

The Presbytery of Westminster met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 7:00pm within Gordon Presbyterian Church, Burnaby, BC. Worship was led by the Cal MacLeod.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Cal MacLeod constituted the Court and opened the meeting with prayer at 7:35pm.

The moderator welcomed the following guests:

Linda Macleod, Central's clerk of session; John Con, new rep elder from VCPC; Janet Eastwood, Camp Douglas Co-Director; Sue Harry from Coquitlam; Lorand Tarko and his finance from First Hungarian and Young Tae Choi, new part-time Assistant Minister at Richmond.

DOCKET

It was moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Brad Childs that the consent agenda below be adopted with the notification that W. van der Westhuizen and E. Wilson have permission to leave at 9:00p.m.

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 June 18, 2019 and the Special Meeting of August 27, 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 Any member may ask for an issue on the consent agenda to be withdrawn from this list before the agenda is adopted.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, L. Deacon, P. Dutcher-Walls, P. Eastwood, M. Fontaine, B. Fraser, S. Goble, T. Hsieh, G. Jay, V. Kim, J. Lin, C. MacLeod, R. Paul, R. Simpson, B. Skelding, J. Smith, M. Szigeti, W. van de Wall, W. van der Westhuizen, M. Wong

N. Abramson, A. Beattie, J. Christopherson, J. Con, B. Dennehy, I. Evans, L. Kovacs, A. Lin, J. Low, R. McClelland, R. Miller, K. Patrick, K. Sewell, B. Shepansky, G. Shields, S. Stacey, L. Tarko, R. Wensler, E. Wilson, P. Wong, L. Yen



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Appendix:

B. Garvin, R. Ross, W. Sosnowsky, G. Snyman, R. Watson

Students:

M. Arsenault, S. Bell, Y.T. Choi


REGRETS

D. Howard, R. Lockhart, R. Topping,
 B. Feick, L. Gorman, D. Jennings, R. Steward
 S. Cleland, K. Jordan, J.H. Kouwenberg, B. McLagan
 A. Perrett

Permission to withdraw given to: Willem van de Westhuizen and Emily Wilson at 9:00pm

CORRESPONDENCE: 06-11-19 through 09-11-19

06-11-19	Jennifer Astop	Looking for contact information for release New and Renewed Ministry Funds for Around the Well project.	Received and corresponded.
06-11-19	Jennifer Astop	New and Renewed Ministry Fund Letter confirming grant approval for Around the Well project.	Received and noted.
06-11-19	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	GA Provisional Minutes are available online at https://presbyterian.ca/gao/ga2019	Received and circulated.
06-11-19	Brian Fraser	Presbyterian Sharing amounts accepted by Brentwood and Kerrisdale recorded incorrectly.	Received and forwarded to treasurer.
06-11-19	Jon Wyminga	Possible position for a Transitional Ministry in Kitimat	Received and circulated.
06-17-19	Teresa Charlton	Synod 2019 Brochure and Registration Form	Received and circulated
06-17-19	Ian Ross-McDonald	GA & Recommendation NO 5 from the committee of Remits – Listening to	Received and circulated
06-19-19	Rob Steward	William Steward is a Catechist should be recognized on the Appendix to the Roll	Noted and confirmed
06-18-19	Bob Astop	New alternate rep for City Centre is Sandy Gaudette	Noted
06-20-19	Larry Eastwood	PCC grants for Around the Wall have been	Noted

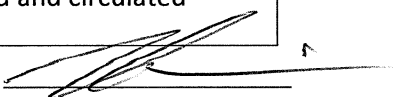


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06-24-19	Kathryn Muir	Enquiring about Andrew ML Ng's status on Appendix	Received
06-28-19	Kathryn Muir	requesting date for A&P Records for Jin Hyuk Thomas Kim	Received and responded
07-02-19	Larry Eastwood	POW Financial & Income Statements for June	Received
07-04-19	Rev. HJ Currie	Edm-Lakeland has sustained the application for Gabriel Snyman to City Centre as a true gospel call	Received
07-04-19	Emily Wilson	Bev Feick sister was tragically killed in an accident – prayers requested for family	Circulated
07-05-19	Maggie Leung	WE Presbytery Sharing Update	Received and circulated
07-05-19	Pat Dutcher-Walls	Message forwarded from Janette McIntosh on the death of Rev. Keun Kim of Korean Christian Church in Japan	Received and circulated
07-08-19	Bob Garvin	Update on Hans Kouwenberg and continued prayers	Received and circulated
07-09-19	Rev. Shin Hwang/Galilee PC	Requesting Clerk's assistance to lead seminar on Policy for dealing with sexual abuse and harassment	Received and responded
07-11-19	Rev. HJ Currie	Letter of Transfer to POW from Edm-Lakeland for G. Snyman	Noted
07-12-19	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	GA Moderator to visit Vancouver in early 2020	Noted
07-18-19	Don Muir	Updated "Guidelines for the Amalgamation or Dissolution of Congregation is available from PCC website	Received
07-19-19	Arthur Lin	Presbytery Advisor to BTPC will be Rev. Ted Sivers	Received and forwarded to Ministry Committee
07-19-19	Mark Gedcke	Requesting temporary marriage licence for BC wedding / January 2020	Applied for
07-23-19	Kaireen Morgan	Noting that WVPC made modest increase to Presbyterian Sharing was not reflected in report	Noted
07-23-19	Roberta Clare	Requesting authorization on retirement forms	Completed
07-24-19	Richard Topping	Request for Special Meeting of Presbytery for August 27 to consider the call to Young Tae Choi to Richmond PC	Received
07-24-19	Tom Vais	Notice of employment opportunity for General Manager Position to the PCC Building Corp	Received and circulated
07-25-19	Diana Veenstra	Statistical Reports for GA Invoices	Received and circulated
07-25-19	Diana Veenstra	Invoice for GA	Received and forwarded to POW Treasurer
07-25-19	Richard Topping	VST Chancellor's Dinner set for September 25 at UBC Golf Club	Received and circulated




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07-26-19	Marianne Lazaro	Correction requested to Annual Stat Session Report for Langley PC	Received and responded
07-29-19	Bobby Ogdon	Change in email address to doctoro4@shaw.ca and available for pulpit supply	Received and circulated
07-30-19	Kathryn Muir on behalf of Stephan Kendell	2019 GA referrals, remits and 2020 deadline information for presbyters	Received and circulated
07-30-19	Kathryn Muir on behalf of Terrie-Lee Hamilton	2020 GA YAR Presbyteries eligibilities	Received and circulated
07-30-19	Diane Tait-Katerberg	Correction to phone number in directory – should be 778-238-8374	Noted
08-03-19	Larry Eastwood	POW Income and Balance Statements received	Received
08-06-19	Marion Baird	Submission of Statistical Reports for First Church	Received and forwarded to Diana Veenstra
08-08-19	Brian Fraser	Permission request for Brentwood PC to pave parking lot.	Noted and referred to P&F
08-09-19	Maggie Leung	Presbyterian Sharing Statements for July	Received and circulated.
08-09-19	Andrea Perrett	Opportunity to learn about how to be a PWS&D “Champion for Change” at Richmond and Langley PC on August 16 th 9:30 and 1:30 respectively.	Received and circulated.
08-10-19	Kit Schindell	Memorial for Dal Schindell will be August 17 th at Kerrisdale PC	Received and circulated
08-19-19	Jennifer Astop	Important Fall Grant Deadlines	Noted and circulated
08-19-19	Ian Mason	Canadian Society of Presbyterian History Conference: September 28, Toronto	Noted and circulated
08-20-19	Kathryn Muir	Changes to the Roll – July 2019	Received
08-22-19	Allen Aicken	Article “What kind of community do you want to belong to?”	Responded
08-26-19	Allen Aicken	Requesting temporary marriage license for Sept 14 wedding in West Van	Received and letter forwarded
08-27-19	Brian Fraser	Poster for benefit concert for Hummingbird Ministries	Received and circulated
08-30-19	Kathryn Muir	Address for Susanna Siao (new to POW)	Received and responded
09-01-19	Larry Eastwood	POW Financial Statements for August 2019	Received
09-03-19	Kathryn Muir	Pastoral Letter from the Moderator	Received and circulated
09-04-19	Rev. Joyce Yanishewski	New Clerk of Synod for Thunder Bay effective September 1, 2019 is Joyce Yanishewski	Noted
09-05-19	Liz Brewer	Guidance Conference Report	Received
09-05-19	Maggie Leung	Presbyterian Sharing Report -August	Received and circulated


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09-05-19	Rebecca Simpson	Canada Youth Dates for 2020 (July 6-11)	Received and circulated
09-06-19	VST	New keynote speaker for Sept 25 Chancellor's Dinner will be the Rev. Dr. Aldred	Received
09-09-19	Ian Mason	Canadian Society of Presbyterian History conference - Sat Sept 28, 2019	Received and circulated
09-09-19	John Con	New VCPC Rep Elder	Noted
09-09-19	Laurie Deacon	Emergency Relief Project for PWS&D – "Out of a Jam"	Received and circulated
09-10-19	Richard Watson	WPGPC and Mary Fontaine re: Housing allowance supplement from WPG Manse Fund	Received and forwarded to Coordinating Committee
09-10-19	Sean Foster	The passing of the Rev. Tom Billard	Received and circulated
09-10-19	Young Tae Choi	Submitted Criminal Record Check	Received
09-11-19	Liz Brewer	Endorsement for Shirley Carleton applied to application to E&R.	Received
09-11-19	Marion Baird	New rep elder for First Church is Ron Miller	Received and noted

REPORTS

CAMP DOUGLAS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Rebecca Simpson, Camp Douglas Committee Co-Convener.


Rebecca Simpson expressed her appreciation for Co-Directors Janet Eastwood and Daniel Martinez. Their video report was not available for the meeting but will be made available to the clerk. Once the video is distributed, presbyters are encouraged to share the video with their congregations. In lieu of the video not being available, Rebecca spoke to the spiritual work that takes place at camp and how it has affected her family. Janet Eastwood also addressed the court.

The moderator prayed for Janet and Daniel.

**Camp Douglas Report
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Thank you for your prayers and other forms of support for Camp Douglas' ministry this past season! It was marvelous to witness God working in and through staff and campers throughout the summer. We pray that children without a church family will find one to nurture their growing faith in and love of God through the coming year.

Camp Douglas welcomed 244 campers this summer. The Leaders-in-Training program overflowed with 14 campers (normally LIT registration is capped at 12), who spent three weeks deepening their faith and developing their ability as Christian leaders.


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67 children received full or partial camperships. Camperships can be granted through Camp Douglas directly or through sponsoring congregations. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to those individuals and congregations whose generosity brought children to camp whose families who could not otherwise afford it.

This summer we were unable to find a full-time head cook. Pamela "Chica" Roa and Elisa "Star" Williams graciously shared the job, alternating weeks in what is one of the most demanding positions at camp. Thank you Pam and Elisa! Thanks go as well to Karleen "Noname" Gill, who served as head cook during family camp. Final numbers will be confirmed at the camp committee meeting this month, but it appears that the kitchen came in under budget.

Sharing the gospel of Jesus' love is the heart of Camp Douglas' ministry. During one of many conversations with youth and staff as they explore faith and learn to discern God's presence, an LIT who grew up in a non-Christian family and had no contact with any faith community during the school year shared with Daniel "Chico" Martinez that during campfire in her second week this summer she committed her life to Christ. Over the past few years of coming to camp the Spirit has stirred in her an abiding curiosity about Jesus and the love she sees among campers and staff at Camp Douglas. After she returned home this August she began worshipping regularly at a Presbyterian church. Thanks be to God.

The 2019 staff were deeply engaged in bible studies, asking questions and talking about their faith. They conveyed gratitude to Ryan "Dizzy" Siverns for the training session he led on sharing the heart of the gospel with children of different ages; although many campers are highly churched, most weeks there is at least one camper in each cabin for whom this is their first exposure to Jesus and the bible. The staff were glad of the opportunity to share their love of God and expressed an earnest desire to learn more on how to communicate their faith well to children of all ages and backgrounds.

Throughout all camp activities, and most particularly morning chapel, bible study, campfire, and cabin devotions, campers had abundant opportunities to hear God's word and develop their relationship with Jesus Christ. We are grateful for the support of our chaplains, who shared the gospel with campers and staff every day:

- **Rev. Laurie Deacon**, Minister at St. Aidan's PC
- **Megan Adrian**, Children's Ministry Director at Coquitlam PC
- **Rev. Richard Watson**, Around the Well Ministry
- **Rev. Paulo Pereira**, SAH/VST Student
- **Rev. Sumarme Goble**, SAH Chaplain
- **Rev. Ross Lockhart**, Director of Center for Missional Leadership at SAH
- **Rev. John Paeng**, Minister at St. Columba PC, Parksville
- **Andrea Perrett**, Cyclical Vancouver Director and Associate in New Worshipping Communities for the Center for Missional Leadership

Camp Douglas is a blessing for the youth and children of our presbytery, and we are thankful for this opportunity to share in God's ministry.

*In Christ,
Daniel "Chico" Martinez and Janet "Thistle" Eastwood
Co-Directors*



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MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Isabel Evans, Ministry Committee Convener.
All motions moved by Isabel Evans, seconded by Judy Christopherson.*

September 2019 Mission Committee Report to Presbytery. #3

Mission Committee met on September 5th, 2019 at Richmond Presbyterian Church.

Hummingbird Ministries:

Mary's report was accepted as circulated. HM received the 2019 Synod grant so are presently in good financial position for programs. Mary shared a little about the Indigenous Studies Program at VST. Mary also gave us an update of the condition of her home and HM office. She has been directed by the owner to move immediately because of the hole in the roof and the leaking every time it rains, the cracks are moving across the ceilings in her home and have reached the kitchen and living room. Currently Mary cannot afford suitable housing and space for HM office at her current charges for rent. HM 2019 budget allowed \$19,200 for housing allowance, \$2,030 for utilities and \$2,160 for office rent. The reality is in the lower mainland there is no suitable housing available at that price.

Recommendation #1: that Presbytery allow Rev. Mary Fontaine to apply for a loan from Presbytery of \$7,000 to cover the additional costs for September till end of December 2019. Plus, up to \$3,000 for moving costs.

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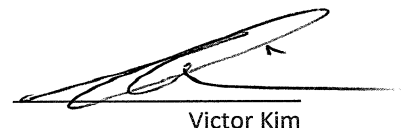
Shepherd's House:

see attached letter with request and 2020 budget.

Recommendation #2: that Shepherd's House given permission to apply for the following grants for 2020:

Cooke's fund	\$6,000
Westminster Presbytery	\$2,000
Synod	\$2,000

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The Vancouver Shepherd's House Society
(Urban Inner City Ministry)

Address: 5337 180 St. Surrey, BC, V3S 4K5
Contact: Rev. DJ Kim (604-760-7195) or Clara Soohyun Choi (778) 895-7195
Email: howard.dennis41@yahoo.com or shelara@hotmail.com

August 22, 2019

Dear Isabel,

Surrey is a geographically huge city with many smaller town centers within its bounds, one of which is Cloverdale. Each of the smaller town centers in the city of Surrey has a population which suffers all the social challenges of any inner city: homelessness, drugs, gambling and alcohol addiction, high crime rates, mental illness, poverty and unemployment.

Shepherd's House reaches out to this community of people in Cloverdale area with food, clothing, and the gospel of Jesus Christ. In fact, SH is recognized by many people suffering from these afflictions as the center of their worshipping community.

The need for our services has grown as our weekly provision of food and worship has increased on Friday evening to approximately 60-80 people. This significant phenomenon shows not only the increasing needs of the people but also a revival of their spiritual interest.

Shepherd's House asks that the Missions Committee recommend to Presbytery that we be given permission to apply for the following grants for 2020:

Cooke's Fund: \$6,000.
Westminster Presbytery: \$2,000.
Synod: \$2,000.
Please find attached the SH budget for 2020.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Dennis Howard
The Convener of VSHS

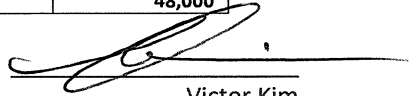
cc. Rev. Clara Choi & Rev. D J Kim

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SHEPHERDS HOUSE BUDGET 2020	
Expenses for one year	
Food Supplies and Preparation for 1 day per week (\$500 x 52 weeks)	26,000
Kitchen and Dining Room supplies (coffee, cream, sugar, paper towels, napkins, garbage bags & etc.) (\$30 x 52 weeks)	1,800
Office Supplies (staples, computer, papers, fax, printer toner, brochures, repair for musical instrument, etc.)	1,200
Summer barbeque picnic (2 x \$625)	1,250
Easter, Thanksgiving Day & Christmas Banquet (3 x \$780)	2,340
Miscellaneous Expenses (steering committee & volunteers workshops & etc.)	1,500
Rental for use of Cloverdale Community Kitchen	5,000
Subtotal Ministry Expenses	39,090
Reimburse Director for use of auto (\$0.40/km x 7,500km approx.)	3,700
Reimburse Director for use of home office (heat & elect. @10% of total est. annual expense of \$2,950)	295
Reimburse Director for use of cell phone @80% x \$135/mon.	1,300
Reimburse Director for use of internet @80% x \$100/mon.	800
Directors honorarium when possible	2,400
Reimburse Director for website costs @100% 12 X \$25	300
Subtotal Directors Expenses related to activities in support of Shepherd's House Ministry	8,525
Total Projected expenses	47,615
Revenue	
Funds raised by Shepherd's House Ministries among the churches & community	
Jubilee church: \$100x12	1,000
Better World Foundation	1,000
Langley Presbyterian Church: \$50x12 from budget plus special offerings	2,500
Personal donors	7,000
Friends of Shepherds House PAR Fund Raiser	7,500
Coldest Night of the Year	5,000
SH Musical Concert for Fundraising	9,000
Donations in kind	8,000
Subtotal	41,000
Shepherds House Ministries Fund Raising Efforts	41,000
Grant Request from Cooke's Church Fund \$6000, hope to receive...	3,000
Presbytery of Westminster	2,000
Synod of BC	2,000
Total	48,000


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Brentwood Church: see attached grant requests.

Recommendation #3: that Brentwood Church be given permission to apply for the following grants, Apply for a grant of \$6,000 from the Avondbloem Experimental Fund for the Sanctuary Sessions in 2020 to deepen our dialogue with jazz musicians as we engage in dialogical evangelization with to find out what jazz can teach the church and how we can witness to the work that the triune God is doing in and through the jazz community. The grant will pay for the musical mentors in the program - \$6,000 (\$100/person/session for 2 sessions/mth, 3 mentors/session, and 10 months of the year).

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Name of the Project

The Sanctuary Sessions: An Experiment in Dialogical Evangelization

Dates of the Project

01-09-2020 to 12-10-2020

Please outline the purpose or the goal of the project

The purpose of the project is to dig deeper into the dynamics of open conversations with the jazz community to invite them to consider the claims of the Christian gospel. It is dialogical because we want to learn more about how best to convene and engage in those conversations respecting the views of those musicians and how best to invite them to respect ours. It is evangelization because we will engage in our part of the dialogue as ambassadors of the reconciling orthodoxy that shapes the core of our Canadian Presbyterian appropriations of the gospel, grounded in 2 Corinthians 5:19-20 (*Living Faith*, 3). At Brentwood, we've summarized this story line in our Brentwood Declaration (www.brentwoodpc.ca/brentwooddeclaration). Our intent is to generate instructive dialogue with jazz musicians about what the church can learn from jazz and what they might learn about the deeper dynamics of their musicking from the church, then learn what the Spirit has to teach us all about doing this better.

Please provide a description of the project

This project will create space for deeper dialogues than we have had so far between with wisdom of the jazz community and the wisdom of the Christian community, both in words and in music. There will be three series of five sessions in 2020, one prior to Easter, one following Easter, and one in the fall. Each of the three series will involve five gatherings of 9 musicians, three of whom are musical mentors to the group. A theological mentor will also be part of each session. Four sessions will begin with a conversation about a question posed by the theological mentor related to themes we have chosen to explore in 2020. As currently conceived, the themes will be community & hospitality, questioning & questing, listening, play space, possibilities, love, discipline & alignment, disruption, call & response, and healing. The musicians participating will share their insights on the question and raise other questions. The music to be practiced and explored that evening will relate to the theological theme. During the conversation with the theological mentor, the musical mentors will listen for dynamics to highlight in the practicing of the music chosen for the evening. Then the musicians will practice together. The fifth session of the series will be a benefit concert that will draw more people into the circle of influence of the project.

At the end of each series of sessions, a report will be written by the theological mentor on the wisdom gathered, a podcast recorded, and interviews will be taped with the participants on what we have learned together. The written, spoken, and videoed resources will be made broadly available through social media platforms.


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This experiment, for us, is a crucial extension of our connections and conversations with the jazz community. That artistic community constitutes our primary 'missional neighbourhood' and we have been developing that relationship over the past eight years. As we have entered into companionship through musicking, we have discovered a community of people with a profound sense of the spiritual dimensions of their art, a keen willingness to devote long hours to practice and performance, and a wonderful diversity of ways of understanding and expressing their spirituality. Many have few or no roots in the church. Some have had such toxic experiences of church that they are very suspicious of anything Christian. Most are open to conversations about what the Holy Spirit may be up to in their musicking. This particular experiment in dialogue will deepen our invitations for them to join us and/or other Christian communities in discipleship.

We are proposing three series of sessions, each with the same basic format, but each also digging deeper into the dynamics of evangelization with this group of God's beloved friends. There will be four weekly sessions, probably on a Thurs night. Each session will begin with a conversation about one of the themes we want to explore at Brentwood throughout 2020. Each of the three series of sessions will conclude with a benefit concert for one of the community services that Brentwood supports, such as our Socks for Souls program that has provided over 17,000 pairs of socks over the past four years to the foot care program at First United Church in Vancouver's Downtown Eastside and our financial support for the Dixon Transition Society, an organization that supports families fleeing from violence. We pray and trust this experimental project will generate even more conversations along these lines, enriching the evangelization the Spirit generates both here at Brentwood and wherever our influence is carried.

Greater Vancouver is Canada's most rapidly secularising urban region, home to perhaps the most intriguing and baffling mix of worldviews in the country. That makes it a good lab for experiments in evangelization like the one proposed. We've earned a hearing through the mutual support we have enjoyed with the jazz community over the past eight years. We have support them with space to practice and perform. They have supported us in our jazz worshipping. Now it is time to deepen the dialogue.

Please explain the uniqueness of the project and why it is considered experimental?

The choice by a congregation of a non-geographical 'neighbourhood' to focus on in its missional outreach is unique. We have been cultivating our relationship with the jazz community now for almost 10 years. We have become a respected companion to the jazz musicians in Greater Vancouver, regardless of their religious affiliation. And, in this most rapidly secularizing urban region in Canada, many of them are not affiliated with any institutional form of what they normally refer to as "spirituality." But they do, almost to a person, recognize that there is something "spiritual" going on in their musicking. Inviting jazz musicians in Vancouver into this deeper dive into those dynamics, in dialogue with the Christian tradition, is unique. It is experimental in the dynamics and depth of the dive into spiritual formation and discipling that we hope will happen. We don't know of another initiative that is experimenting with this kind of dialogical evangelization with this kind of community. Linking the themes around which we think jazz has something to teach the church and around which the church has something to offer to the jazz community is an experiment that seems unique.

How will this project further the Christian faith of the people involved?

The musicians will have an opportunity to explore their faith convictions and questions in a safe space. We are finding in our conversations with the jazz community that many have not found their former church spaces open to or safe for this kind of exploration and experimentation. Those with no experience of church space often have a perception that we are closed, dogmatic, and moralistic, all attitudes that are not welcoming to a passion for jazz. We offer a different way of being church, grounded in the Reconciling



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Orthodoxy of The Presbyterian Church in Canada and open to dialogue with everyone about how God is befriending us through reconciling and forgiving love and what that friendship empowers in terms of contributing to the well-being of the creation.

Our church leaders, both theological and musical, will hear ways of living life that come from a wide variety of perspectives. That diversity is a central characteristic of a secularizing society. Learning how to articulate a Christian way of life that the Spirit can use to form discipleship in the whole group is the focus of this experiment.

We also imagine that the sharing of this experiment as envisioned in this proposal will spark similar experiments in other places.

To what aspect of the church's life does this project have specific relevance?

Brentwood Presbyterian Church seeks to nourish souls to flourish in the grace of Jesus Christ through worship, learning, fellowship, and service. As we have expanded our circles of influence over the past decade, we have deepened our understanding of the power of dialogue to change perspectives in dramatic ways. We frame these practices as dialogical evangelization. We have identified a flow in our discipling. Its components are connecting with compassion, companionship with curiosity, conversing with conviction, and collaborating in contributing. The faithfulness, effectiveness, and wisdom of this framework in nourishing the flourishing of Christian discipleship will be assessed further as this experiment in deeper dialogue unfolds.

The Sanctuary Sessions arise from our work the jazz community in our jazz worship services and in the availability of our space for concerts, practices, and recordings. We have just completed a year-long research project exploring what people were experiencing and how they understood it when they participated in jazz worship services. This project seeks to dig deeper into the relationships all of those connections have generated. In addition, at the suggestion of the musicians, we will do benefit concerts for community groups, such as First United Church. So, the experiment has specific relevance to learning, fellowship, and service. It will also expand the ways in which we can support justice and kindness in Greater Vancouver.

What specific achievements do you envision as a result of the project?

First and foremost, we envision an enrichment of faith development among those directly involved in the experiment. The musicians who we plan to invite into this series of sessions span the spectrum - cradle Canadian Presbyterians, newly-committed disciples, broadening evangelicals, and those curious about Christianity. Providing space for these multi-level conversations about key dynamics in the Christian discipleship will open up surprising inspirations and insights.

Further, we have launched a larger project into which these conversations will feed. We are working on a book with Tom Reynolds about what jazz can teach the church. Tom teaches theology at Emmanuel College in the Toronto School of Theology and was a key part of our Jesus, Jazz, and Worship Project. In that project, partially funded by a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship and a conference grant from Canadian Ministries, we did interviews with over 80 musicians, ministers, and attendees to find out what they were experiencing in jazz worship services. The book builds on themes that arose from those interviews. We anticipate that the in-depth conversations made possible by the Sanctuary Sessions will greatly enrich our understanding of the mutual illumination that the Spirit will generate as jazz and church converse. The recording and posting of the interviews that will come at the end of each series of sessions will stimulate further consideration of the themes from many other congregations and groups interested in these dialogues. To provoke such conversations as widely as the Spirit enables is a very important achievement. We will do our best to collect and collate the insights from those wider conversations.



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In short, then, this project will deepen our engagement with and understanding of the jazz community as missional neighbours among whom the triune God is working redemptive transformations.

Please expand upon your strategy for making the results of this project known to the wider church.

The primary strategy is the videos of the interviews that will be posted on Brentwood’s You Tube channel to be set this fall. Those interviews will be widely publicized in both church communities and jazz communities, with specific reference to the focus of the conversations and the benefits they might offer. Feedback loops through social media will be set up to expand the scope of the conversations as broadly as possible. In addition, some of the musicians are involved in other churches and will carry the inspiration and insights of the conversations into their circles of discipleship. But, in the end, it will be up to the Spirit to take these conversations where the triune God desires, within us, among us, and beyond us.

How is the project to be evaluated?

Under the supervision of the Session of Brentwood Presbyterian Church, the coordinating group for this project will assess our faithfulness and effectiveness using the following criteria:

- What have we done well and what can we improve to spread the message of God’s reconciling love in Jesus Christ and the kingdom/kin-dom of God that flows from that gift?
- What have we done well and what can we improve to deepen the faith formation that takes place through these particular kinds of conversations?
- What have we done well and what can we do better to spread both the process and the provocations (Heb 10:23-25) in all of our circles of influence?

A report will be provided to our funding agencies after each series of sessions, enabling them to be part of the ongoing reforms that will make our experiment more faithful and effective.

Budget

Total project budget

Purpose	Source	Amount
Musical Mentors (Dan Reynolds is Brentwood’s music director, Ben MacRae our associate music director, and Conrad Good one of our regular musicians)	Avondbloem Experimental Fund	\$4,500 (3 mentors x 5 sessions x 3 series @\$100/mentor)
Professional Videoing & Editing Services	Avondbloem Experimental Fund	\$1,500
Professional Videoing & Editing Services	Brentwood Presbyterian Church	\$2,000
Theological Mentor	Brentwood Presbyterian Church	\$2,250 (15 sessions @\$150/session)
Space, Instruments, Etc	Brentwood Presbyterian Church	In Kind
Total		\$10,250

The Avondbloem Fund cheque is made out to Brentwood Presbyterian Church



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Recommendation #4: Apply for a grant of \$2,000 from the Cooke's Fund to pay for the taping, editing, and posting of a series of interviews with participants in the Sanctuary Sessions to make the lessons learned about what jazz can teach the church and what the church can offer to the jazz community more widely available through various social media channels. **CARRIED**

**Cooke's Fund Application for a Grant of \$2000 in 2020
from Brentwood Presbyterian Church for
Taping, Editing, and Posting Interviews from the Sanctuary Sessions**

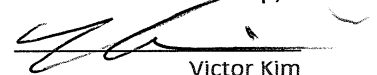
This application is for a grant of \$2,000, to support the expansion of our reach in answering two questions that have emerged from our growing relationships with the jazz community in Greater Vancouver.

1. What can the jazz community teach us about being church?
2. What can the church offer to the jazz community in developing the resilience to contribute to the kingdom/kin-dom of God?

Cooke's has generously supported our initial work at Brentwood with the jazz community through our Jazz Vespers, now in their 7th year of weekly worship services. This year our average attendance is running at 22, with a high of 46 and a low of 7. Most who participate in the jazz service are not part of our Sunday morning services.

We had generated funding from a variety of sources for a variety of projects that focus on two key questions we are continuing to ask to inform our approach to what we are calling dialogical evangelization. As you can see from testimonies on our website (www.brentwoodpc.ca/jazz-evensong), Brentwood has gained significant appreciation, and thus credibility, among members of the jazz community in Greater Vancouver that provides a solid foundation to get a hearing for the gospel. As we have experimented with and assessed various forms of conversations, we have developed another framework for understanding and undertaking our mission as ambassadors of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ with this community and others. The dynamics flow like this: through the provocation of the Holy Spirit, we connect with compassion, companion with curiosity, converse with conviction, and collaborate in contributing.

We are applying to the Avondbloem Experimental Fund for a grant of \$6,000 to fund a series of three Sanctuary Sessions that would run through 2020. These would build on and refine earlier experimental sessions that we have done at Brentwood. Each series of five sessions would involve three elements: mentoring in music related to a theological theme that illuminates what jazz can teach the church and what the church can offer to these neighbours; theological explorations of that theme with the musicians in dialogues that present key convictions of the Christian faith; and benefit concerts to contribute to social services that the musicians wish to support. The themes are drawn from another project we are pursuing that grows out of our Jesus, Jazz, and Worship Project. In that project (funded with about \$25,000 in grant from Canada Summer Jobs grant, a Vital Worship Grant from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship,


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and a conference grant from our national church), we did in depth interviews with jazz musicians, ministers and congregants who participated in the 8 regular jazz services held by churches in the Greater Vancouver region. We found a fascinating variety of ways in which those interviewed constructed their spiritualities and construed the Christian faith. Out of the interviews and consultations that happened throughout the project, we identified 10 dimensions of the church's work and witness that the workings, wisdom, and wit of jazz might illuminate: community & hospitality; questioning & questing; listening; play space; possibilities; love; discipline & alignment; disruption; call & response; and healing. We are also convinced that Christ is working in similar challenges and opportunities that the jazz community face in pursuing their passions with their particular focus and discipline. These will be deeper dialogues than we have had so far. In them, and others that the recordings will provoke, the Spirit will draw participants further into participating in the kingdom/kin-dom of God.

To capture and share the wisdom generated through these in-depth conversations, both verbal and musical, we wish to tape and post interviews with the participants, along with musical clips, to provoke whatever further conversations within and beyond Brentwood the Holy Spirit desires to generate.

Here are comments on the impact of our earlier experiments with these kinds of conversations:

"The Brentwood Sanctuary Sessions have been a tremendous opportunity to explore God's creation in music to a much greater level than I have previously experienced. The environment and team are encouraging, challenging, but safe - creating an opportunity for me to step out of my musical comfort zone and take my gifts to a new level."

Participant Dave Wilkinson

"The Sanctuary Sessions at Brentwood have been a rewarding and growing experience for me, both as a musician being challenged by a community further along their jazz journey but still welcoming me to explore with them and as a follower of Christ walking together regardless of where we all are on the path. I am particularly surprised, and delighted, but alignment of the two in these sessions."

Participant Ron Kinders

"One of the most powerful insights that emerged for me was in our conversations was about Antonio Carlos Jobim's 'Triste.' It's a lament about rejected love. One of us wondered whether God might be a rejected lover. That opened up a fascinating conversation about the ways we respond or not to God's reconciling grace. I'm still working through the richness of that insight."

Theological Mentor Brian Fraser

"The Sanctuary Sessions have been a great opportunity to further explore the way that spirituality influences my music making. It is not often that a forum exists to share these types of ideas with a group of musicians. The conversations and exchanges of ideas are very valuable, and the contribution of each member enriches the whole group. I am curious to see how my thinking about music will change through the course of more



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Sanctuary Sessions. I'm also excited to see the potential developments for the other participants."

Musical Mentor Conrad Good

The Avondbloem grant, if received, would pay for the musical mentors and part of the AV production. The Cooke's grant would complete funding for the AV production and its distribution through social media.

We are concerned with the substance of our witness as well. Canadian Presbyterians confessed to Indigenous peoples in 1994 that we had misrepresented Jesus. To let those with whom we connect through jazz know about our understanding of the gospel, we have composed the Brentwood Declaration (www.brentwoodpc.ca/brentwooddeclaration). It is a shorter expression of story that informs the faith that inspires and informs our discipling at Brentwood. It reflects the reconciling orthodoxy that we find in *Living Faith*. We are seeking funding, in part from the Ewart Endowment, to produce a study guide and series of webinars on that document that might be used in our dialogical evangelization.

We hope that this short description of the ecology of our efforts to spread the gospel of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ through the work of the Holy Spirit gives the Cooke's committee an updated sense of where their funding has and will fit into our work and witness. We are doing this work in Canada's most rapidly secularizing urban region. In Brentwood's area of the city, within a 30-min walk of the church, 40,000 people are projected to move in over the next 20 years, largely in high-rise buildings gathered around 3 sky train stations. Christopher B James (<https://dbq.academia.edu/cbjames/CurriculumVitae>), one of the most astute observers of the dynamics of new worshipping communities in North America, suggests that secularity in cities like Seattle and Vancouver forecast what will happen throughout the continent in the next 20 years. Learning the texture of that secularity through conversations like those proposed in this grant application will strengthen our churches abilities to be ambassadors of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ in that context.

Your generosity in the past is very much appreciated and we look forward to your response to this request for 2020.

The contact person for this grant application is Brian Fraser at jazzthinkbrian@gmail.com or 604-924-9650. Brentwood Presbyterian Church is at 1600 Delta Ave, Burnaby, BC, V5B 3G2. Our registration # with CRA is 106808363 RR0001.

Recommendation #5: Apply for a New Worshipping Community grant from The Presbyterian Church in Canada (\$10,000 for the first year, \$10,000 for the second, and \$30,000 for the third) to develop the Brentwood Jazz All-Stars as a new worshipping community birthed by Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

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**A New Worshiping Community within Greater Vancouver's Jazz Community:
An Initiative Birthed by Brentwood Presbyterian Church**

The Core Calling

Brentwood Presbyterian Church feels compelled by our triune God to birth a big band named the **Brentwood Jazz All-Stars** as a new worshiping community. We understand this initiative to be a 'parallel ministry' as described in the Purpose section of the funding criteria issued by Canadian Ministries. The band is being led by Ben MacRae, Brentwood's associate director of music. It is a significant component of our witness/witness to the jazz community in Greater Vancouver, our primary missional neighbours. Being a new worshiping community was part of the original vision for the band and has been emerging ever more clearly as we form and reform the patterns of its growth and impact. In addition to the worship element, we are developing opportunities for learning, fellowship, and service so that this particular group of participants in Brentwood's mission can nourish souls to flourish in the grace of Jesus Christ in all their circles of influence.

Considering the Brentwood Jazz All-Stars as a 'New Worshiping Community'

The Brentwood Jazz All-Stars lead a 'Big Band Vespers' service on the 4th Monday of every month. They practice for that service and for other engagements, sacred and secular, every Monday evening. There are 18 musicians in their 20s and 30s who are members of the big band. They are passionate about their calling to be musicians, disciplined in their practice of their art, and keen to learn about all the dimensions of the dynamics of their musicking.¹ In the band as it is currently constituted, there are four members who would identify as Christians, ten members who are curious about why a church is birthing this enterprise and what it might mean for them, and four who remain apprehensive/suspicious (largely due to toxic experiences of churches in the past). In Canada's most rapidly secularizing urban centre, that ratio of responses to more organized forms of Christianity is actually pretty promising. We are convinced that this innovative way of being church with and for such a diverse group and their circles of influence deserves to be tested. We hope this proposal will convince you to support this experiment. The work and witness of the band is accountable to and through the Session of Brentwood.

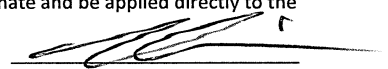
The Director of the Band/New Worshiping Community – Ben MacRae

The band was gathered together and is being led by Ben MacRae, a 'reed man' who is Brentwood's associate music director. Ben was baptized and became a member of Brentwood on Easter 2019. He is in the middle of his music degree at Capilano University, with a focus on performing, composing, and conducting, and is considering studying for ministry in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Ben envisions his involvement in this work as part of a multi-vocational life. The band is part of his work as associate music director at Brentwood. He works at the leading reed instrument store in Greater Vancouver, learning to repair such instruments. He is a student in the jazz program at Capilano University. He does gigs with a variety of groups. And he gives music lessons. We want to experiment with this kind of ecclesiastical leadership and identify its promises and perils.

Worshiping

The BJAS is doing the music for our monthly Big Band Vespers service at Brentwood on the 4th Monday of every month. A copy of the order of worshiping for this service is included as the final page of this proposal. We always include our Brentwood Declaration in the bulletin, the statement of faith we have developed at Brentwood to let people new to Brentwood know the broad outlines of the story of God's reconciling love in

¹ The phrase "musicking" has become important for Brentwood as we explore new ways to connect in compassion and companionship with the jazz community in Greater Vancouver. We learned it from Christopher Small, *Musicking: The Meanings of Performance and Listening* (Hanover, NH: Wesleyan University Press, 1998). In brief, Small sees music as an integrated activity that forms a ritual through which all the participants explore and celebrate the relationships that constitute their social identity. We think this framework can illuminate and be applied directly to the big band as a new worshiping community.



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Jesus Christ in which the Spirit is inviting them to participate. The average number of participants at the first three services was 46.

Fellowship

The BJAS practices every Monday night. The conversations around the music and around the musicians' lives in general is spirited and rich. Some Brentwood folks are there every week to participate in this dimension of the fellowships that radiate from Brentwood.

Learning

The band will be working on a wide range of compositions and arrangements that arise from stories of Christian devotion and discipleship. The repertoire the band will hone and offer is being chosen to introduce and deepen the engagement the musicians will have with the Christian faith as we have come to understand it in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Our catechesis at Brentwood focuses on the wisdom from Paul that *Living Faith* claims is the "central affirmation" and "great truth" of the gospel, that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself."² The repertoire for the band already includes arrangements of several classic hymns by Craig Buhler, a Christian worship leader in the Vineyard movement and a colleague of Brian Doerksen. We have raised funding to have a suite based on the music of Fred Rogers arranged this fall by one of Canada's leading big band leaders, Jill Townsend. Rogers, as many will know, was ordained to his family ministry through his TV show, *Mr Rogers' Neighborhood*. We have also raised money to arrange Dan Reynolds' *Prodigal Son Suite* for the big band. And is our director of music at Brentwood and works closely with Ben. Plans are in the works for Ben to arrange a suite of songs from the Scottish Psalter of 1650 with the familiar music in our *Book of Praise*. For both musicians and audiences, the program notes will provide an opportunity to witness to the faith that generated this music and spark interest in exploring that faith further.

Service

The BJAS have already done a benefit concert for Hummingbird Ministries, the Presbyterian healing and reconciliation work here in Greater Vancouver. They played a powerful suite about an Indigenous/Settler encounter in 1863 here in BC composed by Dr. Ben McConchie, a music educator and social activist based on Pender Island, BC. The band is open to other invitations from church and community groups to offer this kind of service to the community. They also play regularly for swing dances. Their repertoire of Christian music will be featured in these concerts and dances.

The Flow of Discipling to be Tested

We are refining our understanding of how we engage in dialogical evangelization with a jazz community that is convinced there is a spiritual dimension to their musicking. How do we collaborate with the Spirit in drawing them into Christian discipleship that contributes to the impact of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ? We have framed this flow, so far in our discernment, as connecting with compassion, companionship with curiosity, conversing with conviction, and collaborating in contributing. The faithfulness, effectiveness, and wisdom of this framework in nourishing the flourishing of Christian discipleship will be assessed as this initiative unfolds.

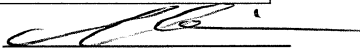
Inputs	Outputs	Short Term Goals	Mid Range Hopes	Long Range Dreams
Ben MacRae [Ben came to	- managing the band's mission and business	- collecting and commissioning big band	- solidifying the organizational and funding bases for	- completing his studies for music and ministry while leading

² *Living Faith: A Statement of Christian Belief*, p3.



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<p>Brentwood through our work with the jazz community. He was baptized and joined the church on Easter Sunday of 2019. He had a strong background in Dutch Roman Catholicism mixed with a bit of the United Church of Canada, but had wandered since high school. He found his home at Brentwood and now serves as our associate music director. He is seriously considering a call to study for ministry following his music degree at Capilano University. To further form his understanding of his faith, he is auditing Richard Topping's introduction to theology at VST.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - bringing into the witness of the band insights generated in Brentwood's ongoing project of learning what jazz can teach the church - honing his understanding of his calling to ministry in the context of a multi-vocational approach to congregational leadership - musicking with the big band and other musical ensembles in ways that sow the seeds of the kin-dom of God within the groups' circles of influence 	<p>arrangements that open up conversations about Christian discipleship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - generating engagements for BIAS that sow seeds of the kin-dom of God and generate revenue to support the band - working with the Brentwood leadership to imagine ways of engaging the band and its fans in worship, learning, fellowship, and service throughout the Greater Vancouver area - engaging with regional and national church mentoring groups to enhance his gifts for leadership and evangelization 	<p>the flourishing of the big band as a new Christian community, involved in worshiping, learning, fellowship, and service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - significantly expanding the reach of the band's influence with the Greater Vancouver region through sacred and secular engagements [we're not really happy with this wording, but have not developed an alternative yet] - reviewing and reforming Brentwood's understanding of dialogical evangelization in alignment with the reconciling orthodoxy that informs Canadian Presbyterian understandings of the gospel 	<p>the BIAS and contributing to the work and witness of Brentwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - further honing and testing his sense of the forms a multi-vocational ministry might take in a major urban centre, where congregational leadership, band directing, gigging, composing, arranging, teaching, and repairing might be woven together into a vocation - becoming an ever more faithful ambassador of the message of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ through the continuing illumination of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 5:19-20)
Inputs	Outputs	Short Term Goals	Mid-Range Hopes	Long Range Dream
<p>Brian Fraser [Minister with Brentwood since Nov 2009. During his tenure at Brentwood, the number of regular</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mentoring Ben as we discover together how best to witness to the gospel of God's reconciling love revealed in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - continuing to expand our networks in the jazz and arts communities in Great Vancouver - securing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mentoring those leading and supporting the band in their theological and organizational attitudes and behaviours as they 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - becoming an ever more faithful ambassador of the message of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ through the continuing illumination of the



<p>participants in the congregation's mission has grown from 15 to 50. Burnaby projects that 40,000 people will move into Brentwood's neighbourhood in the next 20 years. They will all be living within a 30-min walk from the church. The Sanctuary in Brentwood, the name we've given to our church space when it's used as a community arts venue, is unique in its acoustical qualities for the neighbourhood.]</p>	<p>Jesus Christ as the Spirit guides them into the world of big band musicking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collaborating with Ben in securing the funding for the continuation of this fresh expression of Christ's church - collaborating with Ben and Brentwood in discerning what we are learning about being church in Canada's most rapidly secularizing urban centre, developing clear criteria for evaluation with funding agencies 	<p>additional funds for this initiative</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - being the teaching elder for the community through the kind of dialogical evangelization we outlined in the proposal - continuing to research the emerging experiments in new worshiping communities (we have found so far that the greatest theological and organizational depth is in the work of Christopher B Smith and Stefan Paas) - continuing to learn what jazz can teach the church through this community of musicians 	<p>seek to generate a positive influence in shaping the band as a new worshiping community</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - developing a process for a thorough review at the end of the first year of the band's witness to assess the impacts of this initiative, refine and reform the work to bring it into closer alignment with the gospel, and enter into dialogue with our funding agencies to ensure we meet their expectations - making the work of the band and the lessons we're learning from the experiment more widely known 	<p>Holy Spirit (2 Cor 5:19-20)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collaborating in making the congregation a model of dialogical evangelization in rapidly secularizing urban centres - discovering new ways of supporting all those involved in this initiative as their teaching elder
Inputs	Outputs	Short Term Goals	Mid Range Hopes	Long Range Dreams
<p>Dan Reynolds [Music director with Brentwood since 2013]</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collaborating with Ben and the big band in selecting, arranging, and composing pieces of sacred jazz to add to their repertoire - 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - deepening his engagement with Ben and the band as they explore the ways faith development emerges from their musicking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - collaborating with the band to develop new repertoire that both teaches and witnesses to the reconciling orthodoxy that lies at the heart of the Canadian Presbyterian understanding of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - becoming an ever more faithful ambassador of the message of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ through the continuing illumination of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 5:19-20) - collaborating in


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Congregation	- offering our space, our resources, our prayers, and our encouragement to the band, its audiences, and their circles of influence as the Spirit guides us all on our faith journeys, realizing that all of us are unique in our growth with the Spirit into discipleship	- enhancing our welcoming hospitality to all those associated with the musicking of the big band as they participate in the activities of the band outlined in the proposal - expanding our support for this new worshiping community that we have birthed	- learning with and from the band members how best to connect with compassion, companion with curiosity, converse with conviction, and collaborate in contributing to the spread of Christ's reconciling love in the world	- becoming ever more faithful ambassadors of the message of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ through the continuing illumination of the Holy Spirit (2 Cor 5:19-20) - collaborating in making the congregation a model of dialogical evangelization in rapidly secularizing urban centres

Proposed Budget for the Seed Grant in Year One

Purpose	Source	Amount
Stipend for the BJAS Leader (Ben MacRae)	New & Renewed Ministry Fund (Establishing New Ministries Stream)	\$10,000
Commissioning and Purchasing of Big Band Arrangements of Sacred Jazz	Patrons & Canada Summer Jobs Program	\$12,000*
Start-Up Expenses for the BJAS (stands, folders, portable sound system,	Brentwood Presbyterian Church	\$5,000*
Space & Admin Support	Brentwood Presbyterian Church	\$3500*
TOTAL		\$30,500

We anticipate applying for the continuation of this funding into the 'growth' phase and the 'yield' phase but understand that the details for those grants will be determined by what happens in Year One, so details are not yet required.



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* The funding designated with the '*' is already committed and/or spent.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of Brentwood Presbyterian Church by

Brian Fraser
Minister
Sept 10, 2019

The Brentwood Declaration

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In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth and declared them to be very good. God then created humanity, male and female, to cultivate blessing throughout the world.

Rejecting the limits of their power, our ancestors rebelled against God's vision of goodness. By continuing to rebel against God's constraints, we compound the pain of toil, tyranny, trauma, and death.

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In the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth, God restored the original goodness of creation as a commonwealth enjoyed on earth as it is in heaven. The Holy Spirit continues to work out the fulfillment of that act.

Through the church universal in which we participate, the Holy Spirit nourishes us to flourish as God's friends through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.

By God's grace, in Jesus the Christ, through the Holy Spirit, we know what it is to be loved and to love amidst all the problems of the world, and we are equipped, empowered, and sent to sow the seeds of God's peace in all of our circles of influence.

In the end, God's love will transform the heavens and the earth, and bring justice, peace, and joy to every dimension of creation.

Welcome to ...

Brentwood Presbyterian Church
1609 Delta Avenue, Burnaby, B.C. V5B 3G2
Minister: The Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser

*Nourishing Souls to Flourish in the Grace of Jesus Christ through
Worship, Learning, Fellowship, and Service*

Big Band Vespers

4th Monday of the month at 8:00PM



Considering the Sacred Significance of Swing

www.brentwoodpc.ca

You can arrange for the Brentwood Jazz All-Stars to play for a service at your church or a concert/dance anywhere by contacting Ben MacRae at macraemusicalservices@gmail.com.

Brentwood Presbyterian Church

Minister	Clerk of Session	Music Director	Associate Music Director	Song Leader	Duty Elder	Crooner
Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser	Pam Wong	Dan Reynolds	Ben MacRae	Trish Pattenden	Dorothy Sang	Winston Reckord

We acknowledge with respect and gratitude that we are meeting on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Big Band Vespers at Brentwood

Mon, Aug 26, 2019 at 8:00PM

The Brentwood Jazz All-Stars, featuring Craig Buhler, with Brian Fraser

Prelude

Lighting the Christ Candle

We believe that this little space of grace, especially when blessed by your presence, is a sanctuary where the triune God enlightens our lives with the pleasures of reconciling love.

Big Band Music

Prayer (you are invited to join in on the bold or just listen)
You work through this music, O God who is creator, to remind us of your healing presence and reviving power. Draw us into the inspiring insights this music generates.

You work through this music, O God who is companion in Jesus, to guide, confront, comfort, and encourage us into lives of blessing. Draw us into the justice and peace that this music generates.

You work through this music, O God who is transformer in the Spirit, to bring us together into a sacred swing that enhances your love of all. Draw us into your sense of our significance that this music generates.

Big Band Music

A Reading from the Great Judeo-Christian Songbook – Psalm 150

Big Band Music

Reflections on the Reading

Big Band Music

What's Happening (see the insert)

Prayer (you are invited to join in on the bold or just listen)

You have helped us hear a harmonic mix of sounds from many cultures. Give us a renewed vision of the reconciliation you desire for us all. Make us all channels of your justice and peace.

You have stirred us up with the resonant rhythms of your presence. Give us a groove that generates your grace wherever we go. Make us all instruments of your unshakable love.

Big Band Music

A Blessing

Postlude

We hope you have a few moments to join us for wine/sparkling or still water and chocolate as we continue to connect with each other. Thank you again for participating in our big band vespers and we hope to see you again, soon and often. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do to support the Spirit in nourishing your soul and flourishing in the grace of Jesus Christ.

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Recommendation #6: Apply for a grant of \$5,000 from the Ewart Endowment for Theological Education to fund the development of a study guide for the Brentwood Declaration and produce a series of webinars based on the guide.
The Mission Committee withdrew this recommendation.

**Application to the Ewart Endowment for Theological Education
*Nourishing Discipleship through the Brentwood Declaration:
An Experiment in Catechesis at Brentwood Presbyterian Church***

1. Do you consider that this proposal is intended to make possible a form of diaconal education (educational ministry, pastoral ministry, social ministry)?

Yes. In a rapidly secularizing environment where there are so many misrepresentations of the gospel vying for attention and loyalty, the Brentwood congregation considered it crucial to its witness that we have a short account of the story of God's reconciling love in Jesus Christ (2 Cor 5:19-20) to guide our discipleship as we grew into being ever more faithful ambassadors of the kingdom/kin-dom of God. We took a full year of drafts and revisions to compose the words now in the declaration. It is used most Sundays as our confession of faith (the Apostle's Creed is used on our 12 Communion Sundays to make the historical connection with our credal heritage). The declaration is also printed in the orders of services for our weekly and monthly jazz services that are drawing many new people into the Brentwood circles of influence.

2. If so, how?

We are finding that the Spirit often sparks curiosity about the story of God's reconciling love for the world in the people who come to Brentwood. We have chosen as our missional neighbours the jazz and arts communities in Greater Vancouver. For 10 years now, we have been expanding our connections with those communities with compassion, companioning with them with curiosity, conversing with them with conviction, and collaborating with them in contributing to the work of God's reconciling love in the world. That is a concise way of describing how we've come to understand the dynamics of dialogical evangelization in Canada's most rapidly secularizing urban region. We want to enrich our resources to respond to the curiosity the Spirit is generating.

Here is the text of the declaration as we offer it in the orders of service for our Jazz Evensongs every Wednesday night at Brentwood. This service currently is one of the primary occasions through which we connect with the "nones and dones," those who have had no exposure to the church and those who have been alienated from it.

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God became incarnate among us.*

*In the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus of Nazareth,
God restored the original goodness of creation
as a commonwealth enjoyed on earth as it is in heaven.
The Holy Spirit continues to work out the fulfillment of that act.*

*Through the church universal in which we participate,
the Holy Spirit nourishes us to flourish as God's friends
through worship, learning, fellowship, and service.*

*By God's grace, in Jesus the Christ, through the Holy Spirit,
we know what it is to be loved and to love
amidst all the problems of the world,
and we are equipped, empowered, and sent
to sow the seeds of God's peace in all of our circles of influence.*

*In the end, God's love will transform the heavens and the earth,
and bring justice, peace, and joy to every dimension of creation.*

The next steps in collaborating with the Spirit around the curiosity generated by this declaration are to write and publish a study guide to use with the declaration and produce a series of webinars that can be used asynchronously to dig deeper into the story of God's faith in us and our responses to that grace.

The study guide would have 9 short chapters, one of each of the paragraphs in the declaration, with an introduction and conclusion. The content areas, as we imagine them at this point, are Creation, Rebellion, Reconciling Forgiveness, Redemption, Church, Witness, and Hope. We have been exploring in some depth the powerful words in The Presbyterian Church in Canada's confession to God and Indigenous peoples in 1994 that speak of our "misrepresentations of Jesus." That reality will frame the introduction to the study guide.

The webinar series, then, will complement the study guide as another way of engaging the content of the declaration.

In both of these means of communicating the Canadian Presbyterian approaches to understanding the gospel, we will draw upon and be guided by the best Christian educators we can convince to come onto the proposed advisory council.



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3. How will this project benefit the Church-at-large?

These learning resources could be used by other churches as they engage in the challenge of catechesis in a secularizing world with both “nones and dones.” They will provide a robust introduction to the core convictions of the church catholic as we have inherited and appropriated them in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. We have come to understand that heritage, as expressed in contemporary terms by our subordinate standard, *Living Faith*, as a ‘Reconciling Orthodoxy.’ We think, in a social context that has become so polarized and contentious, the reconciling focus of our interpretation of the gospel is crucial in catechesis. The resources will also address the misrepresentations of Jesus that have alienated disillusioned evangelicals who are seeking a more open and compassionate understanding of their relationship with the triune God.

4. Is this proposal to yield immediate expected benefit, or is it to be a long-range enterprise from which there are no immediate benefits?

We do anticipate immediate benefits from this project. We will offer our own study sessions based on this material. We are confident that other congregations, both within our denomination and in others, will plug in through the webinars. We also anticipate that there will be individuals who use this material either on their own or in small groups. We are acutely aware that more and more people who are on the edges or have already left the organized church are still very much loyal to and/or interested in Christian discipleship. This set of resources would be supportive of them.

5. How will the benefits (outcomes) of the proposal be shared with supporting groups?

Copies of the study guide will be available for downloading from our website and the webinars will be available on our You Tube channel. We will also have print copies of the study guide, along with suggestions for how it might be used in small groups and for personal consideration.

6. How will the benefits (outcomes) of the proposal be shared with groups within The Presbyterian Church in Canada?

Print copies of the study guidebook will be available from Brentwood. There will be a downloadable pdf on our website. The webinars to complement these print copies will be available on the Brentwood You Tube channel, to be set up this fall.

7. How much money is requested?

We are seeking a grant of \$5,000 for this project. It will be completed within a year and we do not anticipate a need for any further funding. The proposed budget is as follows:

Purpose	Amount	Source
Writing of the Study Guide & Scripting the Webinars	\$4,500	Brentwood
Printing of the Study Guide	\$1,500	Ewart Endowment
Professional Taping of the Webinars	\$3,500	Ewart Endowment
Learner Support	Indeterminate Amount	Brentwood
Total Project Cost	\$9,500	Ewart & Brentwood

8. When are monies required during the life of the project?

The money for the printing and taping would be required about three months after the project is approved by the Ewart Endowment.



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9. What other sources of funding are available to the project or have been secured for the project?

Brentwood Presbyterian Church will provide the staff time to write the study guide, script the seminars, mount them onto the social media platforms indicated, and provide learner support.

Recommendation #7: Apply for a grant from the Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund for \$6,000 to fund a series of concerts in the summer of 2020 that would feature suites of sacred jazz composed and performed by local musicians. The series would include Dan Reynold's *Prodigal Son Suite*, Jill Townsend's *Mr. Rogers Neighbourhood Suite*, and Ben MacRae's *Scottish Psalter Suite*, along with others by Nelson Boschman, Dean Edward Theissen, and Mark Glanville.

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New Worshipping communities: Around the Well – Richard Watson's new worshipping community. See the attached monthly report.

It is necessary that Presbytery encourage the continual exploration and discernment around this initiative, yet not needing to formally endorse it as a Presbytery ministry or mission at this time. This allows not only Around the Well, but perhaps other Cyclical connected initiatives, to explore funding beyond the grants so that they can continue to grow the discernment until the Presbytery is in a better place around formal discernment re: our support of New Worshipping Communities. Therefore, the Mission Committee make the following request:

Recommendation #8: that Presbytery endorses the experimental project "Around the Well" led by Rev. Richard Watson and seeks to encourage its work so that a feasibility analysis can be performed within the next three years, and in order to provide an opportunity for others to support, that project, agrees to create a line item in the presbytery budget for Around the Well so that donations to Around the Well can be received on its behalf and tax receipts can be issued for donations received.

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Around the Well – Monthly Report – September 2019

Richard Watson

Around the Well is a ministry that aims to grow into a new worshipping community (NWC) on the west side of Vancouver. At present our focus is on UBC campus. Our developing mission is based on "Building Community through welcoming and mutually transforming relationships." The method and support for this ministry comes out of Cyclical PCC, a church-planting initiative within The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

The following summarizes some important milestones, activities and events to date:

- January 2019 - Rev. Richard Watson attended "Discerning Innovative Leadership workshop" through Cyclical PCC at St. Andrew's Hall, Vancouver. This information session on NWC's included an evaluation of Richard as a potential candidate to lead a new worshipping community. It went well, the result was positive: Richard was deemed fit for exploring the start of a NWC as a Cyclical Discerner.




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- March 17 - Richard hosted the first experimental event at the Old Barn Community Centre - It was called "A Saint Patrick's Day social" and it included a special message on the story of Jesus encounter with a Samaritan woman at Jacob's Well, John 4:1-42. Thirty-four people attended including 22 adults and 12 children.
- April - Around the well received an endorsement from the Presbytery of Westminster. They examined a written concept and initial plan for a NWC and agreed to submit Richard's applications for grant money. Grant applications went to Canada Ministries New and Renewed Ministry Fund, the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, Chisholm Fund, Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (PIM) Fund, Special Projects Fund and Funds for Ministerial Assistance. The proposed Budget of \$54,000 was not fully funded: a \$10,000 grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund; \$ 10,000 from the New Church Development Fund and \$5,000 from PIM was given.
- Cyclical PCC assigned Richard a NWC coach - Rev. Brandon Bailey from Tidelands Church, an NWC in Stanwood WA. Richard and Brandon meet monthly. Richard also attends monthly starter events.
- May - Around the Well hosted a second event on Creation and Creator at the Beaty Museum of Biodiversity at UBC. This event was successful enough that VTPC Seeds youth group asked Richard to host another event at the end of June. The second event was different but equally well received.
- Richard attended a second one-week workshop on starting and developing NWC's. It is a Cyclical PCC gathering at Crieff Hills Conference Centre. Having been fed by the fellowship Richard left the workshop inspired and equipped to continue walking along the metaphorical road of establishing Around the Well as a NWC.
- June - Grant money, \$20,000, was deposited into the accounts of the Presbytery of Westminster. This money has not been accessed due to some logistical issues with opening a bank account because this ministry does not have a registered name for the organization or a Charity number.
- June 7, 2019 Around the well held its first official planning group meeting. Seven people attend including two ordained elders within the Presbyterian Church in Canada. A schedule of events was drafted up and formal discussion on the vision and mission began.
- July 5, 2019 - Around the well hosted a family picnic at the Maple Grove Community pool. Eight people attended.
- Aug 5, 2019 - Around the well hosted a Beach BBQ at the Spanish Banks West. Thirty-one people attended including 11 children. Jennifer Astop from Canadian Ministries attended and suggested that Around the Well should apply for supporting ministry grant from PCC Canadian Ministries.
- August 31 - Around the well planning group convenes to discuss the fall events, formalization of the name and vision statement; social media and communication strategies; banking and registration as a charity; and Richard's desire to start a weekly worship / discernment event.
- September 15 - Around the well has committed support for a Community Block party in a local UBC neighbourhood.

This fall an event is planned for every third week of the month. October will focus on thanksgiving, and November on Reconciliation. In addition, starting October 2nd, Richard will hold weekly discernment group meetings at Bean Around the World coffee shop in the Hawthorn neighbourhood on UBC campus.

All in all, things are going well. By the grace of our Lord the original plan submitted to Presbytery in April remains on track. However, two significant challenges remain. First, Around the Well is not an officially recognized ministry within the PCC and therefore has no official status or a designated charity number for



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issuing tax receipts. On the one hand, this is not really a problem, the work continues and people who attend and participate in the events are not concerned. However, some private donations have come in to support this ministry and it would be nice to offer tax receipts for the donations. Second, Around the well started with a proposed budget of \$54,000 and to date only \$25,000 has been raised. Funds will be needed to make up the difference. Despite encouragement from Jennifer Astop, grants coordinator from Canada Ministries, another grant from the PCC is not an option. Around the well is not be eligible for a Supporting ministry grant until Presbytery constitutes it as an official ministry. There is an established process in place to do this however, the initiative would have to come from Presbytery for constituting Around the well as a Congregation or an organized mission. For now, the driving force is not there, people are still gathering and the mission and vision of Around the well is still being developed. So, more work is required, and for now Around the well will have to focus additional effort on fundraising from other sources; private donations and possibly external grant agencies. Again, it would be helpful if tax receipts could be issued for donations. To that end the following recommendation is proposed for consideration:

1. That the Presbytery of Westminster accept donations that are specifically designated to Around the Well and, if eligible in accordance with the tax laws of Canada, issue tax receipts for private donations above \$20.

Submitted with respect and in the joy of our Lord Jesus Christ

Rev. Richard Watson,
Around the Well

*Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Evans.*

PROPERTY & FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Richard Watson Property & Finance Committee Member.
All motions moved by Emily Wilson, seconded by Ron Miller.*

REPORT OF PROPERTY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE September 17, 2019 Presbytery Meeting

Since the June Presbytery meeting, the Property & Finance Committee has continued to receive congregational materials, corresponded with those enquiring about potential property matters, discussed matters with legal counsel, and held a meeting by conference call on September 6, 2019. P&F wishes to report to Presbytery on the following matters:

A. Use of Power to Issue

At the June Presbytery meeting, a general Power to Issue was granted to P&F for matters that could not appropriately wait until the September Presbytery meeting. No such matters arose. P&F did exercise its power to issue granted at the January 14, 2019 Presbytery meeting related to VCPC pre-construction expenses, which is detailed below.


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B. Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church- Status Update

Feasibility Report

As announced at the May, 2019 Presbytery meeting, VCPC and the Presbytery engaged the services of Omicron as project manager to analyze VCPC's proposed development project, testing the assumptions used in VCPC's redevelopment application and to provide analysis on various matters including the management of project risks. The findings of Omicron as project manager will assist P&F to consider VCPC's application. Suitable legal counsel has also been jointly retained (the same firm that provided legal advice on the Central development). Omicron's initial report was anticipated by August, but the budgeting process noted potential project cost overruns that required further work. That report is now expected in October. Once Omicron's report has been completed and subsequently reviewed by P&F and reports from legal counsel are presented to P&F, Presbytery as a whole will then become involved again in determining next steps with the congregation, which is expected to occur at the November meeting of Presbytery.

Past Expenses Reimbursed

Omicron also independently verified by late August VCPC's previously incurred development fees and expenses of \$790,419.59 for its proposed project development related to the Initial Project Review (as per the Proposal approved by VCPC and Presbytery at its January 15 Presbytery meeting) . In January 2019 Presbytery gave power to issue to P&F to authorize the withdrawal of previously incurred expenses from VCPC's escrowed funds once independent verification was obtained. That authorization was granted at the September 6, 2019 meeting after receiving a written request from VCPC for the funds.

Other Expenses For Presbytery Approval

Omicron also independently prepared a projected development cash flow of \$765,042.03 to the end of the pre-construction phase for additional development fees and expenses either not yet paid by VCPC or not related to the Initial Project Review but necessary to allow for the potential VCPC redevelopment to progress with less interruption, of which \$752,780.55 had been reconciled as of July 31, 2019. At VCPC's request, Presbytery has allowed those expense to be incurred on the specific acknowledgement that such actions do not imply any future Presbytery approval of the property redevelopment or that conditions will not be attached to any such approval, if provided.

Recommendation No. 1

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery authorizes the release from escrow pursuant to the VCPC-Presbytery Escrow Agreement of \$765,042.03 for development fees and expenses either not yet incurred by VCPC or unrelated to the Initial Project Review but related to the potential VCPC redevelopment. **CARRIED**

C. Brentwood- Request for Capital Expenditure of Paving the Parking Lot

All congregations in the Presbytery must receive a recommendation from P&F to Presbytery for any capital expenditures equal to or greater than \$20,000. An application was received from Brentwood to pave its driveway at a cost of approximately \$30,000. The application noted that the proposed paving project would be subject to half of the cost of the project being borne by the daycare facility using the building at present. The congregation is seeking permission to extend its current \$21,000 loan from the PCC lending funds by an additional \$15,000 (15-year term, no interest charged) and seeks to apply to the Chisolm Fund for a \$10,000 grant for small capital projects.



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The application provided a description of the proposal, relevant financial statements, evidence of its PCC consolidated fund investment of approximately \$292,000, and partial evidence of congregational approval for the capital project. The four written competitive bids provided were 11 months old and did not contain similar scope of work assumptions and will need to be retendered. Based on all the information and documented evidence, P&F agreed it should recommend to Presbytery Brentwood's capital expense application, *subject to* P&F having received from Brentwood (and P&F being satisfied with) (i) copies of new written bid proposals from the competing independent contractors based on common scope of work criteria for the paving project bids, (ii) evidence of the daycare's financial commitment to pay half of the proposed paving project costs, (iii) receipt of either the PCC lending fund's additional \$15,000 loan or the Chisolm Fund's \$10,000 grant, (iv) clarity around the congregational approval for the paving project and (v) written commitment from Brentwood that the paving project will not commence until all of the above conditions have been satisfied to P&F's satisfaction.

P&F notes that to the extent the daycare is agreeing to provide half of the paving project costs in consideration of rent abatement, ownership claims over parking spots, or other advantageous terms in a lease, P&F will need to review those terms before agreeing that the financial commitment set out in (ii) is acceptable. Such advantageous terms would include seeking a long-term lease at Brentwood.

Recommendation No. 2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery, having received a positive recommendation from the Property and Finance Committee, hereby approves the anticipated capital expenditure of up to \$30,000 for the paving of Brentwood's parking lot, subject to Property and Finance Committee having received from Brentwood (and P&F being satisfied with) (i) copies of new written bid proposals from the competing independent contractors based on common scope of work criteria for the paving project bids, (ii) evidence of the daycare's financial commitment to pay half of the proposed paving project costs, (iii) receipt of either the PCC lending fund's additional \$15,000 loan or the Chisolm Fund's \$10,000 grant, (iv) clarity around the congregational approval for the paving project and (v) written commitment from Brentwood that the paving project will not commence until all of the above conditions have been satisfied to P&F's satisfaction.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. 3

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery hereby approves Brentwood applying to the PCC lending funds for an additional \$15,000 loan for the purpose of funding the paving of Brentwood's parking lot.

CARRIED

Recommendation No. 4

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Presbytery hereby approves Brentwood applying to the Chisolm Fund for a \$10,000 small capital grant for the purpose of funding the paving of Brentwood's parking lot.

CARRIED

*Respectfully Submitted,
David Jennings, Convener*


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STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Victor Kim, Property & Finance Committee Member.

All motions moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Bev Shepansky.

Strategic Planning Committee Report – September 17, 2019

The committee is presenting a revised draft of the Presbytery Standing Committees. The name of the document has been changed from a revision of the Standing Orders to a revision of the Standing Committees since the revision mostly concerns the committees, not the entire Standing Orders.

The committee seeks input and response from all the present committees of presbytery on the proposed restructuring of the Standing Committees, with the understanding that upon receiving the input and response, the committee will finalize a revised Standing Committee structure and will present it to the presbytery for adoption. It is proposed that the adoption be for an interim one-year basis, to allow for further changes as necessary before a final adoption for a 5-year period, with a sunset clause built in to allow presbytery to revisit the Standing Orders at that time.

In the meantime, when the proposed new Standing Committee structure is approved, the committee also proposes a re-populating of the committees with the Nominations Committee taking the lead in the process so that the new committees may be fully populated by the beginning of 2020.

Recommendation 1: That the attached draft of the revision of the Presbytery Standing Committees be received and that present committees of the presbytery respond with input to the Strategic Planning committee via the Clerk of Presbytery by October 17, 2019.

CARRIED


Revision of Presbytery Standing Committees - Draft Proposal

- The Standing Committees of Presbytery should be structured so that while they allow for presbytery to fulfill its function as a court of the church, the structure more fundamentally outlines an arrangement that best allows presbytery to achieve its stated goals and outcomes as a body which has responsibility for the oversight and well-being of the ministries for which it is accountable.
- The draft proposes areas of responsibility and oversight for each committee that is to be understood as prescriptive, not proscriptive, meaning that they offer a guideline to what is permissible, not an exhaustive list beyond which anything further would be impermissible.
- We propose moving from our current structure of at least 10 committees to a structure of 6 committees as follows (the names of the committees are not necessarily final but are suggestions):
 - **Administrative Committee (encompassing the work of Coordinating Committee, Rolls and Records, Committee to Nominate)**



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- Moderator, Clerk and at least 3 others including the immediate past moderator and the moderator-elect. The treasurer will be consulted as required but doesn't need to be a member of the committee.
 - This committee will deal with the things that must be dealt with from an administrative perspective, such as correspondence, remits, referrals.
 - It will act as a nominating committee and will plan and coordinate the meetings of the presbytery.
 - Will review and present recommendations regarding Calls to ministers or diaconal ministers.
 - The Admin Committee will also prepare and present an annual draft budget.
 - The Admin Committee will be responsible for naming ad hoc committees, i.e. Church Doctrine, as necessary for specific tasks.
- **Ministry Committee (encompassing the work of Ministry, Visitation, Student Certification, Ethics and Care)**
- This committee will be large and could be broken down into two large sub committees, 1) ministry with clergy and 2) ministry with congregations.
 - This committee will deal with students preparing for ministry, visitation of congregations, coaching for and support of clergy, leading with care, ethics and care issues, with the ethics and care group within the committee acting as the standing committee around sexual abuse/harassment and racial harassment issues.
 - Provide support and resources for youth ministry, including the biennial Canada Youth conferences.
 - Will provide personnel leadership, i.e. Interim Moderators, Stated Supply.
 - The work of the Ministry Committee, whether with clergy or congregations, will be to create the best outcomes so that congregations and ministries in our presbytery are healthy and vital.
- **Strategy and Leadership Committee (encompassing the work of Strategic Planning, Property and Finance and will be the committee to which the Presbyter for Mission and Vision (PMV) will report)**
- This committee will take on the work of the SPC as well as the P&F committee of presbytery as currently structured.
 - This committee will be charged with the task of keeping the vision, goals, direction of the presbytery always before us.
 - This committee will also oversee the work of the PMV, who will be a member and report through this committee.
 - This committee will assist congregations in the work of renewal, will provide guidance, resources, educational material, and other assistance that will allow our congregations, and new worshiping communities, to become healthy and vital in their work and witness.
 - The work of leadership development and support, for all ages, will rest with this committee.
 - Integrate strategic goals in land development with the congregations within the presbytery.
 - The presbytery treasurer will be a member, ex officio.



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- **Community Engagement Committee (encompassing the work of Mission and Social Justice and Action)**
 - This committee will help equip our congregations and ministries with tools for faithfully following the mission of God in the world and will equip congregations for confident, gracious, and loving ways to engage the world around them with a heart for mission, evangelism, justice and of sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.
 - This committee will also be one that encourages and equips our congregations and ministries in local, regional, national and international partnerships which further the opportunities for congregational members to engage in transformational ministries.
 - In coordination with the Hummingbird Ministries, the work of healing and reconciliation between indigenous and non-indigenous peoples will be a primary responsibility of this committee.
 - Provide a connection between congregations around tools, resources, models and ideas around issues of social justice and mission.
 - Be aware and help equip congregations and ministries within the presbytery around issues of demographic change and opportunities around inter-cultural and inter-faith connections specifically as they relate to issues of mission and social justice.

- **Specialized Ministry – Hummingbird Ministries**
 - Hummingbird Ministries will continue to be a ministry of the Presbytery of Westminster, reporting annually through the Hummingbird Ministries Council.
 - The Council will bring nominations for Council members annually at the AGM normally held during the March meetings of Presbytery.

- **Specialized Ministry – Camp Douglas**
 - Camp Douglas will continue to be a ministry of the Presbytery of Westminster, reporting annually through the Camp Committee.
 - The Camp Committee will bring nominations for Committee members annually at the June meeting of Presbytery.

Many comments regarding the work and witness of the proposed committees were received at the Presbytery Visioning Day held in February of 2019. While the comments were helpful, many were already represented in the scope of the proposed new committees or were too specific to be listed individually. It is the opinion of the Strategic Planning Committee that the intentions of the comments from the Visioning Day are reflected fully in the proposed terms of reference.

Our current Standing Orders were revised in June of 2016. Most of that document can remain as is. This revision seeks to modify our committee structure so that our structure allows the presbytery to be best aligned to follow and achieve our stated goals. Once the current committees have responded to the request to send suggestions for edits to the current draft of the Standing Committees in our Standing Orders, a full document will be presented for adoption by the presbytery on a one-year interim basis. This will allow the presbytery to live with the new structure and to tweak it as necessary before a more permanent decision can be made. The Strategic Planning Committee also proposes that the Standing Orders have a sunset clause of 5 years, meaning that at the end of the 5-year period, the presbytery will need to revisit the Standing Orders in light of any changes that may need to be made.



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Additions and edits to the proposed changes to the Standing Committee structure must be sent to the Clerk of Presbytery by October 17, 2019. A final proposal for the new Standing Committees of Presbytery is planned for presentation for consideration at the November 5, 2019 meeting of presbytery.

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VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Gordon Shields, Visitation Committee Member.

Presbytery of Westminster Visitation Report September 2019

Regular 2019 Visits

- St Andrew's St Stephens's regular visit is scheduled for October 9, 2019. Emily Wilson will lead the visit with Rev Dennis Howard as the other visit team member.
- Coquitlam's regular visit will be scheduled in December.

One-year Visits

- Hanev scheduled for October 17. Pam Wong & Rev Dennis Howard.

Update on Burnaby Taiwanese Presbyterian Church (BTPC)

At the Presbytery of Westminster Regular Meeting at St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Mission June 18, 2019, the Visitation Committee was granted power to issue to elect a Presbytery advisor to work with Rev. Lin, elders and congregation at Burnaby Taiwanese Church.

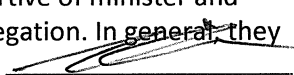
Rev Dr Ted Siverns is acting as the Presbyterian advisor to BTPC. The first three-month report to Visitation is included below.

Interim Report for the Visitation Committee

Very much an interim report I remember that we often say, 'progress reported.' So, it is but with a prayer of hope rather than of a healthy accomplishment. I am optimistic, a standard requirement of ministry.

I have had several meetings with Rev. Lin, meetings that were frank but for him somewhat difficult. Our relationship was and continues to be that of friend and colleague. These meetings will continue as time and occasion permit.

Attending a Session meeting I became aware that there was concern that those who left the church were viewed as casting a negative pall over the congregation. The current Session appears to be supportive of minister and ministry. I also spoke to a number of individuals who have or had contact with the congregation. In general they


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expressed concern for the leadership style of Rev. Lin but with some appreciation of his gifts for ministry. There have been different views in the presbytery on the importance of meeting with a group of people who are currently not active in the congregation. Although there is an argument on both sides ranging from 'let them go as they will not come back' to 'it would only be fair to listen to them'. I decided to meet with what I am calling 'the 16' though when I met and in later correspondence reference was made to 34 and 40 people. I asked everyone to speak briefly and took notes of comments made. I also asked people to sign in their presence though promised that this would be confidential.

Meeting with Rev. Lin he was not pleased at the responses most of which pointed to leadership style. I attempted/am attempting to have both Rev. Lin and 'the 16' meet under my auspices to attempt mutual learning and if possible, reconciliation. Although I may fail at the attempt, I would be more upset if I did not make the effort. Rev. Lin has agreed to a no pre-condition meeting while 'the 16' seem not too willing to meet though I have asked for clarification and remain hopeful.

My initial conclusions are 1) That the BTPC situation got off on bad footing and if the presbytery was aware it might have been dealt with right away. 2) It is difficult for the presbytery to determine when early intervention is called for and to have the resources to do so. 3) I shall have more to say in my next report -God willing.

L.E. Ted Siverns
2019.08.31

Respectfully submitted
Bev Feick
Convenor Visitation Committee
Westminster Presbytery

PRESBYTER OF MISSION & VISION SEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Rebecca Simpson, Search Committee Convener.

Presbyter for Mission and Vision Search Committee **Interim Report** **Sept 17, 2019**

The PMV search committee is comprised of Bob Paul, Andrea Perrett, David Jennings, Victor Kim and Rebecca Simpson (convener).

Since May 2019, the search committee has considered twelve enquiries for the position of Presbyter for Mission and Vision. Of those enquiries, we held conversations by Zoom with five potential candidates in late August 2019. Of those people, three chose to apply for the position. The other two declined for personal reasons, principally the need to live in Greater Vancouver and the need to stop all present coaching and planning work. All three candidates were interviewed by Zoom on Tuesday, Sept 10, 2019. The search committee is prepared to close the job posting at this time. Further plans to facilitate discernment of the best candidate for the PMV position are in



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the works. The committee believes it will have a strong recommendation to present to Presbytery not later than the December presbytery meeting.

Due to confidentiality concerns and the candidates' vulnerability with present employers the committee determined that we cannot provide the entire court with names and CVs but instead will come to the court with a final recommendation. Please contact the convener for a more detailed explanation if needed.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Simpson
PMV Search Cttee Convener

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Geof Jay, Coordinating Committee Convener.
All motions moved by Geof Jay, seconded by Pamela Wong.

Nominating Committee Report – September 17, 2019

The nominating committee would like to present the following **recommendation**:

That our nomination for the Moderator of the 2019 Synod of B.C. be the Rev. Willem van de Wall.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Geoffrey B. Jay
Convener

COORDINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented Victor Kim, Coordinating Committee Convener.
All motions moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Martin Baxter.

Coordinating Committee Report – September 17, 2019

Recommendation 1: That the Rev. Susanna Siao be added to the appendix to the roll of the Presbytery of Westminster.

CARRIED

Recommendation 2: That in light of the call to Young Tae Choi as Assistant Minister at Richmond Presbyterian, an additional equalizing elder be appointed to the roll of presbytery, this to be determined by the Clerk according to the rotation of equalizing elders.

CARRIED


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Recommendation 3: That the item under correspondence dated September 10, 2019 from Richard Watson as Interim Moderator of West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, regarding both its anticipated budget deficit and its desire to provide a housing allowance supplement from its Manse Fund to Hummingbird Ministries, be referred to the Property and Finance Committee of Presbytery and that committee be granted power to issue to address those matters as it deems best prior to the November Presbytery meeting. **CARRIED**

Recommendation 4: That the attached draft agenda for the Special Meeting of Presbytery on November 16, 2019 to address Remits 1 and 2 re: Decisions regarding Human Sexuality under the Barrier Act, be approved by presbytery. **CARRIED**

Proposed Agenda for Special Meeting of Presbytery to address the General Assembly Remits
November 16, 2019 St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's PC

- 8:30 AM Arrive for coffee / muffins
- 9:00 AM Worship and constitution of the court (Bob Paul)
- 9:15 AM Introduction of the process around the day (Clerk of Presbytery/Brad Childs)
- Review of the history of PCC decisions around the issue of Human Sexuality,
 - Reminder of the actions of the 2019 General Assembly
 - Clarify the process around Remits and the Barrier Act
- 10:00 AM Break
- 10:15 AM Listening to representatives from the Sessions attending
- 12:15 PM Lunch
- 1:00 PM Presbytery moves to a closed court (in-camera) and a committee of the whole
- Discussions from various presbyters
 - Those on the appendix to the roll are invited to remain
- 2:30 PM Presbytery moves out of the committee of the whole but stays as a closed court throughout the rest of the meeting
- Possibilities of motions being considered around Remits
 - Only those on the constituent roll will vote on any recommendations put forward
- 3:00 PM Closing prayer and court adjourned


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If the agenda is adopted, we would need to invite Sessions to send representatives to the meeting understanding that they would be invited to stay for the morning and lunch only. Sessions would need to respond by October 28 to confirm their attendance. Depending on the number of Sessions represented, there will be a time limit to each presentation. It will need to be made very clear that we are not debating the issue of human sexuality, but only the Remits that have been presented to us under the Barrier Act and what the implications of the Remits may be to congregations and to our presbytery.

Presbyters who wish to distribute any material they felt would be helpful for other presbyters to read in advance of the meeting date may do so by submitting the material through the Clerk by October 28.

Recommendation 5: That the Rev. Dr. Bob Paul be named Moderator pro tem for the special meeting and also give the opening devotional. **CARRIED**

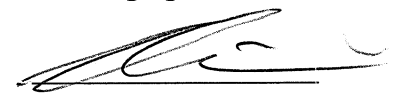
The clerk presented two additional reports concerning ministry initiatives; one from Fairview Presbyterian Church and another jointly from Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church and Vancouver Taiwanese Presbyterian Church .

Moved by Brad Childs, seconded by Brian Dennehy that the presbytery approve the application from Fairview from the Avondbloem Experimental Fund. **CARRIED**

**Application to the Avondbloem Experimental Fund
By Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver
First-Time Applicants**

Objective

Put simply our objective is to move discipleship from Christians to non-Christians and from inside the church to outside the church. "To go and make disciples" means to actually "go" out and make "disciples." Disciples are not necessarily "converts" but rather students of Christ. While the confession of Christ as Savior and Lord is the ultimate hope, and we would be elated to discover new disciples making Fairview their home as a part of that discipleship process, our priority would be to focus on discipleship and think in terms of incremental steps of faith and spiritual investigation where people already are. Our objective is to provide a person active within the local community purposefully starting and entering into spiritual conversations from a Christian perspective in the South Granville, Vancouver neighbourhood and to provide places, means and resources about the Jesus of Christian scriptures. From this experiment we hope to gather information about what different kinds of engagement within the community foster the greatest interest in discipleship opportunities and of which types. In this first phase we wish not to focus so much on how to "feed" new disciples into the church community or to create "converts" but to create space and provide touchpoints between these new disciples and the congregation as well as touchpoints for the congregation within the community that foster bilateral involvement between congregation and community.


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Experiment Practicalities

The experiment Fairview Presbyterian Church would like to explore is based around the idea of a community pastor who is loosely associated with our congregation. The idea is to fund a 20hr a week pastor for a period of one year, whose work entails ministering to individuals in our immediate neighborhood with a goal of truly being seen by people who live in the area as "their pastor" even if they have no connection to the Fairview congregation or to any particular faith tradition. The community pastor will be a consistently visible fixture at local shops, retirement facilities, community events and public spaces. The community pastor is to engage everyone they meet in conversations of a spiritual nature as well as conversations about life, death and everything in-between. The community pastor will find ways to make connections with people within a roughly six-block radius of the Fairview worship space and available to everyone who lives in the area to speak with, pray with and more. From this experiment we hope to find ways to better understand the needs of our neighbors, to know them better, to have opportunities to provide for their needs based around what we learn, to evaluate the impact of relational evangelism, understand and improve the "congregational image", awareness of our existence and impact as well as better understand what sorts of conversations and/or measures best lead to steps of faith, openness to faith conversations and commitment to Christ.

Through this experimental position we hope to grow the positive image of Jesus and his followers in our immediate neighborhood, help people feel as if they always have someone to turn too and to help the Presbyterian Church in Canada spread the message of Jesus Christ and to grow the Kingdom of God by what we do and what we learn. In addition, we hope to greatly impact the denominational understanding of local missions in an innovative yet simple, and practical way that can be easily replicated in almost any church community across the country.

Evaluation

The evaluation of the experiment will be based on empirical evidence pertaining to public awareness and perception, conversations with people in the community, attendance at events, the receptiveness of people in the community and the number of positive interaction, increased commitments to Christ/Church as well as any contributory growth at Fairview events, worship and other related congregational activities.

Funds Requested

\$24,000 for wages

\$4,800 for discretionary funds to be dispersed after approval by the Experimental Community Pastor's Initiative Team from Fairview Presbyterian Church.

Position Description

The Community Pastor functions by providing Biblical leadership in the area of evangelism, working with and under the direction of the Initiative Team from Fairview Presbyterian Church to make new disciples for Jesus Christ, train congregants through what is learned and provide spiritual care for the community within a six-block radius of the Fairview Presbyterian Church building.

Personal Qualifications:

- Committed Christ-follower who feels a call by God into ministry
- Desire to help the congregation, surrounding community and the unchurched encounter and grow in life and in Christ



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- Desire to help foster a culture of community and community outreach within the congregation and neighbourhood
- To be highly visible and known in and around the Fairview neighbourhood
- Thriving prayer life
- Strong interpersonal skills
- Kind and extremely outgoing nature

Responsibilities:

- Create culture, environments and training to facilitate evangelism through new and existing ministries outside the church walls.
- To spend 15 hours per week engaging people in our immediate neighbourhood in spiritual conversations
- To help foster friendships between the congregation and community
- To better understand the needs of those around us and better understand how to engage common mission with people outside our congregation yet in our immediate area
- To plan one monthly event inside the church building that invites new people into the community for fellowship or one event outside the church building that invites the congregation into the community life of our neighbourhood
- To be a person who is sought out by people not associated with the church for spiritual direction

Moved by Neil Abramson, seconded by Angus Beattie that Presbytery support the idea of the proposal of a Mandarin Speaking Ministry by Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church and Vancouver Taiwanese Presbyterian Church in principle.

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PROPOSAL FOR A MANDARIN WORSHIP COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION

This new initiative is motivated by our observation for the past 3 years at VCPC. We started out as Alpha Mandarin Course followed by Bible Study discipleship program. The attendees are mostly immigrants from Mainland China. The result is very encouraging in that there were 5 baptisms with regular attendants of 15 -18 for the Bible study groups. They are encouraged to attend the bilingual service (Cantonese and Mandarin) or the English service but not fruitful because of the language barrier. Most prefer to worship with Mandarin as the primary language. It is an indication that there is a need to create a worship service for Mandarin speakers. Likewise, the VTPC at Kerrisdale has experienced an influx of Mandarin speakers inquiring about worship service in Mandarin. This is consistent with the reports from Statistics Canada in 2016 that there was a surge of 175% of Mandarin speaking population and 52% for Cantonese speaking since 2006 in Greater Vancouver and its vicinities.

VISION AND MISSION

This is an affirmative, creative and innovative response to the Presbytery Visioning Day held in February 9, 2019 initiated by the Presbytery of Westminster (POW). POW has created a Strategic Planning Committee (SPC) and was charged to fulfill and support POW to attain its goal of being a "good steward for inspiring leadership for transformation." It's mandate was to provide leadership in helping and support ministries in reaching out to


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communities as Christian witness in word and deed; stressing leadership development to move toward faithful and fruitful results; assisting ministries in achieving their goals; encouraging and investing wisely by determining and directing the resources needed for the advancement of vision and mission of the presbytery and its strategic priorities.

The 6 strategic priorities of the POW can be summarized as not only engaging in biblical education but also in evangelism outreach and discipleship as well as supporting communities of faith in its daily living through developing and enhancing relationship with our neighbors regardless of race, gender, cultural background. Please note the POW commits to starting at least 3 new worshipping communities as its short-term goal of 3-5 years. Our proposal is to start a brand-new Mandarin worship in the West side of Vancouver. The purpose of which is to gather believers and unbelievers who speak Mandarin to explore the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to become His followers as witnesses of His kingdom.

The target group is mainly Mandarin speaking immigrants from China, South East Asia such as Taiwan, Malaysia, Singapore, Philippines and students or contract workers who are fluent in Mandarin.

Our vision is consistent with the biblical mandate of creating a new humanity. According to Paul's letter to the Ephesians, regarded as the most contemporary book in the Bible. It sets forth God's eternal purpose to create through Jesus Christ a new society.

This vision of a renewed human community has stirred profoundly the late Dr. John Stott in which he wrote "For God's new society is characterized by life in place of death, by unity and reconciliation in place of division and alienation, by the wholesome standards of righteousness in place of the corruption of wickedness, by love and peace in place of hatred and strife, and by unremitting conflict with evil in place of a flabby compromise with it" in "The Message of Ephesians" (pp.10-11).

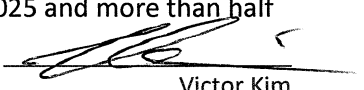
We therefore believe that with God's design for humanity, through the enabling power of the Holy Spirit in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, it is possible to create community in a world of disunity, reconciliation in place of alienation and peace instead of war. We believe Christian unity arises from the unity of our God-in that there is one spirit, one Lord, one God, and the affirmation that there is one body, one hope, one faith, one baptism and therefore one Christian family- the church.

In sum, our vision is to develop a Mandarin speaking worshipping community of faith for His glory as a witness of God's faithfulness and love for his creation. Our Presbyterian denomination has been in existence for over 145 years and yet there is a notable absence of Presbyterian Mandarin worship service! It is both a challenge and a window of opportunity to expand God's kingdom on earth by intentionally carry out and fulfill God's purpose to create one. The big question is if not now- then when? We feel it is time to explore this possibility as a wise investment of our resources.

Our mission is reach out to our neighbors regardless of race, gender, cultural heritage with the message of God: Jesus Christ and His saving grace.

MEETING THE UNMET NEEDS

In addition to the increasing numbers of Mandarin immigrants in the Greater Vancouver and its vicinities, we observe the rise in the number of international students from the Mainland and Taiwan in the West side of Vancouver. According to statistics Canada, more than 350,000 international students registered in our major universities and schools in 2015-2016 and this number is predicted to rise to 500,000 in 2025 and more than half



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of this students will be immigrants and eventually will be eligible for Canadian citizenship. Furthermore, according to Vancouver Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, recent statistics shows in 2019 that there are 400 university students from Taiwan enrolled in UBC and SFU. This scenario creates a need for Mandarin ministry opportunity. It is estimated that less than 5%-10 % are Christians. It is also estimated that there are over a thousand students from Taiwan scattered all over the Greater Vancouver area. Historically, PCC sent missionaries to Taiwan over 100 years ago and established successfully the presence of the Presbyterian denomination in Taiwan. By God's grace, the students are coming to our country, we feel it is our Christian duty to nurture and accommodate their needs as well as spread the Good News for those unbelievers.

MANDARIN WORSHIP PLAN

1. ACTIVITIES/ FUTURE PLANS: In order to establish Mandarin ministry in our churches, both the VTPC and VCPC have recently created a Mandarin Ministry Committee (MMC) respectively of its own to facilitate and coordinate the ongoing Bible study groups on Friday night separately. Typically, we started with a meal as a gesture of hospitality for newcomers and friends followed by singing of hymns, prayer and Bible study. Both Sessions have granted permission for our proposal to start a Mandarin worship.

Our proposal or future plan in terms of organizational structure is to create a Mandarin Worship Committee (MWC). The committee members are representatives from the 2 churches. The MWC will plan for the order of worship and the 2 pastors –Rev. Tali Hsieh and Rev. Dr. Morgan Wong will act as advisors. Lord willing, the Mandarin worship service will flourish and grow in numbers and report directly to the Presbytery as an independent entity. Eventually, an ordained Mandarin pastor will be called to serve the newly establish Mandarin congregation. The long-term plan will be to establish youth fellowship, Sunday schools for adults and kids as well. Your prayers are much needed, and our goal is seeing what God is doing and to cooperate with Him as God's hands and feet to glorify His Holy name.

2. BUDGET:

A. INCOME

i. Grants:	52,000.00
ii. VTPC & VCPC	20,000.00
iii. Regular Offering	20,000.00
Total:	92,000.00

B. EXPENDITURES

i. Rental, utilities, Internet, Tel. Janitorial:	12,000.00
ii. Staff, speakers' fee	50,000.00
iii. Ministry programs, hospitality	30,000.00
Total:	92,000.00

C. STAFF & VOLUNTEERS: It is our intention to hire a part time Mandarin speaking pastor for this newly established ministry. Guest speakers for worship will be invited to preach. We will ask for volunteers to run hospitality and other programs as needed.

D. TIMELINE: Mandarin worship will commence on January 1, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,
Victor Kim, Clerk



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The Moderator offered prayers for the meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Miklos Szigeti to adjourn the meeting.

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Presbyters are reminded of the following scheduled meetings:

- The next **regular meeting** of presbytery will be on **November 5, 2019** at **Central Presbyterian Church**, 1155 Thurlow Street, Vancouver. Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Worship at 7:00 p.m. Presbytery to be constituted at 7:30 p.m.
- A **special meeting** to induct **Gabriel Snyman** to a full-time Minister position will take place, **Sunday, September 22, 2019**, at **City Centre Church**, 13062-104th Ave, Surrey. Presbyters to meet at 2:30 p.m., worship to begin at 3:00 p.m.
- A **special meeting** to ordain and induct **Young Tae Choi** to a two-year, half-time Associate Minister position will take place, **Monday, September 30, 2019**, at **Richmond Presbyterian Church**, 7111 No. 2 Road, Richmond. Presbyters to meet at 7:00 p.m., worship to begin at 7:30p.m.
- A **special meeting** to induct **Thomas Kim** to a full-time Minister position will take place, **Sunday, October 27, 2019**, at **Calvin Presbyterian Church**, 33911 Hazelwood Ave, Abbotsford. Presbyters to meet at 2:30 p.m., worship to begin at 3:00 p.m.
- A **special meeting** to deal with Remits re: Barrier Act on Saturday, **November 16, 2019** at **St. Andrew and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church**, 2641 Chesterfield Avenue, North Vancouver, the meeting to start at 8:30 a.m. with coffee and donuts, Presbytery to be constituted at 9:00 a.m.
- The **Synod of B.C.** will meet at **St. David's Presbyterian Church**, located at 271 Snowsell St. N., Kelowna, the weekend of **October 18-20, 2019**.

The Moderator closed the court with a benediction.



Cal MacLeod, Moderator



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