

The Presbytery of Westminster met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 2, 2019 at 7:00pm within the Gordon Presbyterian Church, Burnaby, BC. Worship was led by Brad Childs.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Miklos Szigeti, opened with recognition of the traditional First Nation lands upon which the Presbytery was meeting, and then constituted the Court with prayer at 7:35pm.

The Moderator welcomed any guests in attendance.

Dr. Ted Hannah from Central PC. Motion moved by Jim Smith, seconded by Brian Fraser that Dr. Hannah be given permission to sit and correspond.

CARRIED

DOCKET

It was moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Ross Lockhart that the consent agenda below be adopted.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

- that the Docket be as indicated,
- that the attendance be recorded as noted in the Roll Record Book,
- that regrets and requests for permission to withdraw be noted as sent to the clerk of presbytery,
- that the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 5, 2019 be adopted,
- that the correspondence be dealt with as indicated,
- that reports without recommendations be received "for information."
- that reports with recommendations be received and their recommendations considered,
- that the presbytery treasurer be permitted to speak to financial issues.

If the Court is agreed, these motions will be adopted at the beginning of the meeting. Any member may ask for an issue on the consent agenda to be withdrawn from this list before the agenda is adopted.

ROLL

Constituent Roll:

M. Baxter, H. Botha, B. Childs, P. Eastwood, M. Fontaine, B. Fraser, S. Goble, D. Howard, V. Kim, R. Lockhart, B. Paul, J. Smith, W. van der Westhuizen, M. Wong

N. Abramson, A. Beattie, J. Christopherson, B. Dennehy, I. Evans, B. Feick, L. Gorman, D. Jennings, A. Lin, J. Low, H. McClelland, K. Patrick, K. Sewell, B. Shepansky, G. Shields, S. Stacey, R. Steward, E. Wilson, A. Wong, P. Wong, L. Yen.



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Appendix:

B. Garvin, R. Ross, T. Siverns, R. Watson

Students:

M. Arsenault, A. Perrett

REGRETS

T. Hsieh, G. Jay, J. Lin, C. MacLeod, R. Simpson, R. Topping, W. van de Wall
 R. McClelland, R. Wensler
 G. Davis, K. Jordan, J.H. Kouwenberg, B. McLagan, W. Sosnowsky

Permission to withdraw given to:

Willem van der Westhuizen and Emily Wilson request to leave at 9:00pm.

CORRESPONDENCE

02-24-19 through 03-26-19

02-26-19	Brian Fraser	Regional Resourcing Grant application for Christian Urban Camps (CUC)	Received and forwarded to Coordinating Comm
02-26-19	Larry Eastwood	POW Finance Review Letter and 2018 Financials Statements	Received
02-26-19	Miklos Szigeti	Submission of First Hungarian Statistical Info (include electronic version)	Received
02-26-19	Laurie Trulson	Submission of Coquitlam Statistical and Financial Statements	Received
02-26-19	Victor Kim	Grant support request from Richmond Presbyterian Church	Received and forwarded to Coordinating Comm
02-27-19	Larry Eastwood	Submission of Langley PC Statistical and Financial Statements	Received
02-28-19	Bob Paul	Rod Thomson will be Elder Commissioner for Calvin PC to GA 2019	Received
02-28-19	Dal Schindell	Requesting permission for a short leave of absence from Presbytery due to health reasons	Received and noted by Student Certification Committee
02-28-19	Adrian Wong	Garland Chow will be Elder Commissioner for VCPC to GA 2019	Received
02-28-19	Willem van de Wall	Submission of Statistical and Financial Statements for Cooke's PC	Received
02-28-19	Larry Eastwood	POW Income and Financial Statements for February 2019	Received
03-01-19	Susan Stacey	Submission of Statistical and Financial Statements for Kerrisdale PC	Received
03-01-19	Johanna Jansen	Submission of Financial reports for St.	Received


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03-01-19	Janet Holman	Submission of Statistical and Financial Statements for Calvin PC (typed)	Received
03-01-19	Andrea Perret	Submission of Statistical and Financial statements for West Point Grey PC	Received
03-02-19	Richard Watson	West Point Grey AGM and IM report	Received and noted by the Strategic Planning Committee for response
03-03-19	Paddy Eastwood	Bobby Ogdon suffered a heart attack but is recovering well.	Noted and shared
03-08-19	Johanna Jansen	Adjusted Statistical and Financial reports for St. Andrew's-Newton	Received
03-08-19	Larry Eastwood	Submission of Statistical and Financial reports for St. John's	Received
03-10-19	Kiejoon Kim	Submission of Statistical Information from Fairview	Received
03-11-19	Maggie Leung	WE January 2019 Presbyterians Sharing update	Received and circulated
03-15-19	Jim Sitrer	Notification that the Presbytery of Barrie, Ontario will not recertify Mr. Ian Sturrock as a candidate for the ministry of Word and Sacraments	Received and noted
03-15-19	Larry Eastwood	Request written documentation proving that Larry Eastwood has authority to change the address for the BC Assessment Form for Camp Douglas	Responded
03-19-19	Gavin Robertson	Flourishing Congregations Institute is requesting congregations to participate in a Survey.	Received and circulated
03-19-19	Hannah Cho	36 Moderator Ballots received from POW	Noted
03-21-19	Colleen McCue	2019 Resourcing Grant application for Camp Douglas received by PCC	Noted
03-21-19	Colleen McCue	2019 Resourcing Grant application for Christian Urban Camp received by PCC	Noted
03-22-19	Laurie Deacon	Request for presbytery funding support to send representatives of the Collaborating Churches of Burnaby/New West to Stewards by Design	Noted and forwarded to Coordinating Committee for response
03-23-19	Andrea Perrett	Thank you for support of the "Called to be" retreat held at SAH during spring break.	Circulated
03-25-19	Pat Dutcher-Walls	Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) Housing Training and Resources for congregations to be held April 2 and April 27	Circulated


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03-25-19	Jen de Combe	Cyclical PCC Participation – POW	Received and circulated
03-26-19	Brad Childs	Invitation from Fairview for Strategic Planning Committee to meet with Session of Fairview	Received and forwarded to SPC for response
03-26-19	Richard Watson	Request for presbytery support for grant application (updated March 27)	Received and forwarded to Coordinating Committee for response
04-01-19	Bobby Ogdon	Submission of Retirement Letter - Retirement date June 30, 2019	
04-01-19	Mathew Goslinski	Grants for UCC and Passing the Torch have both been approved by Regional Resourcing	

REPORTS

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Paddy Eastwood, Coordinating Committee Member.
 Moved by Paddy Eastwood, seconded by Isabel Evans.*

Coordinating Committee Report – April 2, 2019

The committee met via video conferencing through the Zoom software. This is software that is licensed by the presbytery annually at a cost of \$200.00. Zoom software can be used for free for meetings shorter than 45 minutes, but for longer meetings, the presbytery license can be used by committees by getting in touch with the Clerk for information and access.

PCC Cyclical

- The committee reviewed correspondence received regarding the PCC Cyclical program from Jen de Combe, Associate Secretary for Canadian Ministries. It was agreed to ask Andrea Perrett and Ross Lockhart to speak to presbytery regarding Cyclical, to share with us what it is and how presbytery can be involved in supporting those engaged in the program.

- ◇ **Recommendation 1:** That Andrea Perrett and Ross Lockhart be invited to share details of the PCC Cyclical program with the presbytery. **CARRIED**

Permission for Grant Application support from Richard Watson

- Richard Watson has submitted correspondence seeking presbytery support for grant requests to Canadian Ministries from the New and Renewed Ministries Fund. along with the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, the Chisholm Fund, the Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund, the Special Projects Fund and the Fund for Ministerial Assistance. Richard’s full description of his ministry proposal is part of the documentation sent to the presbytery for this meeting.
 The Presbytery of Westminster wishes to see the proposed initiative of the Rev. Richard Watson obtain seed funding to help determine the viability of such an initiative. Canadian Ministries has seed funding that may be available for the initiative, but requires the applicant be the Presbytery of Westminster.


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Without determining if the initiative at present would be a presbytery sponsored new worshipping community but to encourage the viability assessment of the initiative...

- ◇ **Recommendation 2:** That committee recommends that presbytery support the request from the Rev. Rich:
- ◇ **Recommendation 3:** That the presbytery support Richard Watson's grant applications to the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, the Chisholm Fund, the Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund, the Special Projects Fund and the Fund for Ministerial Assistance of the PCC. **CARRIED**

Request for Funding Support for the Collaborating Churches of Burnaby/New West

- The committee received correspondence from Laurie Deacon seeking funding for leadership from the Collaborating Churches of Burnaby/New West to attend the Stewards by Design Conference. There was discussion at the most recent Collaborating Churches meeting about long term planning around amalgamation of congregations in the Burnaby/New West area. It was agreed that it would be helpful to have some of the key people from the interested sessions of the congregations be trained and equipped to think strategically around stewardship and healthy congregations through the Stewards by Design Conference. This knowledge will be very helpful in guiding congregations through any amalgamation that may take place.

- ◇ **Recommendation 4:** That the presbytery agree to provide up to \$2,600 to send people from the Collaborati

- Currently, there is \$2,328.20 available through the Regional Resourcing Grants for 2019, which the presbytery could apply for with the intention of using the funds for the furtherance of visioning for the presbytery, which is what the recommendation would be understood as. Any additional money needed could come from the roughly \$3,000-4,000 remaining from the 2018 funds.

Presbytery Directory/Pulpit Supply List/Meeting Times and Places

- Please note that contained in the information package for presbytery is an updated directory which also includes the most recent Pulpit Supply List.
- There are also openings for congregations and ministries to host presbytery in the fall of 2019 and the spring of 2020. If congregations are interested in hosting presbytery, please contact the Clerk as soon as you are able.

Respectfully submitted

Paddy Eastwood,
Convener



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**New Ministry Seed Grant Application
Stage 1 - Vision and Discernment Team Development
Submitted by Rev. Richard Watson**

TO: The Presbytery of Westminster care of the Rev. Victor Kim, Clerk of Presbytery

FROM: The Rev. Richard Watson, a minister in good standing who is on the Appendix of the Roll of the Presbytery of Westminster.

The following information is provided in support of an application to Canada Ministries for a grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund Recommendation #1. The same information is provided as the basis for permission to apply for grants from the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, Chisholm Fund, Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund, Special Projects Fund and Funds for Ministerial Assistance Recommendation #2 below. Presently all applications must be submitted prior to April 15, 2019.

Background - New and Renewed Ministry Fund

The purpose of the New and Renewed Ministry Fund is to assist with the creation of the following types of ministries:

- new congregations (independent/standalone congregation)
- new worshipping communities (café ministries, house churches, sports ministries, third-space ministries, etc.)
- parallel ministries (a ministry initiative reaching a new target population such as newly arrived immigrants, young families, singles, etc., or embracing creative new forms of ministry such as dinner churches, third-space ministries, etc., that is separate but supported by an existing congregation)

It is the understanding that Canada Ministries disperses grants through a tiered granting program contingent on demonstrated results. Tiered granting systems provide grant-receiving ministries funds to experiment in new directions. The system is designed to support ministries as they grow by providing increased funding based on meeting identified goals and benchmarks.

Amounts available: seed grant (up to \$10,000); growth grant (up to \$20,000); yield grant (up to \$30,000).


The 'seed' grant (first tier) supports committed leaders with launching an early-stage vision of a new ministry, the 'growth' grant (second tier) supports ministries as they work towards stability and sustainability, and the 'yield' grant (third tier) supports ministries as they reach maturity. First-time applicants much begin with a seed grant and continue towards a yield grant. A detailed budget and an endorsement from a governing body must accompany all applications.

Accordingly, as a first time applicant I am applying for a seed grant of \$10,000 in the second category described as a new worshipping community and asking for the support of the Presbytery of New Westminster as the governing body to accompany my application.

Name of New Third Space Ministry - Possibility includes "Around the Well" To be determined and finalized by the Discernment Team

Location of ministry:

West Side of Vancouver - UBC, Point Grey, Dunbar and Kerrisdale


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Outline and purpose or goal of the ministry:

This ministry is an attempt to reach out to, connect with, and bring together people living in the above communities through a third space community that grows and develops into a new worshipping community. The target members of the new community will enter the third space having no idea what the Christian faith is all about and how that relates to being "church." These people are either completely disconnected from the existing Church or have no interest in participating based on their current understandings. They are residents in the community who may have some God awareness and unfulfilled longings for the good. Many will be families with children, some may be young people, others will be older but all will be locals living in the community for an intended longer term. My hope is that the community will represent the demographics of the west side with wide diversity of age, cultural and religious backgrounds.

In general the purpose is all about Jesus command from Matthew 28:19 to "Go and make disciples of the nations... .. teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." The approach is confessional based on the realization that in this post Christendom world the existing traditional church has lost a foothold on being able to connect with its surrounding community. Our faith reminds us that Jesus is still present and leading us into the world to witness His work. This ministry is a context specific attempt to discern what the Holy Spirit is doing within the community and participate in making and teaching disciples of Christ. The more specific purpose is to experiment with new and different ways of connecting with and bringing people together to worship the Father in spirit and in truth (John 4:23). Ultimately, if this ministry serves its purpose, the surrounding community will be better off because of it, more aware of the living presence of Jesus Christ, and have more people focussed on following The Way while holding onto Jesus promises for the future.

The goal of this seed proposal is threefold:

- 1) To assemble a team of people who are interested in building a new worshipping community on the West Side of Vancouver.
- 2) To work through the process for starting a new ministry based on the publication from the PC USA called "Starting New Worshipping Communities: A Process of Discernment."
- 3) To produce a "Mission Plan" with established benchmarks for the new worshipping community.
- 4) To work with and build bridges with Presbytery and existing West Side ministries/churches as the concept develops into a working plan.

Please provide the ministry's statement of vision and mission:

The whole point of Stage 1 of this project is to develop a vision and mission plan that is created in collaboration with and supported by a collective or corporate body of Christians that I call the "Discernment Team." It is the desired result or output. However, I have a basic vision and mission to begin with that I hope will be confirmed and supported by Presbytery as a place to begin.

As resident of UBC for the past thirteen years I have witnessed the growth of a residential community that has intentionally not included plans for traditional churches and or separately designated worship centres. It is a sign of the times that in this local context of a community that is growing to the size of about 40,000 people there is no planned physical space or accommodation for Christian community in a traditional or from a Christendom based sense. It is also a sign of the times that the during the same period in the surrounding community existing Presbyterian churches (along with Lutheran, Anglican and United churches) have either declined or barely maintained their status and presence. Clearly there is a desperate need to



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try something different. It is not that there is a complete absence of a Christian presence or that there are no signs of Holy Spirit in action among the people who live here. For example, the President and Vice Chancellor of UBC, Santa J. Ono is an openly confessed Christian who has encouraged the work of the Christian Churches in the area. In addition I have witnessed many other happenings that lead me to believe there is a lot of people with an unfulfilled desire for community: something beyond that which presently exists. I think Jesus words through John 4:35 (TNIV) apply in this context, "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."

The challenge before us is to trust there is plenty of opportunity here and to follow the work of our Triune God in helping people recognize and fulfill their desire to participate in that something more. There is a need to find the "space" for the formation of Community in around the promised harvest. Recently - thanks to the Cyclical PCC program and the advice of Andrea Perrett and Reverend Dr Ross Lockhart - I have come across a framework to use for the vision and mission in this particular context: A book by David E. Fitch is called "Faithful Presence; Seven Disciplines that shape the church for mission." In his book Fitch describes three circles in which we can practice his proposed seven disciplines:

- 1) A close circle - a recognizably intimate place where Christians gather together to feed and drink upon the life giving presence of Christ. I interpret this as a space being like or similar to the formal worship hour in an existing worshipping community.
- 2) A perforated circle - a place less intimate and recognizably public where Christians play host to the rest of the world. This can also be called a third space open to a hospitality of Christ's presence of a different kind. In light of Fitch's descriptions I interpret this as a place where Christians practice his disciplines in a way that is "Welcoming and mutually transforming." There is a lot of listening in this space but there is also nonjudgemental sharing that confess what the host's understandings are too. This space could be formal like an Alpha Course, a bible study, a small group of varied descriptions but it could be informal as well, like a coffee shop discussion group, a gathering of jazz musicians to play and talk about their work, a group that bakes bread together, or a group of businessmen. There are an infinite number of possibilities here but the main point is that Christians are playing host and practicing the described disciplines in a way that looks for the faithful presence of Christ in that particular context.
- 3) A half circle - This is a completely public place where Christians are not the host or in control. Again there are an infinite number of examples to describe it - a community meeting, a parent advisory council to a particular school, a work site, a hospital visit, a disaster relief operation etc. - but the main point is the assumption that Christians participate by practicing the disciplines in the space. The mission is to look for Christ's faithful presence trusting that He is control and ruling in a way that results in His reconciling the whole world to himself.

In light of this framework the vision and mission of this ministry is for the new community to begin by developing context specific practices that operate from the "perforated circle" and "half circle" spaces. The core of the community will also need nourishment and healing through close circle practices as well but that will come through partnerships with the people of existing churches and worshipping spaces.

Please provided a detailed description of the new ministry:

Again a detailed description of the new ministry is actually a desired outcome of Stage 1 work. However, the approach is to start small with monthly events that proceed under the guidance of a leadership team to garner feedback from participants and the activities themselves. These events provide the setting for the creation of the "Mission Plan."

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Two separate monthly activities are planned to begin: First, a monthly event that provides experimental ground for the perforated circle community to develop. Second, a set of monthly meetings of the Vision and Discernment team gathered to intentionally check progress and work through the defined process of the PC USA publication. Both activities are integral to the process which has already begun. One event occurred on March 17th at a local community centre on UBC campus and another is planned for May 5th.

The gathering on March 17th was created to get a real time glimpse of what a third space might look like and to invite participation in the discernment team. Thirty four people attended, 22 adults and 14 children. At least 12 of the adults present had no connection with an existing church and eight of them were of a different faith. I used the story from John 4, Jesus interaction with the Samaritan woman at the well, to cast a possible vision for what the community might look like and explain a bit about the intended process of getting there. The result was extremely helpful. Feed back from some of the participants included statements that went something like this (paraphrased):

"Thank you for inviting me to this. I'm glad I came, it is something I did not know I needed."

"As someone who comes from a conservative Christian background. I feel uncomfortable, almost defensive about what happened today. I'd like to talk more about what your plans are."

"I did not know you had so many friends of diverse background. This is a great place to gather"

"I think it went well, as a Sikh I was able to feel comfortable with your words and got your message about the different ways human beings worship and how God loves us all."

"I'm glad you mentioned that friends are welcome, I know several people who might be interested, I'm going to let them know about May 5th."

Describe the ministry's partners/launch team:

See table 1 for the proposed partners and launch team: Myself as lead, a team of 8 to 12 people for the discernment team, some local churches and Presbytery. So far four people have been intimately involved in the planning and implementation of the ministry: Myself, my wife Janet, a neighbour named Jen and a family associated with the Presbyterian Church who has expressed an interest in being involved in a new worshipping community. My hopes and prayers are that at least eight people who attended the March 17th event will be excited about formally joining the discernment team. I'm hoping that as this plan becomes known more people will come forward as potential partners, discernment team members and launch team members.

In truth I've got my work cut out for me. Although I'm hopeful I presently have no formal partnership arrangements with any of the local churches. However, for the most part, many people I've spoken with are very supportive of what I hope to do. I'm asking for Presbytery's support and am open to forming partnerships and bringing new people onto the discernment team. Your prayers are welcome and needed.

Describe your ministry's plans for growth and sustainability:

See Table 1 and Table 2 (proposed budget) attached.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Rev. Richard Watson M.Eng, M.Div.



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Table 1

Overview and opening position of a proposed NWC on the West Side				
Inputs	Outputs	Short term Goals (6 months to a year)	Mid Range Hopes (1-3 years)	Long Range Dreams (3 to 7 years)
Richard Watson	- Lead person providing spiritual guidance, facilitating communication and empowering leaders.	- Obtain clarity on leadership role and position description for future community. - Assemble leadership team. - Administrative production of "Mission Plan." - Build partnerships with existing churches in the community.	- Leadership for a 3rd space community (focussing on perforated circle and half circle operations). - Leadership for close circle fellowship of the leadership team.	Leadership of a growing and flourishing new worshipping community that acts upon and witnesses Christ's faithful presence in all three circles.
Other paid staff	Support and leadership with the developing community.	Position Descriptions developed for envisioned implementation team.	To be determined at completion of short term goals. Possible hiring of staff.	Fully integrated team members of new worshipping community.
Eight to twelve member leadership team	Core team creating the plans and setting goals for the vision and mission of the NWC.	Discernment team Core creating the mission plan and establishing the needs for leadership people in the new third space community.	Guidance, support and participation in the third space community core.	Session of New Worshipping Community.
Partnerships with existing churches in the Community	"Close Circle worship centres, support for growing new community"	"Close Circle" worship centres, financial support, possible human resources for leadership.	Partnership support for third space community.	Partnership and support with an independent New Worshipping Community.
Book keeper	Financial accountability	Financial accountability	Financial accountability	Financial accountability
Presbytery of Westminster	Support and Overall Accountability Check	Support and Overall Accountability Check	Support and Overall Accountability Check	Support and Overall Accountability Check


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Recommendations

1. That the Presbytery of Westminster endorse the application and supporting documents from the Rev Richard Watson to the New and Renewed Ministry Fund in the amount of \$10,000 to support the seed grant application for a new worshipping community on the West side of Vancouver in the spring of 2019.
2. That the Presbytery of Westminster endorse the application and supporting documents from the Rev Richard Watson to the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, Chisholm Fund, Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund, Special Projects Fund and Funds for Ministerial Assistance in the amounts indicated in Table 2 to support the seed grant application for a new worshipping community on the West side of Vancouver in the spring of 2019.

Table 2 - Proposed Budget

DESIRED REVENUE	
Canada Ministries Seed Grant	\$10,000
Avondbloem Experimental Fund	\$10,000
Chisholm fund	\$3,000
Presbyterian Innovative Ministries	\$5,000
Special Projects Fund	\$15,000
Funds for Ministerial Assistance	\$9,300
TOTAL INCOME	\$52,300
EXPENSES	
Stipend and benefits for 50% time ministry	\$45,000
Worship or meeting place rental	\$2,000
Social Media and Website initiation	\$1,500
Advertizing	\$300
Food and Hospitality	\$800
Administration & Printing	\$500
Book keeping	\$2,000
Books and Education	\$400
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$52,300


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STUDENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE

The report was presented by Brian Fraser, Student Certification Convener.

All motions moved by Brian Fraser, seconded by Jim Smith.

Report of the Student Certification Committee

Your committee met on Fri, Mar 22, with Stephen Bell, a prospect for ministry recommended to the Presbytery by the Session of City Centre Church. Participating in the interview were Joyce Davis, Jim Smith, and Brian Fraser. Stephen has transferred his church allegiance from the Salvation Army to The Presbyterian Church in Canada. In this transition, he noted with great appreciation the initiative of the Rev Dr Ross Lockhart at St Andrew's Hall and the congregation of City Centre.

In recommending that Stephen be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Westminster as he continues his studies to become a minister of Word and Sacraments within The Presbyterian Church in Canada, we note the following strengths:

- he brings with him into our denomination a wide range of experience, especially with intentional Christian communities serving the people of the Downtown Eastside in Vancouver;
- his biblical and theological reflection on this experience will be of great value to our mission as a denomination;
- he has a positive, open, and inviting presence;
- he has a genuine interest in people, no matter what their situation;
- he has good listening skills;
- he is experienced in non-profit administration and leadership;
- he has a passion for polity as a means of collaborating well;
- he recognizes how important it is to learn the culture of The Presbyterian Church in Canada in all of its diversity and promise; and
- he has good support networks for this journey into a new phase of his discipleship.

We have invited him:

- to take a careful look at the preamble, prayers, and vows in the ordination service in our *Book of Common Order* to learn more about the framework within which we understand the ministry of Word and Sacraments; and
- to continue his admirable curiosity about the various appropriations of Presbyterianism in Canada.

Your committee recommends, then:

That Stephen Bell be taken under the care of the Presbytery of Westminster as he proceeds through his formation for the Ministry of Word and Sacraments in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. **CARRIED**

The Rev Dr Brian Fraser, Acting Convener
Committee on Student Certification
Mar 25, 2019



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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by David Jennings, Strategic Planning Convener.

All motions moved by Ross Lockhart, seconded by Martin Baxter.

REPORT OF STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE

April 2, 2019 Presbytery Meeting

Presbytery of Westminster: Inspiring Leadership For Transformation

Strategic Priorities:

1. Engage in biblical theological reflection and education that deepens understanding of and commitment to God, the church, and its place in Christ's ministry and mission,
2. Engage in evangelism, outreach and discipleship
3. Embrace a missional culture that nurtures initiative and risk taking
4. Discern, prepare and support leaders – lay, youth and young adults and clergy – for faithful and fruitful ministry
5. Create, encourage and support communities of faith
6. engage in healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples

Short term Goals

- start at least 3 new worshipping communities within our bounds
- examine the health and vitality of every ministry within our bounds to assist it achieve healthier, more vital outcomes
- commit to greater financial assistance of Hummingbird Ministries and Camp Douglas to achieve healthier and more vital outcomes
- provide a number of immersive learning opportunities annually for all presbyters and congregational leadership and members

A. West Point Grey Transition –Request of Presbytery

As Presbytery is aware, WPGPC decided to conclude its ministry in 2018 and informed Presbytery that it wished to see the congregation's assets used for the Church to provide WPGPC with a legacy of missional innovation. The Strategic Planning Committee ("SPC") along with other Presbytery committees have attempted since that announcement to develop a plan to utilize the assets of WPGPC in a manner to honour WPGPC's legacy, but to date have not reached any definitive conclusions.

In early March the Interim Moderator of WPGPC, Rev. Richard Watson, contacted SPC to inform it of decisions made by WPGPC at its annual congregational meeting. Those decisions were:

1. Request Presbytery to be responsible for determining WPGPC's visioning legacy while furthering the strategic priorities of Presbytery



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2. Request that Presbytery appoint two assessor elders with one existing WPGPC elder (Kelly Patrick) remaining in place
3. Request Presbytery appoint one new trustee with two existing WPGPC trustees remaining in place
4. Fully take over operations of the WPGPC building and operations (although existing WPGPC treasurer and janitor are willing to continue in their respective roles)
5. Suggest to Presbytery possible areas of priority WPGPC would like Presbytery to consider with respect to the use of WPGPC assets as Presbytery enacts its strategic plan

In order to honour the work, witness and request of WPGPC, SPC makes the following recommendation:

Recommendation No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery hereby:

- (a) agrees to take the responsibility for determining West Point Grey's visioning legacy while furthering the strategic priorities of Presbytery
- (b) through the Moderator will appoint 2 assessor elders to West Point Grey's Session;
- (c) appoints David Jennings as a trustee of West Point Grey;
- (d) grants power to issue to the Moderator to name such persons and to enter into such agreements as may be deemed necessary or prudent for the purpose of maintaining the legal and physical existence and operations of West Point Grey.

CARRIED

B. Presbyter of Mission and Vision Search Committee

At the March 5, 2019 Presbytery meeting, Presbytery decided to create a full time term contract position of Presbyter of Mission and Vision and to have the Moderator appoint five persons to form a search committee of Presbytery for the purpose of hiring that Presbyter of Mission and Vision. The search committee was to report to the April 2, 2019 Presbytery meeting and recommend to Presbytery its mandate, budget, hiring process and timeline for Presbytery approval.

The Moderator named the following persons to the PMV Search Committee:

Rev. Rebecca Simpson (Convener)
Ms. Andrea Perrett
Rev. Dr. Bob Paul
Rev. Victor Kim
Mr. David Jennings

Attached as Schedule A to this SPC report is the draft PMV Search Committee Terms of Reference including Mandate, Budget, Hiring Process and Timeline.

Recommendation No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery hereby approves the terms of Reference for the PMV Search Committee, substantially in the form attached as Schedule A.

CARRIED


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C. Funding

At the March 5, 2019 Presbytery meeting, Presbytery decided to adopt four short term goals. Those short term goals, along with the hiring of the Presbyter of Mission and Vision, require funding of approximately \$1.3-\$1.5 million over the next five years. At the same Presbytery meeting, SPC was tasked to investigate potential funding sources, including debt financing, and to report back to Presbytery options for such funding and seek its approval for one or more options at a later meeting of Presbytery.

SPC has investigated the following three principal methods of financing the short term goals and the position of Presbyter of Mission and Vision. A summary of each idea and the possible pros and cons of each proposal are set out below:

1. Sale of Land

The first possibility for obtaining cash proposed is the sale of land. Presbytery itself owns no land and may receive funds for missional purposes only upon a dissolution of a congregation and the sale of its assets, which would occur only by way of a declaration of Presbytery. The denomination's policy is that all net sale proceeds would be sent to Trustee Board, of which 70% of the net land sale proceeds would be returned to the Presbytery, less up to \$1.5 million to pay into a pension top-up fund and up to \$120,000 to pay into an Indigenous Ministries Fund.

Some have suggested that WPGPC be dissolved and the lands (2019 BC Assessment-\$8.5 million) sold, which could return to the Presbytery approximately \$4.3 million. However, the analysis of WPGPC's legacy has not been undertaken, and it may be an excellent place for a church replant, for another Presbyterian congregation seeking different facilities, or an amalgamation with another congregation. In any event, the sale of the land would take some time, after a dissolution was formally completed and Trustee Board was willing to return the portion of funds described above. It may be premature to decide the land until such an analysis is completed (probably by the presbyter for Mission and Vision). Other congregation's in the next few years may provide another source of land sales if amalgamations or dissolutions occur.

2. Presbytery Dues

Presbytery has the authority to raise the rates of present Presbytery dues and to impose different dues. At present, approximately \$100,000 in Presbytery dues are raised each year. To increase the amounts raised to fully fund the \$1.5 million funding need over the next five years would require a four-fold increase in dues. As allocated at present, such an increase would be punishing to several congregations with difficulty meeting present budget demands. Alternatively, new Presbytery dues could be charged for in various circumstances where congregations receive windfall benefits due to materially increased real estate values. While this proposal of new Presbytery dues for windfall gains may be appropriate, it may take some time to raise the necessary funds for the present purposes.

3. Grant Applications

A quick review of the missional work proposed by the Presbytery in its short term goals suggests that some funding may be available from Canada Ministries. Additional funding may be available for individual endowment funds. However, the application for such funding takes time and will not result in sufficient amounts by themselves to fund wholly the proposed short-term goals and the position of presbyter of Mission and Vision.


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4. *Borrow funds*

SPC has had preliminary conversations with Presbyterian Church Building Corporation and received strong encouragement to apply for a loan. Due to the staggered need for funds over the five years, it is proposed a loan would be structured as a line of credit in which funds are drawn only as and when needed (thereby reducing interest costs for monies not deployed). PCBC offers five year term loans (the repayment, like most mortgages, can be renewed and amortized over a much longer period of time) at standard Royal Bank of Canada mortgage rates, on either a fixed or variable basis. The loan would need to be secured by the lands of a congregation, but the land need not be sold if the loan is renewed and ultimately other funds were obtained. The loan could be reviewed, approved and made available quickly.

Recommendation

While there are reasons for the Presbytery to consider both an actual sale of lands and proposing new Presbytery dues for congregational windfall gains, and also for pursuing funding sources for some of the short term goals, SPC is of the view that only a line of credit loan secured by a mortgage gives the Presbytery the funds it requires to execute on the short term goals in a cost effective way in the short term.

Recommendation No. 3

WHEREAS in order to resource the short-term goals of Presbytery and the position of Presbyter of Mission and Vision, the Presbytery considered various sources of potential funding including the sale of land, the increase and creation of new Presbytery dues, grant applications, and the incurring of debt,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

- (a) Presbytery hereby approves the entering into a line of credit loan from or through The Presbyterian Church Building Corporation of The Presbyterian Church in Canada for a principal amount not to exceed \$2 million for a five year term on either a fixed or variable market rate of interest, and such other terms as may be negotiated, with security of the repayment of the loan provided by the execution of a grant or mortgage of the real property of the congregation of West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, and the provision of any further assurance required; and
- (b) Property and Finance Committee be an is hereby granted power to issue to take such steps and execute such documents on behalf of Presbytery as may be necessary or prudent to give effect to the above resolution.

CARRIED

Respectfully Submitted,
David Jennings, Convener



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SCHEDULE A

Search Committee for the Presbyter of Mission and Vision for the Presbytery of Westminster

Terms of Reference

Members: Rebecca Simpson (Convener), David Jennings, Victor Kim, Bob Paul, Andrea Perrett

Mandate:

- To bring to the Presbytery of Westminster (POW) recommendations for the Presbyter of Mission and Vision (PMV) for consideration by the whole presbytery.
- Ensure the circulation of the position description for the PMV (approved by the POW March 5, 2019) on a broad scale, including within the Presbyterian Church in Canada, other selected denominations within Canada and the United States, including the Presbyterian Church, USA (PCUSA).
- Keep the POW updated on a regular and timely basis, including at all regular presbytery meetings between the creation of the Search Committee and the recommendation of candidates for the position of the PMV.
- Member of the Search Committee will respect the confidentiality of the prospective candidates and the search process.
- Along with a recommendation of candidates for consideration, bring to presbytery a recommendation for a remuneration package for the PMV.
- Keep minutes of the work of the Search Committee.

Budget:

- The budget for the Search Committee and its work will be as follows:
 - Advertisement costs - \$1,000.00
 - Including online advertisement and publication within denominational journals and magazines.
 - Meeting tool costs - \$200.00
 - Includes costs for online conferencing, if not covered by existing POW capacity.
 - Flight, lodging and hospitality costs for the short-list candidates interviews - \$5,000.00
 - Includes flight, hotel, food and incidentals for the short-listed candidates.
 - Total budget - \$6,200.00

Hiring Process:

- The Search Committee will begin to circulate the position description as soon as the mandate for the committee is approved by the POW.
- All communication between prospective candidates and the committee will take place through the convener, Rebecca Simpson or the convener's designate should the convener not be available.
- The Search Committee will also meet to name candidates, from either their own knowledge and experience or those suggested to them, who they agree should be contacted directly to gauge interest in the position.
- The deadline for applications will be June 1, 2019, however the Search Committee retains the right to conclude the process earlier if a consensus emerges on a suitable candidate before the deadline.
- If no consensus candidate emerges prior to the deadline for applications, following June 1 the committee will engage in dialogue and discernment with those candidates that the Search Committee believes are promising. Those candidates would be contacted either via video call or in person if they are within driving distance.
- The committee will select a short list of up to 3 candidates for face to face interviews.
- After the interviews, if the committee is agreed, the names of the candidates will be presented to the POW, along with a proposed remuneration package.



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Timeline:

- April 2019 – position is shared broadly to all appropriate bodies.
- June 1 – deadline for applications. (this does not preclude a decision by the Search Committee to conclude the search process if a consensus candidate emerges)
- June – committee to meet and create shortlist, interview candidates via video call, or if possible, in person and select short-list. (Given the timing, we will need flexibility around these dates)
- July – arrange final in person interviews with short-listed candidates.
- August – present recommendation of candidates to the POW for final decision. (A Special Meeting of Presbytery may be needed)



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PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by David Jennings, Property & Finance Committee Convener.
All motions moved by David Jennings, seconded by Emily Wilson.*

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

April 2, 2019 Presbytery Meeting

Since the last Presbytery meeting, the Property & Finance Committee has continued to receive congregational materials, corresponded with those enquiring about potential property matters, and held a meeting by conference call. While several administrative issues have been addressed that do not require Presbytery approval or reporting, P&F wishes to report to Presbytery on the following matters:

A. Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church- Status Update

Since the last Presbytery meeting, Omicron has been jointly retained by both Presbytery and VCPC as project manager to test the assumptions used in VCPC's redevelopment application and provide analysis on various matters including the management of project risks. The findings of the project manager will assist P&F consider VCPC's application. Suitable legal counsel also needs to be jointly retained and VCPC has commenced that search as well. Presbytery has already approved the release from the land sale escrow such funds necessary for costs associated with those appointments once the appointments have occurred and the amounts can be determined.

Regarding VCPC's previous request for having funds released from the land sale escrow to pay past redevelopment expenses incurred by VCPC, P&F has not received any recommendation from the appointed independent CPA for the release of funds from the escrow for reimbursement. Presbytery has granted P&F power to issue to approve such expense reimbursement if and when the CPA recommendation is received.

B. Central Presbyterian Church-Title Transfer and Related Matters

As previously noted to Presbytery last September and November, the legal title for the Central Presbyterian Church interests in the building remains with Bosa Properties. Bosa has wished to transfer back to Central Presbyterian Church that land title for over six months, but that title transfer can only occur after approved by Presbytery. Central wishes to transfer three titled parcels to the congregation, a housing society and a foundation. P&F has met with Central and its legal counsel in person and by teleconference and sent several emails to address complicated legal and polity issues surrounding such a title transfer. To date, the requested documentation of the title transfer requested has not been made available to P&F. It is hoped that the documentation can be provided so that P&F can review it and make recommendations to presbytery. At this point it seems likely that any title transfer will be considered and approved by Presbytery at the June 2019 Presbytery meeting.

In the middle of the issues surrounding title transfer issues, a commercial tenant has agreed to rent the retail space on the ground floor of the building. Until the title transfer issues are resolved, no lease can be executed.


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There is a plan to address the matter on a temporary basis but it may require quick approval for a temporary technical transfer of title. Because matters may need to be resolved before P&F can present a recommendation to Presbytery for a permanent transfer of title, P&F requests being granted power to issue for matters related to a commercial lease and title matters that do not transfer title to any entity other than Central Presbyterian Church for more than six months.

Recommendation No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery grant power to issue to Property and Finance Committee to address matters on behalf of Presbytery that properly come before it prior to the scheduled June 2019 Presbytery meeting pertaining to (i) any commercial lease between a prospective commercial tenant and an entity related to Central Presbyterian Church and (ii) title matters that do not transfer title to any entity other than Central Presbyterian Church for more than six months.

Amendment moved by Jim Smith, seconded by Bev Shepansky, that after the words "Be it resolved that Presbytery" be replaced with the following words:

grant permission to Central Presbyterian Church to complete and finalize without further delay the authorized purchase, sale and redevelopment agreement with Bosa Properties.

Amendment DEFEATED

Original motion CARRIED

Jim Smith asked that his dissent be recorded.

C. Congregational Trust Deeds

Below is a detailed list of congregations that have still not provided a proper trust deed with supporting documentation to P&F:

Bradner	Brentwood	Burnaby Taiwanese
Central	City Centre	First, New Westminster
First Hungarian	St Columba	Vancouver Taiwanese
West Vancouver		

If your congregation does not have a proper trust deed, P&F will not provide any approvals of any congregational requests unless we have received and reviewed the congregation's trust deed and supporting minutes of the congregation approving the adoption of the trust deed. **Please send the materials directly to Greg Toll at tollhouse@telus.net.** It would be greatly appreciated if the Subject line of the congregation's email and the attached document could reference both the congregation's name and a reference to the trust deed to make identification easier.


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If congregations have not adopted a trust deed (or it was not in a form provided by the Presbytery in 2015) please contact David Jennings at djj@iwjlaw.com.

Respectfully Submitted,
David Jennings, Convener

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Pat Dutcher-Walls, Social Justice Action Committee Co-Convener.
All motions moved by Pat Dutcher-Walls, seconded by Neil Abramson.*

SOCIAL JUSTICE ACTION COMMITTEE REPORT TO PRESBYTERY

April 2, 2019

Jerry Low, from Coquitlam P.C., is a welcome new member of the SJA Committee.

Visit to Arocha Farm: SJA will promote another visit to the Arocha Farm this spring on its volunteer work day, Saturday, May 11. A promotional flyer will be sent to all congregations.

Metro Vancouver Alliance (MVA) Report:

MVA and many denominations are seeking ways to address the crisis in the availability of affordable housing for vulnerable members of society. The survey of congregations in 2018 that asked congregations and members to identify social justice priorities identified affordable housing as the top priority. Central PC has provided an excellent model for repurposing and developing church land for the benefit of the community, as well as for meeting the needs of the worshipping congregation. Several churches in our presbytery are considering possibilities for repurposing their land for the greater good of their communities as part of Christ's mission.

The MVA is providing A Faith and Housing Civic Academy Series. Part 1, scheduled for the evening of April 2nd, is called "(Re)development 101 for Churches." Information on this event was sent to congregations with the hope that interested congregation members who are not attending presbytery might register for this very informative program. Part 2 will be held on April 27 (Sat.) and will explore Faith-based Land Trusts. For details, please visit the Metro Vancouver Alliance website, or speak with Allen Aicken or Glen Davis.

Personal Testimony to what it means to have a home

We are preparing a brief video of an interview with Mr. Randy Peterson of Maple Ridge who recently moved into a place he can now call home. He has a powerful testimony that might motivate our churches to make housing a priority in their plans. The video will be made available to all congregations that request it.

Please note that Ms. Audrey Guay from MVA has been invited to speak briefly at the May 7th meeting of presbytery about models for redevelopment of church properties for the common good, and how MVA can provide assistance to congregations.

RECOMMENDATION 1: That presbytery request that all congregations considering redevelopment of their land/property include as one of their priorities consideration of ways in which they might help to address the critical lack of affordable housing in their communities.

CARRIED


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Visit to a First Nations Community

We are looking at the possibility of providing an opportunity for our church folk to participate in an authentic immersion visit to a First Nations community. This could involve an overnight in a community on Vancouver Island, or a day visit to Squamish or other more local community.

Strategic Planning of Presbytery

We are awaiting details of progress on implementing the short term strategic goals suggested by presbytery. We realize that the Presbyter for Mission and Vision will play a major role in this work, and we believe that program committees of presbytery should be represented insofar as feasible on the search committee for this position. Therefore, we recommend as follows:

RECOMMENDATION 2: That the search committee appointed by the Moderator for the Presbyter for Mission and Vision position be augmented by one more member of presbytery from the Social Justice Action Committee or the Mission Committee.

DEFEATED

Respectively submitted,
Glen Davis, Co-convenor

VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Bev Feick, Visitation Committee Convener.
All motions moved by Bev Feick, seconded by Gordon Shields.*


Presbytery of Westminster Visitation Report April 2019

Regular 2019 Visits

- Burnaby Taiwanese regular visit was delayed from 2017. After the 2017 one-year visit, Assessor Elders began to serve with BTPC Session in January 2018. The visitation team Rev Dr Morgan Wong (Lead), Rev Richard Watson, Gordon Shields & Bev Feick met with Minister, Session, Board & congregation on March 30, 2019.
- St Andrew's St Stephens's regular visit will be scheduled for September.
- Coquitlam's regular visit will be scheduled in December.

One year Visits

- West Vancouver will be scheduled in April.
- Haney will be scheduled in June.


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Exit Visit Knox Presbyterian Church

February 27 & March 12, 2019.

Rev Robert Garvin & Bev Feick (Lead) met with Rev Richard Watson on February 27, 2019 & the Session of Knox on March 12, 2019.

Rev Watson's last day at Knox was December 31, 2018.

There are 10 ruling Elders at Knox – 8 in attendance during the exit visit. Their service ranges from decades to one year. Each district has an average of 8 Families. Terry MacPherson has been the Clerk of Session for 5 years.

The Session with the interim Moderator Rev Brad Childs is studying the book: Twelve Keys to an Effective Church by Kennon L. Callahan.

Three elders are scheduled to attend Stewards by Design workshop, (May 2-5, 2019).

The team was impressed by both Richard's expectation & Session's path of hope for their church. They feel that it has a good future in its location & church community. During Richard's 8 years at Knox, there were 42 new people & approximately half stayed. Knox moved from an unhealthy to healthy environment. Also it has changed from having a Board of Managers to having finance and property being handled by Session committees. Knox also shares many of the same current issues of churches: finances, attendance, hesitation of congregants' commitment to serve long term.

The Session was curious to learn experiences of other congregations during a vacancy time, since currently, they have concerns for their pastoral care visits & no minister to lead their bible study. They miss Richard as their "guide & referee". They were interested to know that other churches have lay bible study leaders & pastoral care teams who assist the Minister & Elders with their districts. Session did appreciate Richard's pastoral care gifts but felt that his travel distance to the church hindered his availability.

Worship/Sacraments

Many believe that the children's story was Richard's favourite part of the worship service....at times almost replaced the sermon. Many favoured the personal detail which Richard included in his sermons. Currently the congregation is enjoying the experience of varying pulpit supply. The worship music is blended with five family worship services per year in which the service included use of an overhead projector – contemporary in format. As is common knowledge in today's worship, it is often difficult to balance music styles to the satisfaction of all. Knox has a good mix of musicians & high regard for their organist/pianist.

Christian Education of all ages

Knox has a Sunday School program, supports Camp Douglas, is engaged in the Urban Camp, at some point held Alpha for older children, bible study group and a former Christian book club which may be "resurrected". The concerns are the lack of teachers & the aging out of the children – could be an opportunity of future teachers.



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Finances/Stewardship

Finances are recognized as a major issue at Knox – some which may be regained during the vacancy. It is mentioned that Richard worked diligently to resolve the financial dilemma. Some session members see that change is necessary “thinking outside the box” & Session’s responsibility during a vacancy as a time to grow together.

Mission/Outreach

We found confusion regarding Vision and Mission statements. We feel that under the interim moderator current Vision and Mission statements need to be approved prior to considering a call to the next minister.

The Connections and outreach group heads up a well-attended community coffee/conversation group at the church. After their discussion (topics range from scripture to news of the day), the group lunches at a restaurant. The KPWA (Knox Presbyterian Women’s Association) who are mainly seniors meets at the church. Also a men’s group has met in the past & carried out some fund-raising. The Sunday School mission projects are not well known. Knox is open for Sapperton Days & participates in the Christian Urban Camp. Cubs/scouts meet at Knox. There is active involvement in the Elizabeth Fry Society in New Westminster. The past involvement with Union Gospel seems to have been an important mission for the Knox Session.

Some feel that small groups could be the good future.

Administration/Communication

Session commented on their involvement in the collaboration of the 5 area Presbyterian churches & their concerns of the momentum. There was special mention of their excellent church secretary & expressed concern of the ongoing implications if the 5 churches consolidate staff.

A Communication team has been developed – specifically electronic – the website has been changed & other avenues of social media have begun to address the comments that the congregation was not receiving adequate news.

Other comments

Session did acknowledge the previous divisiveness in the Knox congregation & their hope to curb the divisive culture. They were amazed by Richard’s grace to maintain his positive attitude & perseverance to continue his ministry during those very trying times. One wrote “their loss” upon reflection while completing the questionnaire. Session stated their appreciation of the knowledge they gained from the Commission which served for 3 years.

In our discussion with Richard, he shared his deep conviction of God’s call to him to enter ministry in new church development. We commend him for his active pursuit of this through his work with Cyclical Ministries.



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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- ◇ We RECOMMEND that Vision and Mission statements be approved before considering the call to a new Minister.

The Recommendation was withdrawn and referred to the Interim Moderator, Brad Childs.

- ◇ We are encouraged with the Session's resolve to grow together and to move forward seeking God's guidance for their future ministry and THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND to them Paul's admonition: "Forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward to goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14).

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted
Rev Robert Garvin
Bev Feick (Lead)

Respectfully submitted
Bev Feick
Convenor Visitation Committee
Westminster Presbytery

UPDATE FROM ASSEMBLY COUNCIL MEETING

A brief verbal report was presented by David Jennings

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Larry Yen that the presbytery be adjourned at 9:36pm.

CARRIED

The next **regular meeting** of presbytery will be on **May 7, 2019**, at **St. Andrew's Hall**, 6040 Iona Drive, Vancouver, beginning with dinner at 6:00pm and worship at 7:00 p.m. lead by the Camp Douglas Staff.

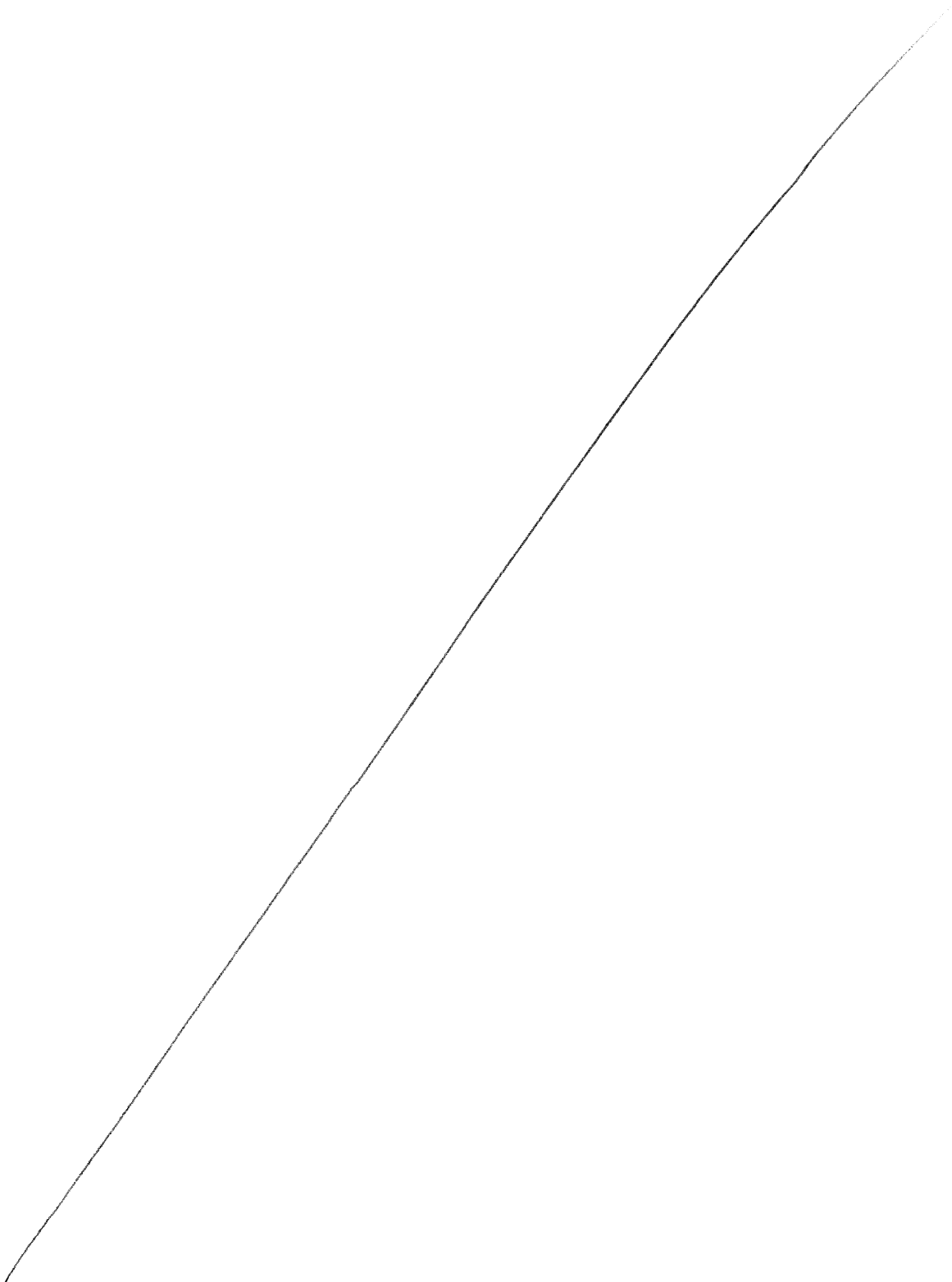
The Moderator closed the court with prayer and the benediction was given by Brad Childs.




Miklos Szigeti, Moderator



Victor Kim, Clerk




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