

The Presbytery of Westminster met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 3, at 7:00pm within Fairview Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, BC. Worship was led by Hummingbird Ministries.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Cal MacLeod constituted the Court and opened the meeting with prayer at 7:45pm.

The Moderator welcomed the following guests:

Rev. Matt Brough (Cyclical PCC), Kit Schindell (Fairview), Rev. Lydia Bae (spouse of Rev. Thomas Kim),
Music Team: Donna Darling, Shirley Carleton, Samuel Andri, Rennie Nahanee, Astrid
Stephen Rothery (Uniting Church of Australia received as Candidate for Ordination)
Stephen Bell (Candidate for Ordination)

DOCKET

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

ACTION

Bev Shepansky requested to speak to the Strategic & Leadership Report at the appropriate time.

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 January 14, 2020 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 Any member may ask for an issue on the consent agenda to be withdrawn from this list before the agenda is adopted.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, Y.T. Choi, P. Eastwood, M. Fontaine, B. Fraser, S. Goble, T. Hsieh, G. Jay, T. Kim, V. Kim, C. MacLeod, R. Simpson, B. Skelding, J. Smith, G. Snyman, M. Szigeti, M. Wong.

M. Allan, A. Bauman, J. Con, B. Dennehy, I. Evans, B. Feick, L. Gorman, R. Harry (repl J. Low), D. Jennings, K. Kim, A. Lin, R. Miller, K. Patrick, K. Sewell, B. Shepansky, G. Shields, S. Stacey, L. Tarko, E. Wilson, P. Wong.

Appendix:

B. Garvin, T. Siverns, R. Watson

Students:

S. Bell, N. Hartley, M. Arsenault

REGRETS

L. Deacon, P. Dutcher-Walls, D. Howard, B. Paul, W. van de Wall, W. van der Westhuizen

N. Abramson, A. Beattie, J. Christopherson, R. Steward, R. Wensler, M. Zaine

M. Adams

S. Cleland, K. Jordan, B. McLagan

A. Perrett

Permission to withdraw given to:

Glen Davis, Richard Watson and Kelly Patrick prior to 9pm

CORRESPONDENCE: 01-02-20 through to 02-24-20

01-02-20	Alexis Mckeown	Being In Community: Mission Fair at 2020 National Presbyterian Women's Gathering	Received and circulated
01-03-20	Stephen Rothery	Question concerning Pulpit Supply Ministry	Received
01-03-20	Heather Card	Evaluating Ministry Success – Research Summary	Received and circulated
01-03-20	Don Muir	Reminder of the rate increase for Pulpit Supply effective January 1: \$175 plus accommodation and meals if required; with \$.045 per KM	Noted
01-04-20	Amanda Currie	Confirmation of upcoming visit	Received
01-05-20	Allan Aicken	Concerns over Presbytery's action in response to Legal Opinions	Received and responded

01-05-20	Pat Dutcher-Walls	PCR Clearance Letter	Received
01-06-20	Kate Jordon	Letter to POW in response to Remits RE: legal opinions	Received and responded
01-06-20	Kelly Patrick	Declined to be commissioner to the 2020 General Assembly	Received
01-06-20	Ross Lockhart	Advising that Stephen Bell is expected to graduate this spring and is therefore is ready to be interviewed by the SCC	Received and forwarded to SSC
01-07-20	Bev Feick	January Visitation Report to POW Followed by BTPC report from T. Siverns	Received
01-07-20	Janet Eastwood	Applications for Summer positions at Camp Douglas are now open. Deadline February 1 st .	Received and circulated
01-8-20	Kathryn Muir	Following up to ensure Ballots for Moderator 2020 were received	Responded
01-08-20	Adrian Wong	Withdraw of Morgan Wong's study leave	Received
01-09-20	Terri-Lee Hamilton	Nominations for Dean for St. Andrew's Hall is now open	Received and circulated
01-10-20	Don Muir	Policy for the Amalgamation or Dissolution of Congregations - Presbytery Clerks	Circulated
01-15-20	Clara Choi	Requesting an extract from the December meeting regarding the Cooke's grant application for Shepherds House	Responded
01-16-20	Jackie A. Czegledi	Statistical Reports for 2019	Received and distributed
01-17-20	Kathryn Muir	Requesting changes to the roll for January 2020	Received and responded
01-20-20	Ruth Chueh	Study leave for Ta Li Hsieh	Ministry Committee
01-20-20	Joanne Kim	Change in email address to memorybc1011@gmail.com	Noted
01-22-20	Larry Eastwood	Statistical Form submitted for Haney PC WE060	Received
01-24-20	Brad Childs	Mamas for Mamas Group looking for use of space to run program.	Received and distributed
01-24-20	Brad Childs	Knox has new Alternate Elder: Melanie Adams 604-617-7762 meljadams@gmail.com	Received

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01-25-20	Don Muir	Policy for Amalgamation or Dissolution of Congregations	Distributed
01-27-20	Kathryn Muir	January 2020 PCC changes to the roll	Received
01-28-20	Terri-Lee Hamilton	General Assembly 2020 due dates (including corrections)	Received and noted
01-28-20	Rebecca Simpson	Request from Dale Woods the POW request Presbytery of Montreal to release him from that presbytery.	Noted and written
01-29-20	Sumarme Goble	Music and Dialogue: An exploration of the Gospel as found in jazz worship."	Circulated
01-29-20	Nate Hartley	Looking to attend the next "Orientation to Presbytery" workshop when available.	Noted
01-29-20	Jonah Lin	Requesting Letter of Standing	Received and sent
01-31-20	Ted Siverns	Questions and concerns regarding Jonah Lin and his request for Letter of Standing	Received
02-02-20	Larry Eastwood	WE110 Richmond Presbyterian Church Statistical and Financials	Received
02-02-20	Larry Eastwood	Hummingbird Ministries Annual Report figures	Received
02-02-20	Kaireen Morgan	WE220 WVPC Statistical and Financial Reports	Received
02-03-20	Glenn Inglis	Silent Retreat at Camp Douglas – Leader Glenn Inglis	Distributed
02-03-20	Andrea Perrett	Reminder about the VST Call to Be 2020 high school retreat	Distributed
02-05-20	VST	February Newsletter – At a Glance	Distributed
02-05-20	Margorie Copeland	PCC acknowledges the POW list of commissioners	Received
02-05-20	Ross Lockhart	Advising Matt Brough (Cyclical PCC) visiting Vancouver March 3 weekend	Admin Committee
02-05-20	Larry Eastwood	Requesting signature for the Represent A Client Authorization Form CRA for Presbytery	Received and authorized
02-07-20	Marjorie Copeland	Presbytery Statistical Information	Received and responded
02-07-20	Jonah Lin	Request that his Letter of Standing be rescinded so that he can remain on the Appendix to the Roll	Received and forwarded to Ministry Committee
02-09-20	Linda MacLeod	Confirming that Rep Elder is Bev Shepansky and Alternate Elder Daniel Han for the 2020 year.	Noted

02-10-20	Larry Eastwood	Updated POW 2019 Financial Statements (includes Around the Well)	Received
02-11-20	Richard Watson	Statistical Information for Knox	Noted
02-11-20	Michael Pettem, Presbytery of Montreal	Additional information re: transfer of Dale Woods to POW	Received and will respond once contract signed
02-12-20	Liz Brewer	Memo to Clerks re Police Checks for Certified Candidates for Ministry	Received
02-12-20	Martin Baxter	In favour or rescinding the Letter of Standing for Jonah Lin	Received
02-13-20	Gordon Shields	Paddy Eastwood requesting study leave from July 6-17	Ministry Committee
02-14-20	Larry Eastwood	St. Paul's Statistical Report received	Received
02-15-20	Mary Fontaine	Proposed 2020 Budget for Hummingbird Ministries	Received
02-15-20	Mary Fontaine	Requesting letter from POW to apply for Cooke's Grant for Hummingbird Ministries	Received
02-16-20	Ruth Chueh	Vancouver Taiwanese PC Statistical form received	Received and forwarded to PCC
02-19-20	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	Commissioners to GA registration required ASAP.	Noted
02-19-20	Teresa Charlton	Synod Planning Proposal	Received
02-19-20	George Robertson	Gordon Church Session approval of study leave for Cal MacLeod	Ministry Committee
02-20-20	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	YAR to GA registration required ASAP	Received and distributed
02-20-20	Eileen Sparrow	Statistical Report from St. Aidan's submitted	Received
02-22-20	Ron Miller	Trust Deed for First PC requiring Clerk's signature	Received and responded
02-24-20	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	GA Nominations for Standing Committees due February 28 th	Received

REPORTS

HUMMINGBIRD MINISTRIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The report was presented by Isabel Evans.

All motions, unless otherwise noted, moved by Isabel Evans, and seconded by Brian Fraser.

Hummingbird Ministries Annual Meeting March 2020.

**Establishing various types of Circle Ministries
to restore hope, freedom and justice
for Indigenous/Settler healing – socially, politically and spiritually.**

Recommendation #1: that Presbytery move into a Committee of the Whole to conduct the Annual General Meeting of Hummingbird Ministries and that Isabel Evans be the convener of the meeting and that the Clerk of Presbytery be the recording secretary. **CARRIED**

Meeting called to order.

The convener clarified that the WPGPC donation of \$40,000 annually to HM is actually now a donation from the Presbytery of Westminster since the funds that support this donation were given to the Presbytery as a gift to support the missional work of the Presbytery.

Recommendation #2:
That the attendance at the Annual Meeting be the same as that recorded at the March 2020 meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster. **CARRIED**

The Convener called upon Rev. Mary Fontaine to highlight and answer any questions pertaining to the director's report.

Report of convener as circulated. The Convener was available to answer any questions pertaining to this report.

Financial report for 2019: Treasurer, Larry Eastwood was available to answer any questions regarding the proposed budget and external review for 2020 as circulated.

Recommendation #3:
That the proposed budget of Hummingbird Ministries for 2020 as presented be approved. **CARRIED**

Recommendation #4:
That Hummingbird unlike any other ministry, is completely dependent on grants, and whereas every grant requires different timelines and written permission from Presbytery, be it therefore resolved that Hummingbird Ministries (HM) be permitted to apply for grants throughout the year that may become available before the next HM AGM as listed in the annual budget for HM. **CARRIED**

It was also noted that should additional grant opportunities not listed in the budget arise during the year, HM would bring to presbytery motions that would allow it to apply for such grants with the permission of presbytery.

Recommendation #5:
That the officers of Hummingbird Ministries and the members of Hummingbird Council be those elected through the regular process of nomination and voting at the June meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster. **CARRIED**

Recommendation #6:
Meeting be adjourned and Presbytery move out of the Committee as a whole. **CARRIED**

Conveners Report to Presbytery – March 3, 2020

The Presbytery of Westminster

Dear Friends in Christ

Subject: Hummingbird Ministries Annual General Meeting 2020

As co-conveners of Hummingbird Ministries, as of June 2019, it is a pleasure to present Hummingbird Ministries' 2020 Annual Report for the Annual General Meeting, March 3, 2020. This is Hummingbird's 16th year of a rewarding and blessed ministry and thanks to all our supporters. With the Spirit of the Lord as our guide, we have done this work *together* as the Church and Indigenous people, fulfilling in many ways, the Confession of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, "to walk together as God's people".

We remain deeply grateful for the support from Canadian Ministries, the Presbytery of Westminster, the Synod of BC, the Cooke's Fund, the PCC Project Funds, the WMS, the PAR donors, congregations and individual donors. In 2019, we were greatly honoured by a legacy gift of \$40,000 per year from the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church and was an answer to prayer for our emergency housing and ministry needs. We are also grateful for a legacy fund which became available to Hummingbird as one of the eight National Indigenous Ministries of the PCC. These funds are greatly appreciated as they will allow for the hiring of a part-time assistant for our Director.

We continue to be grateful and pray for all those who walk beside us in the path of Truth, Healing and Reconciliation. We are grateful for your hearts of justice, compassion and the prayer support. We thank those who have provided venues and hosted our programs and events; to those who have invited us to preach or booked an arts performance; to those who have attended our events; to the performing artists; and the parents and grandparents of the Hummingbird children. As a one-person staff ministry, the contributions of the Council, the elders, the teachers and volunteers cannot be overlooked.

Our Executive Director, the Rev. Mary Fontaine has accomplished a tremendous amount of work. As the sole administrator she writes all of the grant applications that are the source of financial support for HM. This combined with other administrative tasks takes a great deal of her time and energy. As we look forward to 2020 we are hopeful in finding the right person to fill a part-time paid position of office assistant to allow our director to spend more time on other areas of ministry, that need her attention.

Indigenous children are being taught how to overcome the shame of being Indigenous in Canada through learning about their history and reclaiming their various cultures and Indigenous identities. They are taught to be proud of who they are and learning the arts of drama, dancing singing and playing musical instruments contributes to their positive self-image. Great strides have been made in this area. In particular, a boy who once sat by himself in the corner is now a leader of the dance group. Healing comes through respecting Indigenous wisdom and spirituality and having faith in the Great Physician. At the WMS Conference in March, they sang, *This Little Light of Mine* and held candles to express their love for Jesus.

In 2019 HM reached out and touched over 1000 people through events, preaching and workshops. As noted in the Annual Report, Mary has been busy with many activities and performances including *The Star Boy's Promise*, *An Indigenous Christmas Play*, as well as hosting a visitor from Taiwan, doing pulpit supply at various churches (not just Presbyterian), facilitating workshops, running the arts programs, attending to meetings, doing pastoral care and the never ending fund raising and administrative tasks. On top of all of this work, about four months of 2019 was taken up in the search for affordable housing and suitable ministry space. Fortunately a home that is suitable for office, music lessons and arts and supplies storage space as well as living space was found in a quiet neighbourhood in North Delta.

The work of 2019 and our plans for 2020 are noted in the Annual Narrative Report for 2019. All the supporting documents including the year-end financials and our 2020 Budget are enclosed in this Annual Report.

Going forward the members of the HM Council are, Rev. Mary Fontaine, (Director) Rev. Laurie Deacon, (Presbytery Member), Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser, (Co-Convener), Larry Eastwood, (Treasurer), Dorothy Visser, (Circle Elder), Isabel Evans, Co-Convener). Elders Darlene Mondor and Lesley Graham are in discernment about their membership as Indigenous elders on the Council.

The HM Council meet monthly except in July. We are grateful to all who participate. We continue to pray for God's guidance through the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment in all of our plans. We know that without God through Jesus Christ, we are nothing and on our own, we are easily lost.

Yours sincerely,

Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser and Isabel Evans
Co-conveners,
Hummingbird Ministries Council

Hummingbird Ministries, Director's Annual Report, March 3, 2020
Honoured, Nourishing and Expanding, Ministries

Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly... Never be wise in your own sight. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. (Romans 12:16,18)

Hummingbird Ministries is expanding its healing and reconciliation ministries slowly but surely. This was apparent in 2019, through the responses of the children; the sustaining of ecumenical relationships through annual events and the honouring by the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) rewarding the work we do together. Yet our work would not prevail without the threefold cord of our relationship.

Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their toil. For if they fall, one will lift up the other; but woe to one who is alone and falls and does not have another to help. Again, if two lie

together, they keep warm; but how can one keep warm alone? And though one might prevail against another, two will withstand one. A threefold cord is not quickly broken. (Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)

The 1994 Confession of the PCC was made with Indigenous people and the Spirit of God. When Indigenous people made peace treaties with their Pipe, the Great Spirit was a constant witness to the treaty. Hummingbird Ministries is also a three-strand relationship between Indigenous people, the PCC and the Holy Spirit, our guide. When our heavenly Creator is present *"a threefold cord is not quickly broken"*.

HONOURED AND HUMBLLED

We were honoured and humbled by Presbyterians in three special ways.

A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for a time of adversity. (Proverbs 17:17)

The Church values friendship and neighbourly love; Indigenous people value brotherly and sisterly love. When the Presbyterian Church listened to the painful stories and made its Confession in 1994 it was an act of true friendship.

- In the fall of 2019, when the session at *the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church* donated its legacy funds to *Hummingbird Ministries* in our emergency situation, *"a brother was born in a time of adversity"*. Before this, the Director and Hummingbird Ministries were without a home, unable to meet the challenge of market value housing. Unsafe living conditions had made it necessary to move out of the Richmond house, where a low rent situation had been enjoyed for 16 years. We are truly honoured by this most generous gift.
- Secondly, Hummingbird was honoured in a special way through requests made to the Director *to let her name stand as the next Moderator for the PCC*. Apparently motivated by the 25th anniversary of the PCC Confession, the church's repudiation of the UNDRIP and response to the MMIWG Final Report, some considered it a good time for an Indigenous Moderator. Surprised and humbled she at first refused but after several presbyteries called, she decided to let her name stand. She is honoured by this gesture of kinship, to adopt an Indigenous person into the Presbyterian system of governance. We, the Council and our friends pray for God's will.
- Hummingbird is grateful for a third unexpected blessing - our share in a legacy fund, made available by General Assembly to the eight Indigenous ministries of the PCC. This makes the hiring of a regular part-time administrative assistant possible and will go far in lightening the Director's heavy workload allowing her to focus on areas of ministry which need more attention.

NOURISHING THE CHILDREN

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs." Mark 10:14

You can get a sense of the impact of hope and healing in this ministry and how God is at work in *nourishing* Indigenous children through the Circles at Kekinow. A boy waits eagerly for his turn in the circle, beaming widely, waving a poster about the children's upcoming performance at a WMS Conference. When he finally gets the

feather being passed around the circle, he bursts. "THIS!" he says, "was hanging all over our school, EVERYWHERE! Our principal told EVERYBODY!" Others respond with YES! (The principal had received our email with the poster and posted them all over the school and in every classroom!) A boy with a will to calmness shares, *"The kids at school make fun of me cause I'm First Nations, but I just ignore them."* He hesitates a moment and passes the feather. A girl sobs from the pain of being bullied by other children in the complex. We wait and pray... As the feather is passed around the circle, a shy girl lifts a basket arrangement of yellow flowers from her lap and brings it to "Mary", *"This is for you for all that you do for us!"* Her sister adds, *"She did that all by herself and used her own money! Mom and dad, nobody told her to do it."*

They call her "Mary", not Rev., Grandma, Kokom or even Auntie. They see her driving up and they call out, "She's here! She's here! Mary is here!" They run to meet her. All smiles, hugs and gifts and "Are we dancing today?" That's what it's all about. A mutual kind of Godly love and respect. "Who do you say that I am?" It is moments like these when the struggles of ministry with Indigenous children makes it all worthwhile.

One day as the Director was on her way to set up in the Kekinow community room, a five-year old girl stops her bike to ask "Was that you who came to talk to me when I was with my Grandpa at the Longhouse?" "Yes." The smile and the hug say it all. Her mother had died suddenly in April, from a seizure. A few moms had gone with the Director to a prayer service at a longhouse in a reserve nearby. The whole Kekinow community was devastated, especially the children. The moms asked for prayer and a blessing of the whole complex grounds. The elders and the Director prayed earnestly for our community's heartbreaking loss of a beautiful young mother, friend and wife.

SPECIAL HEALING CIRCLES AND PASTORAL CARE

The Circles continue to provide an opportunity to listen and be heard, to affirm equality before God and his unconditional love made known to the human heart through his Spirit and the Scriptures. At special healing circles we prayed for a girl going through difficult times; for children dealing with painful bullying experiences; and for the family of the young mother who passed away.

Good connections make for successful circles. On July 6th, such connections were made for our special guests, the Rev. Lily Bell, Anglican Haida priest, and Langus Lamilingan, an Indigenous woman visiting from Taiwan. Anne Brandt (a Mennonite and constant friend of Hummingbird from Taiwan) was able to communicate with Langus in their common dialect. A Nis'gaa couple from Hummingbird enjoyed sharing with Lily Bell about mutual friends and stories they held in common as Indigenous people from northern BC. We were also pleased when Laura Fortin, Metis, former elder at Hummingbird dropped in, adding warmth to our hospitality circle.

Pastoral care in 2019 took our Director to family court to support a family; she and Elder Dorothy provided ongoing pastoral care and support for a homeless family living in their car. During their vacation, while in Edmonton they were also called on to pray for families in need of healing and pastoral care at the Roman Catholic Lake St. Anne pilgrimage camp.

EXPANDING MINISTRIES

Through arts performances, the Director's sermons, circles and workshops, Hummingbird reached over a thousand people once again in 2019, with our message for healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people, oppressed groups and our Mother earth. About 935 people attended eight events and performances which Hummingbird was involved in and the rest were reached through preaching and workshops. The events included:

- the Star Boy's Promise Christmas play, *January 5th*
- the WMS Regional Presbyterian Women's Gathering in Surrey, *March 29th*
- the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church youth event in Vancouver, *April 27th*
- the Jazz Benefit Concert at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church in Burnaby, *May 18th*
- the National Indigenous Peoples Day celebration at the Mosaic Church in East Vancouver, *June 15th*
- the DOTAC (an international Deacon's conference) at UBC, *August 18th*
- the Brentwood Jazz All-Stars Benefit Concert, at Kerrisdale Presbyterian, *September 7th*
- the 15th annual Christmas Circle hosted by the Richmond Presbyterian, *Dec. 14th*

Our annual Peace through the Arts Festival scheduled for November 2nd was postponed until spring due to the move in the fall.

Through a workshop, the Director touched the hearts of a Brownies group with the saga of residential schools through a power point and a pow wow fancy dance lesson. Two girls would not quit asking if the children who were taken away were returned to their families. Perhaps a seed has been planted for future advocates of healing and reconciliation with Indigenous people.

Two workshops on Circle teachings were presented at the *International Deacons association Conference* at UBC in August. The Director was a panelist at *VST's inter-religious Studies Religion & Violence Conference* sharing from an Indigenous perspective on *non-violent responses to violence*, even colonialism. At a *Webinar* meeting of the *Canadian Council of Churches*, the Director responded to the question *What is the Place of Christianity Today for Indigenous People*. This was a cross-Canada virtual conversation to mark CCC's 75th anniversary hosted by General Secretary, Peter Noteboom. Participants included church leaders and Dr. Marie Wilson (TRC Commissioner).

Back at home on the west coast, the Director preached at the Shaughnessy Heights United Church in Vancouver in May; St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church in New Westminster on National Indigenous Sunday in June; and a Memorial service for a Mistawasis elder, in Vancouver in December. She preached at the General Assembly (GA) at the Waterloo University in June and during her summer holidays she baptized a baby girl in Edmonton, baptized twin toddlers at the Mistawasis Presbyterian Church and officiated at a funeral service for an elder at Mistawasis, Sask.

MORE PRESBYTERIAN BLESSINGS

The Director was honored to preach at GA, on inclusion for the oppressed including Indigenous people and our gay brothers and sisters in Christ. She appealed to the Church to listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church,

pointing out that the third person of our Triune God is often ignored in the process of discernment in reformed churches. She attended GA as a Commissioner of the Westminster Presbytery and as an executive member of the NIMC of the PCC. She and a youth from Hummingbird participated in the Indigenous sections of the GA.

Hummingbird's Star Blanket dance performances provide reconciliation opportunities for Presbyterians by booking us for their events. In March the WMS invited our dancers to perform at their "Shine" Regional conference, at the Sheraton in Surrey. They honoured the children with a generous honoraria and made a generous donation to the ministries. It was beautiful sight, when the children sang *This Little Light of Mine* holding candles as a profession of their love for Jesus.

In April, the Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, a new event partner booked our dancers to perform at their annual youth dinner and provided a generous honorarium. The boy's spirits soared when the audience cheered loudly at their cartwheels and rigorous dance moves. The video of Indigenous Taiwanese dancers, was a kind gesture of peace with Hummingbird. When the Taiwanese pastor noticed the white Taiwanese vest worn by our Director he suggested a photo together. Ibi, a Taiwanese VST student had given her the vest with the blessing that in Indigenous Taiwanese culture, only the holy people wear white. The dinner was fantastic and we raise our hands to the Taiwanese youth, the elders and the women, who worked hard to make the event a great success!

We were honoured by the Brentwood Presbyterian Church which hosted two Jazz Benefits in 2019. While our children dancers prefer the fast-paced fancy dance, for the May Benefit, they agreed to learn the prayer dances to bless the people and the space at Brentwood. The narration of the September Jazz Concert was a story of injustice and suffering of Indigenous people on Vancouver Island, a gesture of solidarity and an awareness of the history of Indigenous people in Canada.

In December, the Richmond Presbyterian Church hosted our 16th annual Christmas Circle. We are indebted to their group of volunteers who worked hard cooking, setting up and cleaning up the hall. Celebrations included Christmas carols and Metis dancing by the children and a new Santa Clause.

OTHER NEWS

During the summer, the Director hosted Langus Lamilingan, an Indigenous Taiwanese woman interested in Indigenous people and the PCC Indigenous ministries, connected with the Director at Canada Youth 2018. She took Langus to the prairies to visit PCC Indigenous ministries in Edmonton, Saskatoon and Mistawasis. Through the Saskatchewan Synod Director, Langus volunteered at the Presbyterian Camp Christopher near Prince Albert and a youth camp in Swift Current, SK.

As mentioned earlier the Director and Hummingbird Ministries moved to North Delta. We have found a suitable house which serves as residence for the Director, storage for musical instruments, dance regalia and drama props, space for the children's piano lessons, meetings and the office of Hummingbird Ministries. The legacy donation of the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church has blessed us with all our ministry space.

We look forward to a visit from the Moderator, Rev. Amanda Currie in January 2020. She will tour our ministry venues including Tsawwassen, Sechelt and Surrey and participate in a Jazz benefit concert, initiated by the Brentwood Presbyterian Church.

Work plans and events for 2020 are as follows:

ADMINISTRATION:

Reports

- AGM Reports and Presbytery Worship, March 3, 2020
- Director's Reports and others as usual

Search for Assistance for:

- Office Assistant, ministry program helpers/volunteers, Elders & event volunteers

Grant Applications:

- Cooke's Fund, Feb 20, 2020;
- Creative Ministry with Children Fund, Special Projects Fund, Chisholm Fund, April 15;
- UCC Justice & Reconciliation Fund for the PTA Festival, March 15, 2020;
- BC Synod grant application, Jean Woodrow fund, prior to April 20, 2020
- Conference Fund, Indigenous Wisdom Conference, Nov 6-9, 2020, March 30, 2020
- Canadian Ministries Specialized Ministry fund, Oct. 1, 2020 for 2021
- Cooke's Fund, Feb 20, 2021

Special Meetings and Conferences:

- NIMC/H & R Presbyterians, Prayer Retreat, Sandy Saulteaux, Winnipeg, May 7-9, 2020
- National Presbyterian Women's Gathering, Richmond Hill, Ontario, May 15-18, 2020

ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS:

Preaching

- Chinese Presbyterian Church, Vancouver, Sunday, March 22nd
- St. Columba PC, Vancouver, June 21, 2020
- Haney Presbyterian Church, Maple Ridge, August 30, 2020, and as requested

Events and Fundraisers:

- *Peace through the Arts Festival*, May 29-30, 2020,
- *National Indigenous Peoples Day*, June 20, 2020, Mosaic Church, East Vancouver
- *Brentwood Jazz Concert Benefits* – TBA
- *Indigenous Wisdom Conference*, November 13-15, 2020, venue TBA
- *Christmas Circle*, Saturday, Dec 12, 2020, Richmond

Children's Music Projects:

- Musical instruments project, piano, guitar and ukulele lessons
- Voice and Choir

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Children's Dance Projects & Textile Arts Dance Regalia:

- Pow wow couples sweetheart dance
- Metis and new dance forms
- Write stories for narrated performances
- Search for pow wow dance regalia accessories for Boys Fancy Dancers
- Order ribbon skirts/shirts for the children and teach their meaning and significance

Drama Project – Indigenous Christmas Play

- Finish writing the play with help of a playwright
- Recruit Indigenous actors in Vancouver, assess production date for the play

Healing Path Program & Special Healing Worship follow up:

- Two Anti-bullying workshops and a special healing service
- Acknowledging ongoing problem of bullying, follow up by participating in National Pink Shirt Day in Feb 2021 or a similar national campaign
- Outdoor project, nature hike, environmental awareness

Film Project

- Edit Confession Play and Interviews
- Draft screenplay to be edited by a UBC screenplay writer

The Hummingbird Ministries Council

The Hummingbird Community and the HM Council are grateful for the continued support of the PCC Canadian Ministries grant, the PCC Project grants, our Presbytery, the BC Synod, the Cooke's fund, the WMS, congregations, PAR friends, ecumenical partners, Brentwood Church Jazz Benefits and the Indigenous communities we walk together with on the lower mainland of BC.

We welcome invitations which "increase understanding of Indigenous people around issues of ministry, theology and Indigenous cultures," according to the mandate of our national church. We look forward to another year of learning and growing.

Director:	Rev. Mary Fontaine
Co-Convener:	Isabel Evans
Co-Convener:	Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser
Treasurer:	Larry Eastwood
Presbytery member:	Rev. Laurie Deacon
Indigenous Circle Elder:	Dorothy Visser
Indigenous Elder:	Darlene Mondor (in discernment)
Indigenous Elder:	Lesley Graham (in discernment)

Updates on our work and engagements for 2019 can be found on Facebook and our website at:
www.facebook.com/hummingbirdministries and www.hummingbirdministries.ca

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Mary Fontaine, Executive Director, Hummingbird Ministries

Hummingbird Ministries	2020 BUDGET	
	<small>19-Feb-20</small>	
REVENUE		
Receiptable Donations		
PCC Canadian Ministries Specialized Ministries grant	67,000	
PCC Cooke's Fund	10,000	
PCC BC Synod Grant, Jean Woodrow fund	8,000	
PCC Presbytery Grant	10,000	
PCC Special Projects Fund, Film, Healing Path, Worship, Christmas	6,000	
PCC Creative Ministry with Children & Youth Fund, Dance & Textiles	7,000	
PCC Chisholm Fund, Music & Drama	5,000	
Church partnership grant, UCC Healing Fund, PTA Festival	7,000	
PCC Conference Fund, Indigenous Wisdom Conference	8,000	
West Point Grey PC annual donation	40,000	
WMS National Grant	100	
WMS Local groups	300	
Donations - Congregations	2,500	
National Indigenous Ministries Legacy fund	25,000	
Donations - Individuals	1,000	
Donations - PAR	3,036	199,936
Non-Receiptable Donations		
Sale of Goods, events, auction sales	1,500	
Benefit concert, Wisdom Conference, admission	2,500	
Peace thru the Arts Festival Anniversary Admission, sales	1,200	
Interest	50	
Non-Receipted Donations	605	5,855
Total Revenue		205,791
EXPENSE		
ARTS PROGRAM PROJECTS & PERFORMANCE EXPENSES		
Dance Project & HM Event Performances		
Pow Wow choreography, honorarium mileage	1,900	
Metis dance choreography, instruction, mileage	1,400	
Circle food & supplies	500	
Dancers (performances) & Elder's Program Honoraria	650	4,450
Drama Project - Christmas Play		
Honoraria, Consultation with actors, drama directors, transportation, food	2,000	
Food, meetings	400	
Elders Honoraria & Mileage	100	2,500
Music Project		
Voice and choir teachers' honoraria	500	
Guitar and Uke teachers honoraria	700	
Piano lessons	500	
Circle Food	500	
Elders Honorarium	300	2,500
Film Project: The Light of the North Star		
Cinematographer, editor assistant, honorarium	400	
Editor fees	800	
Screenplay advisor, honorarium	700	
Meals, volunteer meetings	100	2,000
Textile Arts, Dance Regalia, Performance Attire		
Pow Wow Bustles and roaches (3 each)	2,000	
Ribbon shirts & skirts fabrics and supplies	250	
Textile Artist honorarium	300	2,550
Healing Path Program		
Anti-bullying Workshops (2), Honoraria - 2 days	1,000	
Food supplies - Anti-bullying workshop	300	
Children's Outdoor project, food, transportation	200	
Elder Mentoring, outdoor project, honorarium	500	2,000
Worship & Special Healing Circle		
Food and supplies	300	
Elder's honoraria, mileage	200	500
ANNUAL EVENTS:		
Peace through the Arts Festival 10th Anniversary Reunion		
Honoraria/mileage for performing artists	6,700	
Dinner, refreshments	2,500	

The Presbytery of Westminster
 Regular Meeting at Gordon Presbyterian Church, Burnaby
 March 3, 2020

Venue	700	
Cooks honoraria	400	
Elder's honoraria/mileage	350	
Salish Welcome honoraria, Musqueam drummers	250	
Child care	250	
Administrative costs	250	
Administration Assistant	350	
Transportation	250	12,000
Benefit Concert		
Auction Items	800	
Gifts, volunteers, Silent auction prep, sales reps	200	1,000
Annual Christmas Circle		
Elders, cooks honoraria/mileage honoraria	200	
Gifts, children	500	
Santa honorarium	150	
Food for dinner (Potluck)	500	
Coast Salish welcome	150	1,500
National Indigenous Peoples Day Festival		
Performing artists honoraria	1,000	1,000
INDIGENOUS WISDOM CONFERENCE 2020		
Honorarium Elder, Keynote speaker/panelist, Friday, Saturday	1,250	
Honorarium, Elder, speaker/panelist, Saturday	1,250	
Honorarium, Workshop/Circle Leaders/Elders (5), Saturday	600	
Honoraria & Travel, 2 Local Conference panelists, Saturday	1,100	
Air fare transportation, 2 elder speakers	1,000	
Honoraria, 5 Leaders, Reconciliation Worship & Ceremony, Sunday	750	
Entertainment artists	500	
Meals & accommodation, 2 elder speakers, 2.5 days	350	
Hummingbird's Director, planning, organizing, administration	800	
Venue rental	650	
Conference marketing, t-shirts, promo materials, media	600	
Admin assistant	650	
Admin costs	500	
Cooks, volunteers honoraria	1,000	
3 meals & refreshments, Dinner, coffee, Lunch, Lunch	2,500	
Planning Team meetings, travel	500	14,000
Total program expenses		49,350
GENERAL EXPENSES:		
Bank & PAR Fees	50	
Bookkeeping & Review	3,900	
Council & Elders mtgs mileage	600	
Council other	200	
Equipment - office	5,000	
Equipment maintenance	200	
Program contingency fund	4,988	
Insurance	1,000	
Office - Supplies & Postage	1,800	
Office - Staff	10,000	
Office - staff 2021 fund	12,500	
Office - Utilities	700	
Office - Rent	2,160	43,098
STIPEND & BENEFITS		
Salary	52,230	
EI expense	1,200	
CPP expense	0	
Minister's PCC Medical & Dental	4,502	
Continuing Education	600	
Minister's Car Allowance	4,500	
Minister's Housing Allowance	38,400	
Minister's Utilities	2,030	
Minister's Cell Phone	650	
PCC Pension	8,986	
WorkSafe BC	245	113,343
TOTAL EXPENSE		205,791
Balance Check:	'Revenue minus expenses	0

Hummingbird Ministries
Income Statement (Cash basis) Jan 01, 2019 to Dec 31, 2019

REVENUE

Revenue

PCC Ministries Grant	67,000.00	
PCC Cookes Grant	7,500.00	
PCC Synod Grants	16,010.00	
PCC Presbytery Grants	8,000.00	
PCC Special Projects Grants	500.00	
PCC Creative Ministries Grant	7,000.00	
WMS National Grants	2,524.00	
Other Grants	7,000.00	
Total Grants		115,534.00
Donations - Congregations	2,795.00	
West Point Grey	9,453.00	
Donations - Individuals	486.92	
Donations - PAR	2,496.00	
Total Donations Received		15,230.92
Sale of Goods		201.74
Benefit concert		620.00
Fundraising revenue (piano)		1,269.80
Interest Revenue		3.33
Non-receipted Donations		100.00
Total Revenues		<u>132,959.79</u>
TOTAL REVENUE		<u>132,959.79</u>

EXPENSE

Projects

Dance & Drama Project (20X)		25.00
Pow Wow choreograph instruc, mileag	1,525.00	
Other cultural dance instruc, milea	100.00	
Drama & improv instruc, mileage	350.00	
Circle food & supplies	1,218.54	
Elder's honoraria, performance xport	389.88	
Total Dance & Drama Project		3,583.42
Pow Wow Regalia repairs & new	2,529.08	
Supplies for masks & costumes	143.39	
Circle food & supplies	305.85	
Elders honoraria/mileage	110.00	
Total Textile Arts Workshop		3,088.32
Pastoral Care		1,042.01
Music leader honoraria & mile (5X)	450.00	
Circle Food & supplies	163.00	

The Presbytery of Westminster
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Software for recording	978.98	
Recording expenses	<u>1,078.87</u>	
Total HM Wings New Songs Project		2,670.85
HM Drama & Dance recording Project		68.91
Honoraria, Costume & stage props	168.57	
Videographer & recording of drama	80.00	
Photographer & supplies for arts	695.61	
Drama supplies, textiles,stageprops	<u>30.00</u>	
Total Drama & Dance Record Project		974.18
HP Food & supplies	<u>76.52</u>	
Total Healing Path Workshop		76.52
WC food & supplies	809.75	
WC Elder's honoraria, mileage	90.00	
WC Honoraria Healing Circle assist	<u>192.84</u>	
Total Worship Circles		<u>1,092.59</u>
Total Programs		<u>12,621.80</u>
Annual Events		
food, coffee, dinner	<u>45.00</u>	
Total Peace through the Arts		45.00
Gifts	470.05	
food for dinner	<u>561.63</u>	
Total TFN Christmas		1,031.68
National Aboriginal Day		500.00
Fundraising Expenses		<u>2,311.54</u>
Total Projects Expenses		<u>3,888.22</u>
General Expenses		
Advertising		201.19
Bank & PAR Fees		36.00
Bookkeeping		3,600.00
Council Other Expenses	<u>401.18</u>	
Total Council Expenses		401.18
Equipment office		22.19
Equipment maintenance		1,001.93
Insurance		937.00
Office Supplies & Postage	703.77	
Office Staff	4,471.42	
Office Utilities	580.00	
Office Rent	<u>1,800.00</u>	
Total Office Expenses		7,555.19
Printing		229.60
Miscellaneous General		<u>600.00</u>
Total General Expenses		<u>14,584.28</u>
Salaries & Benefits Staff		
Salary		51,105.96
EI		1,201.48

CPP		918.04
Minister's PCC Medical & Dental		4,414.00
Minister's Continuing Education		600.00
Minister's Car Allowance		4,500.00
Minister's Housing Allowance		17,750.00
Minister's Utilities	<u>1,896.00</u>	
Total Minister's Housing Util.		1,896.00
Minister's Cell Phone		1,205.33
PCC Pension		8,791.20
WorkSafeBC		<u>153.10</u>
Total Salaries & Benefits Staff		<u>92,535.11</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE		<u>123,629.41</u>
NET INCOME		<u>9,330.38</u>

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Hummingbird Ministries
Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at Dec 31, 2019

ASSET

Current Assets

Total Cash	14,584.29
Total Receivable	<u>1,600.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>16,184.29</u>

TOTAL ASSET 16,184.29

LIABILITY

Current Liabilities

Minister - PCC Pension	<u>0.10</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>0.10</u>

Funds Reserved for Specific Use

Minister's Education Fund	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Funds Reserved for Specific	<u>1,200.00</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>1,200.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY 1,200.10

EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	5,653.81
Current Earnings	<u>9,330.38</u>
Total Equity	<u>14,984.19</u>

TOTAL EQUITY 14,984.19

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY 16,184.29

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GUEST SPEAKER

Rev. Matt Brough, Minister from Prairie Presbyterian Church, Winnipeg and the Director for Cyclical PCC, shared a presentation around the New Worshipping Communities initiatives of Canadian Ministries.

NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES REPORTS

*The report was presented by Richard Watson, Around the Well Director.
All motions moved by Geof Jay and seconded by Kelly Patrick.*

Around the Well Report to Presbytery March 3rd, 2020

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. Check us out on Facebook: [@aroundthewell.org](https://www.facebook.com/aroundthewell.org) or Join our email list: aroundthewell.vancouver@gmail.com. If you are in the neighbourhood join us for one of our events on the third Sunday of the month.

The following summarizes some important milestones, activities and events since the last report to Presbytery..

- **Weekly Discernment Group** meetings are now bi weekly. The group (mostly about five people) is continuing the process of discerning a missional plan for Around the Well. We plan to submit the summary of our work “The Mission Plan” to Presbytery at the May 5th meeting and would like ten minutes on the Agenda.
- January 19 - **You Belong** - This meeting worked with the story of Abraham and Sara to encourage people to Talk about their own stories of belonging. It was one of the most intimate meetings we had to date. Every one of the 18 adults present got to share something of their story. One of the Participants, Elsie told us about her dramatic arrival to Canada as a Vietnamese refugee in 1979 (one of the many the boat people).
- February 16- **On Developing our relationships** - This month we gathered again at St Andrew’s Hall on the Family day weekend. Conversations centred around the five languages of love. One of the unique aspects of this meeting was the arrival of four new people, including some who are developmentally disabled. The highlight of the event was when we got to practice the “gift giving” language of love by handing out roses on UBC campus.
- **UNA Community Connections night** February 22nd - Richard led this workshop with a dozen University Neighbourhood Residents on the Art of Neighbouring - Building Community and Positive Relationships with your Neighbours. Interesting discussions resulted as people grappled with the concept and benefits of getting to know your next door neighbour.
- **Coming on March 14 and 15 - Healing through Art: making art to heal your soul** - This is a two day collaborative art workshop and exhibition with Rev Young-Tae Choi and the Poieo Centre of Art Ministry. Day one is an art making workshop for adults and children. The main feature of day two is a special exhibit

featuring Artist and guest speaker Beth Stewart Ph.D. Beth's PhD work was with children, now youth, who were born into the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda. She will be talking about her use of art with the youth as a way of communicating what cannot be expressed through words.

Update on Grant applications

Last April Presbytery supported Around the Well's applications for grants from the Avondbloem Experimental Fund, the Chisholm Fund, the Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Fund, the Special Projects fund, the New Church development fund designated by Canadian Ministries, The New and Renewed Ministry Fund (also designated by Canadian Ministries and the fund for Ministerial Assistance of the PCC.

As a result, a \$10,000 nonrenewable grant was received from the New Church development fund, \$5,000 from PIM and \$10,000 a renewable grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund.

This year Around the Well plans to apply for grants from PIM as well as the second of a three year grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund (also called the growth grant). The deadline is April 15th and Support from Presbytery is also required. So....

Recommendation: That the Presbytery of Westminster support Around the Well's request to apply for a growth grant from the New and Renewed Ministry Fund in the amount of \$20,000 and the Avondbloem Experimental Fund. **CARRIED**

Submitted with respect and in the *joy of our Lord Jesus Christ*
Rev. Richard Watson,
Director and Pastor of Around the Well

2020 March - A Report POIEO CENTRE RFS

The report was presented by Victor Kim.
All motions moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Isabel Evans.

Recommendation: That RPC be granted permission to apply for Year 2 of the New and Renewed Ministries grant of the PCC in the amount of \$20,000 for the Poieo Centre of the Arts ministry led by Young Tae Choi through Richmond Presbyterian Church along with applications for the Avondbloem and Chisholm Fund for \$10,000 each. **CARRIED**



POIEO

Centre of Arts Ministry

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WORDS FROM DIRECTOR

It was about fifteen years ago that I first dreamed of becoming a person who could help artists become better equipped to use and see art properly. I felt a responsibility to care for artists in need of pastoral, theological, and artistic support.

Fourteen years later, in September of 2019, I officially began planting an arts ministry called *Poieo Centre of Arts Ministry* through the great help of Richmond Presbyterian Church, the Presbytery of Westminster, Presbyterian Innovative Ministries Ltd., The New and Renewed Ministry Fund of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

This infant ministry has gradually grown as other professional Christian artists have joined the vision of Poieo Centre. We, seven international team members, have regularly provided eight international young artists with pastoral care, artistic coaching, and a theological perspective on art, in addition to collaboratively producing professional works of art, thereby gradually bringing shalom to individual artists, to neighborhoods, and to the culture.

I thank God for His timing, my wife Jenny Han for protecting me from becoming a workaholic, Rev. Victor Kim for encouraging me to develop this missional church, Dr. Sven Soderlund for checking up on me bi-monthly, Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart for affording me suitable opportunities to explore arts ministries such as the CML publishing project, Rev. Dr. Richard Topping for supporting my ordination at RPC, Andrea Perrett for helping me apply for grants from the national church, and Justin Beck for his willingness to share Cyclical resources with me. They made this innovative ministry possible in the Presbyterian Church in Canada. Obviously, Poieo Centre is not my own product, but the fruit of all our contributions.

There is still a long way to go, but I am delighted to share the formation process of Poieo Centre with the Westminster Presbytery.

Founding Director of Poieo Centre
Rev. Young Tae Choi



SINCE SEP. 2019

ABOUT POIEO

WHO WE ARE

Poieo Centre of Arts Ministry is a Christ-centred community that pastors artists, promotes their artistic gifts and theological understanding of art, and produces art collaboratively. It cultivates redemptive images, sounds, space, and stories which contribute to an animated transformation of the church and culture. This ministry, as a creative response to the cultural mandate (Gen. 1:27-28) and missional mandate (Matt. 28:16-20), aims to bring shalom in the world.

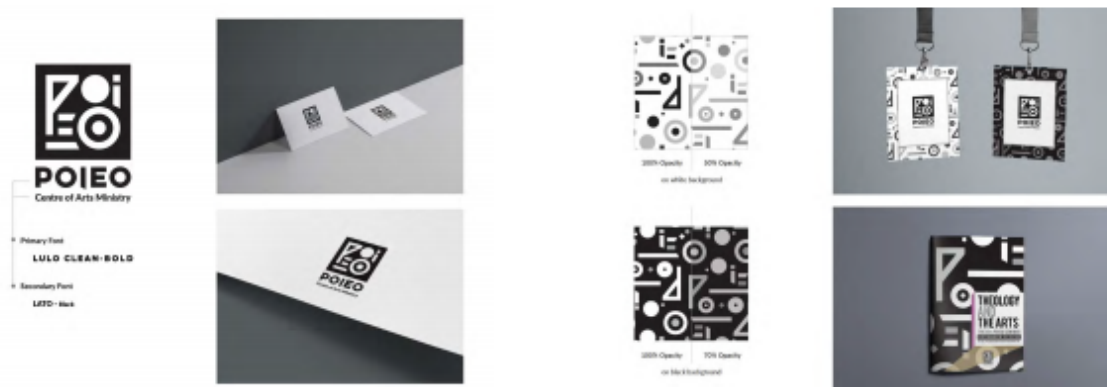
VISION

1. Artists will be faithful to their covenant relationship with God and to their creative vocations.
2. The church will see and use liturgical art for all its worth.
3. A broken culture will be restored through the work of faithful artists.

WHAT WE DO

1. We pastor artists.
2. We promote artistic gifts and theological understandings of art.
3. We produce art.

LOGO DESIGN & LOGO PATTERN DESIGN



POIEO (ποιεω) means "create, make, or do" in Greek. It generally refers to the neutral behaviour of making, yet St. Paul uses it in a religious sense in which human action is never neutral. He sees that human work is either obedience or disobedience in relation to God's will for human beings: "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do (poies), do (poieo) it all for the glory of God" (1 Cor. 10:31). Likewise, I believe that what artists create cannot be neutral in the sight of God. Their works of art can be either scent or stench to the Lord. For this reason, I named this arts ministry "Poies" in the hope that it will function as an alternative space in serving artists to be faithful to the Triune God in their unique journeys of life as well as in their final artistic presentations.

WEBSITE DESIGN
WWW.POIEOCENTRE.COM



ABOUT PASTORING ARTISTS PROMOTING ARTISTIC GIFTS PRODUCING ART



7 INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS



TEAM MEMBER (KOR)

REV. YOUNG TAE CHOI

ART MINISTER
FOUNDING DIRECTOR OF POIEO CENTRE

Our team currently consists of seven international Christians who are professional artists. I hope that our team develops in terms of multi-ethnic leadership. I am continuously looking for experienced-international artists in different fields of art who can join the vision of Poieo Centre.

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7 INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

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TEAM MEMBER (CAN)
DAVID CHA

ARCHITECT AIBC OF ACTON OSTRY ARCHITECTS
LEED GREEN ASSOCIATE



TEAM MEMBER (CAN)
MARK HUNT

LIGHTING & PRODUCTION DESIGNER
DIRECTING PARTNER OF PRODUCTION ELEMENTS



TEAM MEMBER (KOR)
SUNGOL PARK

AWARD-WINNING MUSIC ARTIST
POP & CCM MUSIC PRODUCER / COMPOSER

7 INTERNATIONAL TEAM MEMBERS

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TEAM MEMBER (USA)
YONG PIL CHOI

AWARD-WINNING FILM DIRECTOR
EXECUTIVE PRODUCER OF NEOARI MEDIA



TEAM MEMBER (CAN)
GAYOUNG YANG

AWARD-WINNING ANIMATOR
FX SUPERVISOR OF DHX MEDIA VANCOUVER



TEAM MEMBER (KOR)
SILAS LEE

CONTEMPORARY CHRISTIAN MUSIC ARTIST
VOCAL TRAINER OF BELCANTO REPRODUCTION VANCOUVER



POIEO CENTRE OF ARTS MINISTRY
THREE MISSIONAL ROLES



THREE MISSIONAL ROLES OF POIEO CENTRE

1. PASTORING ARTISTS

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THE FOREMOST MISSIONAL ROLE OF POIEO CENTRE IS TO PASTOR ARTISTS SO THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO BECOME FAITHFUL ARTISTS TO THE TRIUNE GOD IN THEIR JOURNEYS OF LIFE. AS AN ART PASTOR, I PROVIDE MONTHLY PASTORAL CARE TO EACH TEAM MEMBER. THE TEAM MEMBERS IN TURN, AS LEADERS OF THIS MINISTRY, PASS ON THAT SAME CARE TO EACH YOUNG ARTIST IN NEED OF SPIRITUAL, ARTISTIC, AND THEOLOGICAL SUPPORT. PERSONALLY, I LOVE THIS PASTORAL RESPONSIBILITY, AS IT TRULY DEEPENS OUR RELATIONSHIPS IN CHRIST.

8 INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS



MENTEE (KOR)

YOUNG-WOONG CHOI

MUSIC ARTIST PROSPECTIVE
PASTORAL CARE / VOCAL TRAINING



MENTEE (KOR)

HYEON-SOO PARK

MUSIC ARTIST PROSPECTIVE
PASTORAL CARE / MUSIC COMPOSING & PRODUCING

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There are eight international young artists for whom our team members care. The team helps these artists in diverse aspects of their lives, depending on what they need from the team, whether it be artistic skills development, a theological framework for art, or pastoral care. We do not pursue quantity, a greater number of young artists to work with, but quality of time spent with them in genuine relationship for the sake of growth. It is a great delight for me to see them growing spiritually and artistically in their own fields.

8 INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS

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MENTEE (CAN)

TAE JANG

MUSIC ARTIST
PASTORAL CARE & MUSIC COMPOSING / PRODUCING



MENTEE (CAN)

KEVIN LIEW

3D MODELING & TEXTURE ARTIST
PASTORAL CARE



MENTEE (CAN)

TIFFANY SOBOTIN

VISUAL ARTIST
PASTORAL CARE & SCULPTURE PROJECT

8 INTERNATIONAL YOUNG ARTISTS

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MENTEE (USA)

NATHANIEL R. KELLY

FILM DIRECTOR / WRITER
A FEATURE DOCUMENTARY PROJECT



MENTEE (KOR)

IN-HYEOK CHOI

LIGHTING & PRODUCTION DESIGNER
DIRECTING PARTNER AT PRODUCTION ELEMENTS



MENTEE (KOR)

DAE-CHEOL KIM

FILM DIRECTOR
A SHORT FILM PROJECT & A FEATURE FILM PROJECT



SAMPLE WORKS OF OUR MENTEES

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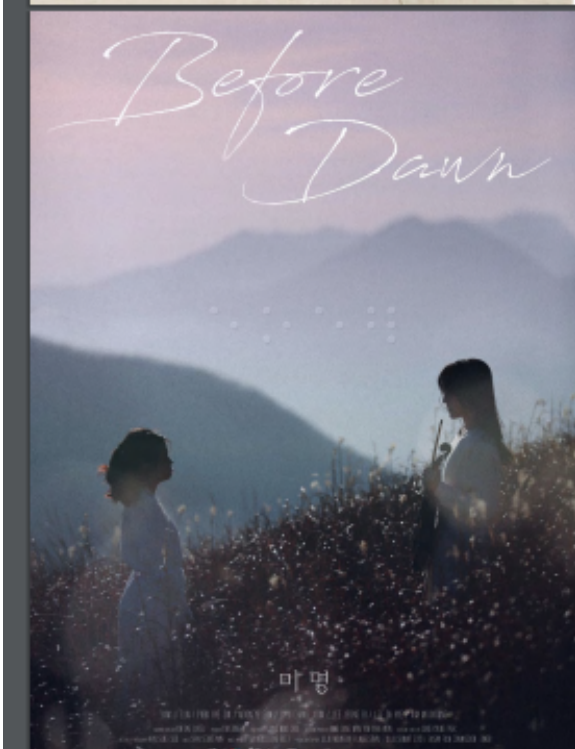


SOOBOTIN'S FIRST INSTALLATION WORK (MENTOR: YOUNG PIL CHOI)

TIFFANY SOOBOTIN

TITLE: CONNECTED / MIXED MEDIA/ M29' X 29' X 2', 77 NAILS, 77 SPOOLS OF THREAD, LED CLOUD IS APPROXIMATELY 25' LENGTH AND 16' HEIGHT / 2020

*She completed her first installation art piece "Connected" (Feb. 2020). This work is now displayed in the church hall at RPC and will also be shown in the St. Andrew's Hall, as part of the Healing Through Art exhibition (Mar. 15th, 2020).



SAMPLE WORKS OF OUR MENTEES

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KIM'S SECOND SHORT FILM PROJECT (MENTOR: YOUNG TAE CHOI)

DAE-CHEOL KIM

TITLE: BEFORE DAWN / 25MIN / COLOUR / FICTION / DIRECTED BY DAE-CHEOL KIM / SOUTH KOREA / 2019

*He completed his second short film Before Dawn (2019). This movie was funded by and shown at the Uju International Film Festival.



SAMPLE WORKS OF OUR MENTEES

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JANG'S FIRST MUSIC SINGLE ALBUM (MENTOR: SILAS LEE)

TAE JANG

TITLE: CITY LIGHTS (2019)
NOW AVAILABLE ON APPLE MUSIC!



*He completed his first single City Lights (Nov. 2019), now available on Apple Music.

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THREE MISSIONAL ROLES OF POIEO CENTRE

2. PROMOTING ARTISTIC GIFTS

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THE SECOND MISSIONAL ROLE OF POIEO

CENTRE IS TO FOSTER PEOPLE'S ARTISTIC GIFTS AND THEOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF ART SUCH THAT THEY MAY BE ABLE TO BECOME SERIOUS *ARTISANS* WHO WORK WITH EXCELLENCE.

IT IS MY JOY TO SEE YOUNG ARTISTS EXPANDING THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE ARTS AND IMPROVING THEIR ARTISTIC SKILLS THROUGH LITURGICAL CARE, WORKSHOPS, MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS, AND SEMINARS ON THEOLOGY AND THE ARTS.

LITURGY CARE & CHILDREN ART-MAKING WORKSHOP

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TITLE: THE ADVENT CHILDREN ART PROJECT / LOCATION: RICHMOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH / 2019

LITURGY CARE IN COLLABORATION WITH CONGREGATION + GUESTS

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TITLE: JOY TOGETHER / LOCATION: NEW FRONTIER CHURCH, NYC, USA / 2019

MUSIC SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS & YOUTH IN NEED

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TITLE: FAITH & K-POP MUSIC @ SUNGKYUL UNIVERSITY (LEFT) / TITLE: SING A SONG WRITING @ SALVATION ARMY POWER CAMP (RIGHT), SOUTH KOREA / 2019

Bi-weekly, Sungol and Silas lead two music workshops, focused on vocal training and pop-music composing/producing, for young artists as well as youth who want to become musicians. They teach these financially and emotionally marginalized young artists at no cost.

A JOINT ART PROJECT WITH AROUND THE WELL LED BY REV. RICHARD WATSON (MAR. 2020)

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HEALING THROUGH ART
MAKING ART TO HEAL YOUR SOUL
 14-15 MAR 2020 @ St. Andrew's Hall at UBC
 ART-MAKING WORKSHOP | EXHIBITION & REFLECTION




ART-MAKING WORKSHOP **14** 1 PM - 4:30 PM **\$10/person**
ART SUPPLIES & Refreshment Included

This workshop is set up to encourage and enable participants to make their own art as a way of personally processing a particular experience or experience in their lives. Young Tae Choi, Founding Director of Poieo Centre of Arts Ministry and his team will lead two separate groups through an afternoon of making art.



Young Tae is an artist, a visual artist, and a Minister. He serves as director of Poieo Centre and chaplain of the 3020 Mission First Recovery Film Festival Committee. He has taught visual arts and drawing in high school and university classes in several art institutions over a period of ten years. As a Minister, Young Tae has joined both independent and commercial film projects in South Korea, Hong Kong, and New York City. He lives in Langley with his wife, Irene Han, and their daughter, Chloe. He loves theology, art, ministry, and ice cream.

INSTRUCTOR
YOUNG TAE CHOI

GROUP 1: Children under 12 **GROUP 2:** Adults, youth and children 12 and up

- Registration is limited to 12 participants per group.
- Register for this event ASAP via Richard Watson aroundthewell@comcast.net
- Please arrive at 1 pm. The workshop will end at 4:30 pm.

EXHIBITION & REFLECTIONS **15** 2:30 PM - 5:30 PM **FREE**
MARCH

This event provides an opportunity for participants of day one to exhibit their work. The main feature of day two is a special exhibit featuring Artist and guest speaker Beth Stewart Ph.D. Beth's PhD work was with children, now youth, who were born into the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA) in Uganda. She will be talking about her use of art with the youth as a way of communicating what cannot be expressed through words.



Beth is an artist, a spoken word artist, and member of three children living in war-torn territories of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Beth Stewart is a PhD student at the University of North Carolina, following a master's thesis in 2012. She began painting for the first time. Beth found painting allowed her to communicate the nuanced stories she witnessed during her PhD research in post-conflict northern Uganda. "It's a time when I could not engage academically with the stories from my study, painting became the medium with which I could remain connected and share what I felt needed to be expressed."

GUEST SPEAKER
BETH M. STEWART

- Please arrive at 2:30 to have a look around. The formal lecture and slide show will start about 1/2 hour after that.

TITLE: HEALING THROUGH ART / LOCATION: ST. ANDREW'S HALL AT UBC / MAR. 2020

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THREE MISSIONAL ROLES OF POIEO CENTRE

3. PRODUCING ART



THE THIRD MISSIONAL ROLE OF POIEO CENTRE IS TO PRODUCE LIFE-TRANSFORMING ARTWORK IN THE CHURCH AND CULTURE SO AS TO CHANGE THE WORLD. ARTISTS ARE ACTIVE CULTURE-MAKERS WHO CAN RESTORE A TWISTED CULTURE BY PRODUCING REDEMPTIVE IMAGES, SOUNDS, STORIES, AND SPACES IN THE COMMON LANGUAGE OF ART. THIS EXCITING ROLE HAS A HUGE IMPACT ON CULTURE BECAUSE CONCRETE WORKS OF ART REACH OUT TO GLOBAL CULTURE FAR AND WIDE, BEYOND THE PHYSICAL BOUNDARY OF A LOCAL CHURCH BUILDING.

SUPERVISED FX ANIMATION DEPARTMENT OF TWO POPULAR ANIMATION SERIES (2019-2020) (BY GAYOUNG YANG)

ONE NOMINATION!



SUPERVISED FX ANIMATION DEPARTMENT OF TWO POPULAR ANIMATIONS (2019-2020) (BY GAYOUNG YANG)

WINNER OF 3 AWARDS!



PRODUCED & COMPOSED 4 K-POP SONGS (BY SUNGOL PARK)

TOP 35



TITLE: CRAZY EXCUSE / SINGER: YE-JOON LEE / RELEASED JAN 2020



TITLE: THE CURE / SINGER: VROMANCE / RELEASED DEC 2019

PRODUCED & COMPOSED 4 K-POP SONGS (BY SUNGOL PARK)

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TOP 30

TOP 1



TITLE: AGAIN / SINGER: V.O.S. / RELEASED DEC 2019

TITLE: SOMETIMES / SINGER: PUNCH / RELEASED NOV 2019

HAD SIX MINI CONCERTS IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA. (DEC. 2019) (BY SILAS LEE)

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PRODUCED, COMPOSED, & SUNG ONE CHRISTIAN SINGLE ALBUM (BY SILAS LEE)

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NOW AVAILABLE ON APPLE MUSIC!

TITLE: WAY, TRUTH, LIFE, AND JESUS / SINGER: SILAS LEE
RELEASED JAN 2020



PRODUCED BTS COMBACK SPECIAL VIEWABLE RADIO PROJECT / NYC, USA (FEB. 2020) (BY YONG PIL CHOI)

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HITS 16,488,676 / COMMENTS 2,126,311 / HEARTS 1,146,991,667 (MAR 1 2020)



BTS
Comeback Special:
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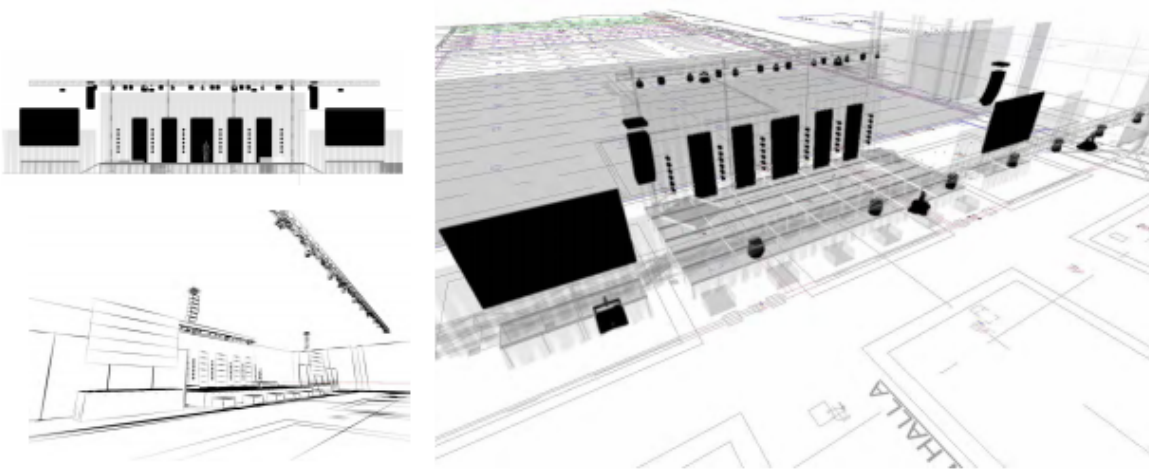


MFVFF LOGO, LAUREL, CERTIFICATE, T-SHIRT DESIGN (BY YOUNG TAE CHOI, GAYOUNG YANG, & YONG PIL CHOI)



LIGHTING & PRODUCTION DESIGN OF 2020 MISSIONS FEST VANCOUVER STAGES (BY MARK HUNT)

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DIRECTED & PRODUCED MFVFF ANIMATED LOGO

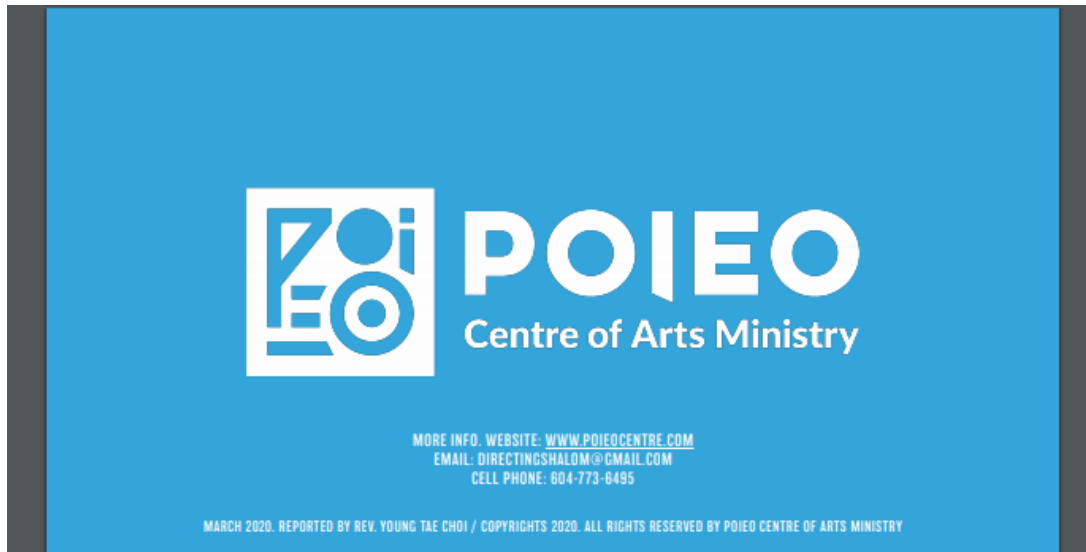
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DIRECTOR: YOUNG TAE CHOI / ANIMATOR: GAYOUNG YANG / SOUND: DANIEL HWANG / EDIT: GAYOUNG YANG / 15SEC / COLOUR / 2020







COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented for information only.

Community Engagement Committee Report March 3, 2020

The first meeting of the CEC was held on Feb. 13, 2020.

The members spent some time getting to know each other and identifying what their vision and hopes are for the work of this committee. Comments emphasized work on social justice action issues, community engagement and evangelism, and how these might affect the larger community; particularly affordable housing and other basic needs of people.

Sub-Committees that we might appoint will be discussed at the next meeting.

The committee authorized Neil Abramson to recruit a **task force** to work on his proposal (approved at the last Presbytery meeting) for developing a network of folk within our bounds with skills, professions and gifts that could be offered to congregations, First Nations groups, community service organizations, etc, who might benefit from those in the network.

Convenors

It was agreed that Isabel Evans and Glen Davis will continue as co-convenors until June when we will appoint longer term convenor(s).

The Committee will next meet on April 2, at 11:30 am in St. Aidan's Church.

*Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Evans and Glen Davis*

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented Victor Kim, Administrative Committee Convener.

All motions, unless otherwise noted, were moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Rebecca Simpson.

Administrative Committee Report – March 3, 2020

Memorial Minute for The Reverend Ian (Larry) Jackson

June 26, 1930 – January 30, 2020

The Rev. Ian Jackson, known by all as Larry, passed away peacefully on January 30th, 2020, at the age of 89, with family and friends by his side. Raised in and around Saskatoon, Larry graduated from University of Saskatchewan prior to attending Knox College in Toronto. He received his Master of Divinity degree and began his life's passion with the Presbyterian Church in Canada. His ministry took him to Elphinstone and Virden, Manitoba, Atikokan, Ontario and New Westminster, BC, where he retired in 1995. Larry was a faithful, humble servant of his Lord Jesus Christ. His call took him to various pastoral charges across the country, including some that were connected to ministry with aboriginal communities at the time. Larry's ministry was rooted in love, not the romantic love many are familiar with, but the agape love of God made known in Jesus Christ. His love for God's people always pointed people away from himself and towards Jesus. His humility was not self-serving, but it did not prevent people from noticing and admiring that gift in him. Larry's last call was to St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church in New Westminster B.C. He served that congregation faithfully until his retirement. Rumour has it that Larry would offer his resignation at the congregational meeting every 5 years, just in case the congregation wanted to make a change. They never took him up on it. At his memorial service 25 years after his retirement, many from his former congregation were present, a testament to Larry's faithful ministry and his enduring friendships.

Larry is predeceased by his loving wife Laurie and is survived by his children, Leanne and Les and faithful friend Gloria Ang. The Presbytery of Westminster gives thanks to God for a gentle, faithful servant of Jesus Christ. We give thanks for the various ministries which Larry undertook with his usual grace, humility and care. We mourn the loss of a good man and a good colleague but know that he has been received into glory. Well done, good and faithful servant!

- **Recommendation 1:** That the above Memorial Minute for The Reverend Ian (Larry) Jackson be approved by presbytery and forwarded to the General Assembly Office for inclusion in the next Acts and Proceedings of the General Assembly. **CARRIED**

The Admin Committee discussed some of the challenges of the new structure for presbytery committees, in particular as it pertains to the Ministry Committee since that committee has most of the work of the presbytery which is mandatory as opposed to optional. Paddy Eastwood has agreed to be the convener of the Ministry Committee with Martin Baxter wishing to step down from that position. For the March 2020 presbytery meeting, the committee will use the old structure to report so as to give Paddy and the committee more time to adjust to the new structure. The Admin Committee was supportive of ideas that Paddy had around how the Ministry Committee might be structured around sub-committees and reporting until the presbytery is ready to do a review at the end of our first year. The Ministry Committee will need to adopt these proposed ideas when they meet. It was also agreed that the grant application process for presbyters and ministries within the presbytery be channelled through the Community Engagement Committee, which includes the mandate of the old Mission

Committee which was responsible for grant applications. The CEC would then inform all presbyters and ministries of deadlines for grant applications and encourage grant applications to be made through the CEC at least a couple of months prior to the deadlines for application. This would give the CEC and presbytery, if necessary, the time to consider the grant applications and not have to rush applications through without the ability to carefully review the proposals.

The Admin Committee is now responsible for nominations, including nominations for presbytery moderator.

- **Recommendation 2:** That presbytery approve The Rev. Dr. Pat Dutcher-Walls be appointed as Moderator of Presbytery for the term 2020-2021. **CARRIED**

The Rev. Jonah Lin, formerly of Burnaby Taiwanese Presbyterian Church, had asked for and received his letter of standing, which would have ended his relationship with the PCC. Rev. Lin now understands that he made a mistake in seeking that letter of standing and has requested that presbytery withdraw or rescind that letter. The Ministry Committee, which initially made the recommendation at the request of Rev. Lin, agrees to withdraw/rescind the letter of standing.

- **Recommendation 3:** That the presbytery withdraw the letter of standing given to the Rev. Jonah Lin and place him on the appendix to the roll effective immediately. **CARRIED**

We note that the Rev. Lydia Bae has moved to Abbotsford to join her husband the Rev. Thomas Kim. Rev. Bae comes to us from the Presbytery of Brampton as a minister of Word and Sacraments of the PCC in good standing.

- **Recommendation 4:** That the Rev. Lydia Bae be added to the appendix of the presbytery as minister without charge upon receipt of the presbytery certificate from the Presbytery of Brampton. **CARRIED**
- **Recommendation 5:** That Andrew Whiteside from Richmond Presbyterian Church be appointed as the YAR for 2020. **CARRIED**

The Moderator and Clerk have agreed to hold two orientation sessions for all presbyters, especially new ones, around polity and process. We will also extend these meetings to members of Sessions from congregations who wish a greater or clearer understanding of Presbyterian polity, especially as it relates to the very important relationship between the presbytery and congregations.

These sessions will be offered on the following dates:

1. **Saturday, March 21, 9:00 AM – Noon**
Richmond Presbyterian Church
2. **Saturday, April 25, 9:00 AM – Noon**
Gordon Presbyterian Church

Respectfully submitted,
Victor Kim, Convenor

MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented Martin Baxter, Ministry Committee Convenor.

All motions, unless otherwise noted, were moved by Martin Baxter, seconded by Brad Childs.

Ministry Committee Report to Presbytery

March 3, 2020

Due to the restructuring of Presbytery Committees, based on the Approved Standing Orders, December 2019, the “new” ministry committee will be convened by Rev. Paddy Eastwood. The following report is presented to the Presbytery to paint a picture of where things are at in terms of ministry committee items.

1. St. Columba Presbyterian Church

Rev. Calvin Crichton is currently in his fourth year of Stated Supply at St. Columba. His current contract expires on June 30, 2020. His contract extension is being looked after by Rev. Brad Childs.

2. Brentwood Presbyterian Church

Rev. Brian Fraser is in his eleventh year of Stated Supply at Brentwood. His current contract expires on Jan 19th 2021.

3. Bradner Presbyterian Church

Rev. Gerard Booy had been serving as the Interim Moderator at Bradner and he sent his final report on Jan 16 2020. At the January meeting of Presbytery Rev. Childs was appointed as Interim Moderator but that was referred back in order to gather the opinion of the Session of Bradner. At their request Rev. Dr. Bob Paul has agreed and been appointed to serve Bradner as their Interim Moderator. Bradner are discussing the possibility of calling a 1/3 time Stated Supply Minister.

4. First Presbyterian Church

Rev. Guy Sinclair is currently serving his fourth year of Stated Supply at First. His contract expires on April 30, 2020.

5. Report from Rev. Brad Childs, IM, Knox Presbyterian Church

Knox has had a very good year. Despite some of the usual difficulties of not having a regular ordained minister on the premises, they have enjoyed the diversity in pulpit supply. The numbers are not great but they are stable. Some weekly events are nearly as strong as Sunday services though and it is a close group. Knox also hopes to be holding two congregational meetings this year. 1. To consider repayment of a loan & possible staff. 2. Formalizing a single Presbyterian community from two-or more others, in the NW area.

6. Report from Rev. Brad Childs, Commission to White Rock Presbyterian Church

The Commission does not report through the Ministry Committee, but we have added this information here just to update the Presbytery as to the state of play at White Rock.

The Commission to St. John's Presbyterian Church hopes to finalize dates for a year-end review in the coming weeks. They foresee their final report to be presented to Presbytery in the upcoming months.

7. Report re Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church

Rev. Brian Fraser & Rev. Woldy Sosnowsky, co-Interim Moderators.

Rev. Woldy Sosnowsky preached his last sermon as co-IM on Dec 29th 2019. He still attends KPC and will help in whatever capacity he can or is invited to but is not serving as IM in 2020.

Rev. Brian Fraser has resigned as IM, Feb 26, 2020. The Session have requested that Rev. Dr. Glen Davis be appointed as Interim Moderator. This all arises out of a decision by the congregation on Sunday, Feb 23, 2020, after interviewing and hearing a candidate for the call, to suspend the call process and report to Presbytery. The Session of KPC has indicated their desire to send a report of their decision to Presbytery, which will be forwarded to the Ministry Committee in due course.

Recommendation 1: that Presbytery accept the Rev. Brian Fraser's resignation from his role as Interim Moderator to Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, effective March 3, 2020.

Assuming the above recommendation will be approved, the Ministry Committee, having power to issue, anticipate appointing Rev. Dr. Glen Davis as the Interim Moderator, KPC, effective immediately.

CARRIED

Recommendation 2: that the Presbytery accept the resignation of Rev. Woldy Sosnowsky from his role as Interim Moderator to Kerrisdale Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2020.

CARRIED

8. Burnaby Taiwanese Presbyterian Church

Following the resignation of Rev. Jonah Lin, Rev. Morgan Wong has been appointed as the Interim Moderator.

At the January 2020 meeting of Presbytery, a recommendation was approved to present Rev. Lin with a letter of good standing. Subsequent to that meeting Rev. Lin has withdrawn this request. The Ministry Committee in consultation with the Clerk understand the benefit of not issuing this letter to better support Rev. Lin's desire to join the UCC. As such Rev. Lin will be moved to the Appendix of our Presbytery effective immediately.

9. Stated Supply Contracts

As noted above currently in our Presbytery we have three ongoing stated Supply contracts. In addition, there are at least two other churches that could potentially seek Stated Supply contracts in the upcoming months.

Recommendation #3 that the Ministry Committee be given "power to issue" in the establishment and renewal of Stated Supply contracts, in accordance with the approved Presbytery template for such contracts.

CARRIED

10. Study Leave

The following Study Leave requests have been approved

1. **Rev. Cal MacLeod**, Renewing Worship at Presbyterian College, April 29 to May 9, 2020.
2. **Rev. Brad Childs**, Theology and the Practice of Counseling by the Rev. Dr. Joel Houston, May 12-25th 2020.

3. **Rev. Paddy Eastwood**, July 6-10, 2020, VST Summer school, and, July 13-17, 2020, self-study continuing to work with this material.

*Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Martin Baxter, Outgoing Convener*

VISITATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by Bev Feick, Visitation Committee Convener.

All motions, unless otherwise noted, moved by Bev Feick, seconded by Emily Wilson.

Presbytery of Westminster Visitation Report March 2020

Regular 2019 Visits

- Coquitlam's regular visit is scheduled for March 09/20 by Emily Wilson (Lead) & Rev Dennis Howard.

Regular 2020 Visits

- Calvin - last regular visit 2013
- Central - December
- Chinese - May
- City Centre - last regular visit 2015
- Fairview - May
- Gordon - April
- Haney - April
- Langley - May
- Richmond - November
- St Aidan's - last regular visit 2014
- West Vancouver - February - delayed pending the 2020 new committee structure.

One year 2020 Visits

- January - St Aidan's - delayed pending the 2020 new committee structure.
- September - City Centre
- September - Richmond Assistant Minister
- October - Calvin

Visitation to St. Andrew's & St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church (SASS)

October 9, 2019

Rev. Dennis Howard and Emily Wilson received responses from the Minister, Session (6) Board of Managers (2) and congregation (1). We met with Rev. Martin Baxter, Daniel Martinez, Members of Session and Members of the Board of Managers on October 9th 2019. Pastor Martin has been at SASS since 2008.

Prior to the visitation on October 6th Emily Wilson attended the 11:00 worship service. There is a warm and welcoming atmosphere in this church. Rev. Martin Baxter is well organized, he is a very much loved, and respected by the congregation, Session and BOM. Pastor Martin has a wonderful ability to preach in a reverent and relaxed way, and engages the congregation in his message. SASS congregation strongly support Pastor Martin and Daniel, the Associate Pastor and Youth Minister.

SASS vision is “to be a God-centred, Christ-like, Spirit-filled community church, actively serving and nurturing one another and our neighbours”. It is very obvious that the congregation try to live up to this vision. As one report expressed “excellent biblical sermons keep us focused on the Trinity and Biblical truth. The Bulletin demonstrates this and also communicates to the congregations updates to keep them in touch with what is scheduled. One of the community projects was planned for October 31st: they set a tent up with a heater and lights and serve hot chocolate. Everyone is welcomed: it is an opportunity to catch up with neighbours and the children as they walk through the neighbourhood.

Worship and Sacraments

SASS have regular Sunday services at 9:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. During the summer months and for special services (Christmas Day and Easter) they have a single service at 10:00 am. The first service is contemporary, with a Worship Team leading the congregation in choruses and the second service is traditional (with a very good organist/pianist, a choir director and a choir).

The sacrament of communion is celebrated monthly at both services.

Pastoral Care

Pastoral support is designed to help nurture faith. Pastor Martin visits members when asked or if he is made aware of an issue. There is a visiting team ministry to shut ins. Some small groups are encouraged and provide pastoral care to each other.

Elders have “connection lists” and this ensures that each member of the congregation has a point of contact with the leadership of the church and can dispense urgent news. Each Connection Elder should try to connect 3 or 4 times each year with each congregant on their connection list. This may be by a phone call, email or personal letter/visit. It is expected that at least one connection each year should be a direct one – a phone call or one on one meeting. Each Connection Elder reports twice a year to Session.

Session meet for “informal” forward thinking meetings with Pastor Martin. During those meetings they discuss the Church vision, the role as elders, and also how we could better connect with the congregation, to offer better pastoral support.

Christian Education – all ages

SASS have a very vibrant and active Christian education program. Daniel Martinez is the Youth Pastor. He is also a co-director of Camp Douglas, during summer months.

They have a Sunday School with 10-13 children in the age group 1-7. They run 3 classes, grade 1/grade 3/grade 5-7. They hoped to have a pre-school group but it did not materialize. It is a hope for the future.

Daniel runs a Youth group. They meet on Friday nights and also have discipleship classes twice a month and are presently studying 1 Peter. They plan to have a youth retreat with about 25 youth attending, of which 13 are from Sass and 6 young adults. There are new Christians in this group. Daniel advised that it can sometimes be difficult with the “competing interests” pulling the children from the church. At the heart of youth ministry beyond social and fun is to learn that it means to follow Jesus. Friday nights are named CONNECT because their main purpose is to build a relationship with God and connect with other young friends who follow Jesus.

Daniel started a Youth Praise Band who practice together and lead the worship at the 9:15 a.m. service once a month, or at the combined services.

A Girls Group meets every Wednesday from 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Girls in grades 8-12 are welcome to join.

There is a Breakfast Club that meets on Sunday mornings at 9:15 a.m. twice a month. Breakfast Club is a time for a conversation about God, life and faith. Youth can ask any questions about life and faith and Daniel and other leaders will give them an answer. Students in grades 8-12 are encouraged to attend.

There are several cell groups and Bible study groups. There are various topics discussed, some use books and others Right New Media. One report advised that it is “an opportunity for getting to know one another better, journeying with one another in the faith and opportunity to hold one another accountable.”

Daniel told us about a growing Bible Study group he leads every Thursday morning. It seems to attract mostly retired people from the congregation, and they have several outsiders who attend regularly.

Daniel leads a youth mission trip every two years to Ensenda Mexico

ALPA course is planned for February 2020. They also like to have a workshop once a term called “Spiritual Miracles”.

Finances/Stewardship

There is a Stewardship Committee, who also serve on the annual Budget Committee. This committee has combined Session and Board members. The Board of Managers divide responsibilities and advise on Stewardship and legacy giving. They are an experienced and knowledgeable Board. They are very hard-working. They keep the church and grounds neat and tidy and arrange work parties where the congregation participates in taking care of their church. All areas of attention (Insurance, snow removal, and the security system are all taken care of very efficiently. They like to have a balanced budget, and when there is need for something special relative to ministry or mission, they have a Ministry Fund. They also have a Capital Fund they can draw on.

There is a Joint Board and Session meeting at least twice a year. They feel this contributes to good communication and want to work and know that they are all on the same page to look after the direction of the church and the annual budget. Some individuals serve on the Board and also on Session.

Mission/Outreach

SASS is part of a missional church, so when there are mission initiatives, funds are always forthcoming from the congregation. There is a Mission and Evangelism Ministry Team (MEMT) who direct and support a number of local and international mission organizations and missionaries. They encourage participation in Mission Fest and try to take a team of youth to the event.

SASS has connection with 7 main missions.

There is a biannual spring break mission trip to Mexico

New Hope School – a congregational member has taken on this project. The church has come together around it.

Administration/Communication

SASS is well-run and administered. All of the congregation seem to work in unity. Communication is strong. One report advised that “we have healthy debate and honest disagreement, but I have never heard murmuring or arguing.” Big issues are referred back for prayer.

Angela Edmonds is the Office Administrator. Angela was described as fabulous.

There is a part-time custodian, who is a church member. He takes care of all the groups who use the church facilities during the week. He discusses Jesus with community groups who rent SASS facilities.

Pastor Martin advises that in his interactions with the Session and other committees of SASS he has aimed to be a resource for them to discuss ideas and encourage them to not get complacent but seek ways to become more intentional, or better at what we do.

In closing we would like to say that St. Andrew’s & St. Stephen’s, under the leadership of Rev. Martin Baxter is a strong and vibrant church, full of spiritual hope and aspiring to follow Christ’s teaching: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, strength and mind and your neighbour as yourself”

RECOMMENDATION 1: that St. Andrew’s & St. Stephen’s Church is to be commended for their love, support and caring for their Pastor Martin Baxter, and for never losing sight of their Vision and Mission.

CARRIED

RECOMMENDATION 2: that Rev. Martin Baxter be commended for his exemplary leadership while bearing so much weight in his personal life.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted: Rev. Dennis Howard and Emily Wilson.

Respectfully submitted
Bev Feick
Convenor Visitation Committee
Westminster Presbytery

STUDENT CERTIFICATION COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Jim Smith, Student Certification Committee Convener.
All motions, unless otherwise noted, moved by Jim Smith, seconded by Brian Fraser.*

Westminster Presbytery Student Certification Committee – March 3, 2020

The committee met with the following students on Thursday, February 20, 2020 at Central Presbyterian Church. The committee was interviewing each candidate for Certification as a Candidate for Ordination in The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Stephen Bell – Certification for Ordination

Stephen is in his final semester at St Andrews Hall/VST and anticipates graduation in May 2020. We received a very complementary letter from the Director of Presbyterian Formation, Dr. Ross Lockhart.

Stephen forwarded to us four (4) written pieces as we had requested: a sermon titled “Hit Them with a Hook”, a New Testament exegetical paper titled “A Night of Misunderstood Answers”, an integrated paper titled “Our Missional Response to God’s Loved (and Broken) World” and a reflection on a missional community on the DTES titled “A Sent Life Together”. The committee studied these before the meeting and most of our discussion revolved around these papers.

Recommendation 1: That the Presbytery of Westminster certify Stephen Bell as a candidate for ordination in The Presbyterian Church in Canada, subject to his graduation. **CARRIED**

Markus Arsenault

Markus graduated from Presbyterian College in Montreal in May, 2018. We received a copy of a letter from Dr. Roland de Vries in which Dr. DeVries describes why Markus received the Allum Prize in Evangelism at his graduation.

Markus forwarded to us three (3) written pieces as we had requested: a sermon on Luke 2: 21-38, his integrative paper on “What does Becoming a Minister mean to follow Jesus” and his confession and sacrament paper on “The Eucharist Presence through other traditions to the Reformed Tradition”. The committee studied these before our meeting and our interview revolved around questions that developed from the papers and the ensuing answers.

Recommendation 2: That the Presbytery of Westminster certify Markus Arsenault as a candidate for ordination in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. **CARRIED**

*Respectfully submitted
Rev. Jim Smith*

STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented by David Jennings, Strategy and Leadership Committee Convener.

REPORT OF STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE 3 March, 2020 Presbytery Meeting

The inaugural meeting of the Strategy and Leadership Committee (“SLC”), the mandate of which largely reflects that previously assigned to the former Strategic Planning Committee and Property & Finance Committee, met over two meetings in February: one principally focused on strategic issues (2 hours) and one largely focused on property matters (2.5 hours). The members of SLC attended only one of the two meetings: members previously on the P&F committee attended the property issues meeting and the other members attended the strategic discussion, with the convener attending both meetings.

At both meetings the standing orders were reviewed and discussed. For property matters, the major items before the Presbytery focused the discussions, related to the potential VCPC redevelopment, Central land title and financial analysis, and general property matters. For strategic matters, a wider-ranging conversation about the role of the committee, the interrelationship with the Presbyter of Mission and Vision, and strategic matters involving congregational activities were all canvassed. Much progress was reached on both property and strategic matters, but no final decisions or recommendations are proposed for the March Presbytery meeting.

Further meetings for March on both property and strategic matters have been scheduled as follow-up to many issues discussed and for receiving further input from third parties. Recommendations related to VCPC, Central, Kerrisdale, and coordination with Ministry Committee matters are expected for the April Presbytery meeting, although timing could be affected by information and analysis anticipated by third parties.

*Respectfully Submitted,
David Jennings, Convener*

A discussion ensued between Bev Shepansky, Representative Elder for Central PC and the convener regarding concerns around timing for decisions around Central PC. The convener assured Bev that the committee would be addressing the third party analysis within a short period of time and expects to have recommendations to presbytery by the April meeting.

The Moderator led the court in prayer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Paddy Eastwood, seconded by Mary Fontaine to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

- The next regular meeting of presbytery is **April 7, 2020** at **Gordon Presbyterian Church**, 7457 Edmonds St, Burnaby. Worship at 7:00 p.m. (Jim Smith), presbytery constituted at 7:30 p.m.

The Moderator closed the court with a benediction.