

The Presbytery of Westminster
Special Meeting at Richmond Presbyterian Church, Richmond
August 27, 2019

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The Presbytery of Westminster met in Special Session on Tuesday, August 27, 2019 at 7:35 pm within Richmond Presbyterian Church, Richmond, BC to consider a Call from Richmond Presbyterian Church to Young Tae Choi.

CONSTITUTION

In the absence of the Moderator, the clerk pro tem, the Rev. Bob Garvin, constituted the Court with prayer and called for the nomination of a Moderator for this meeting of the Court. It was moved by Paddy Eastwood and seconded by Richard Topping that Miklos Szigeti be named Moderator for this meeting.

CARRIED

ROLL

Constituent Roll:

M. Baxter, B. Childs, P. Eastwood, B. Fraser, T. Hsieh, G. Jay, V. Kim, R. Lockhart, R. Paul, B. Skelding, M. Szigeti, R. Topping, W. van de Wall.
A. Bauman (Alt for G. Shields), I. Evans, D. Jennings, B. Shepansky, S. Stacey, L. Yen.

Appendix:

B. Garvin, G. Snyman, R. Watson.

Students - Certified for Ordination:

Young Tae Choi.

Regrets:

H. Botha, L. Deacon, S. Goble, D. Howard, C. MacLeod, J. Smith, W. van der Westhuizen.
N. Abramson, J. Christopherson, B. Dennehy, B. Feick, A. Lin, J. Low, K. Patrick, K. Sewell, R. Steward, R. Wensler, E. Wilson, N. Farran (Alt for WVPC).
A. Aicken, S. Cleland, K. Jordon, J.H. Kouwenberg, W. Sosnowsky, D. Tait-Katerberg.
A. Perrett.

REPORT OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE

The Committee received correspondence regarding a Call from Richmond Presbyterian Church to Young Tae Choi. Recommendations regarding the Call were presented by Ross Lockhart, seconded by Isabel Evans.

Before proceeding with the presentation of the Call, Ross Lockhart introduced Gabriel Snyman, new minister to City Centre Church (effective Sept 22) then Victor Kim introduced members of Richmond Presbyterian Church present in the court: Ronda Manuel, Sophie Kim, Dr. Charles Yang, Christie Rolick,



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Mark Yang, Vic Beltran, Isabel Evans, Margaret Smithson and Pearl Overhill. Also present were Jenny Han and Claire Choi.

Recommendation 1: That the Presbytery of Westminster receive and consider the Call from Richmond Presbyterian Church to Young Tae Choi. **CARRIED**

The Interim Moderator, The Rev. Richard Topping, spoke about the process for the Call, and read the terms of the Call including the guarantee of stipend.

Recommendation 2: That representatives of Richmond Presbyterian Church be heard at this time. **CARRIED**

Isabel Evans and Pearl Overhill spoke on behalf of Richmond Presbyterian Church. The Moderator extended the invitation for others from the presbytery to speak to the Call; Victor Kim and David Jennings addressed the court in support of the Call.

Recommendation 3: That the Call and guarantee of stipend for the Call from the congregation of Richmond Presbyterian Church be approved.

Amendment moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Brad Childs, that the following sentence be added to the Call document: "That the BC MSP premiums be paid by the congregation as per the standing orders". **CARRIED**

Motion as amended was **CARRIED**

Recommendation 4: That, with regard to this Call, the actions of the Interim Moderator, The Rev. Richard Topping, be sustained with thanks. **CARRIED**

Recommendation 5: That the Call be sustained as a true gospel Call and that it be placed in the hands of Young Tae Choi for his consideration, having up to one week to respond. **CARRIED**

Mr. Choi accepted the Call.

Recommendation 6: Moved by Ross Lockhart, seconded by Richard Topping, that with permission of the court that Young Tae Choi begin his ministry on September 1st prior to his ordination and induction. **CARRIED**

Recommendation 7: That the Service of Ordination and Induction be arranged by the Moderator, Clerk and Interim Moderator. **CARRIED**


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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Bob Paul, seconded by Bev Shepansky to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

The next **regular meeting** of presbytery will be on **September 17, 2019**, at **Gordon Presbyterian Church**, 7457 Edmonds St, Burnaby, beginning with dinner at 6 p.m. with worship led by Cal MacLeod at 7 p.m.

The Moderator closed the court with prayer and a benediction.



Miklos Szigeti, Moderator pro tem



Bob Garvin, Clerk pro tem

