso	Issa	Jennifer	Geddes
Steven	Filyk	John	Paeng
Curtis	Wilson	Mary	Moore
Beverley	Feick	Emily	Wilson
Dale	Woods	Bernie	Skelding
Willem	van de Wall	Gerard	Booy
Faith	Furlong	Vincent	Tam
Jon	Wyminga	Steven	Park
Shannon	Bell	Tae	Kwon
		Eui	Kim

WE REMEMBER

William Stenton
Hope Stenton
Mary Carroll
Peter Boldt
Rev. Beverly Kay
Fran McLean
Georgina Pfeiffer

Harry Vogel
Dr. Don McLean
Rev. Hazel Smith
Rev. Barbary Young
Rev. Iris Ford
Rev. Alan Beaton

