

The Presbytery of Westminster met in Regular Session on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 7:00pm via Zoom Video Conferencing due to the Covid-19 restrictions on in-person meetings. Worship was led by Hummingbird Ministries.

CONSTITUTION

The Moderator, Patricia Dutcher-Walls constituted the Court and opened the meeting with prayer at 7:45pm.

The Moderator welcomed the following guests:

Hummingbird Ministries Council members: Dorothy Visser, Rennie Nahanee, friends of Hummingbird Ministries: Beth McIntosh and Janette McIntosh; Lynn Lanaras, member from St. Aidan's, Ross McClelland and Cameron Hart, members from St. Columba.

Moved by Laurie McKay, seconded by Willem van de Wall, that Ross McClelland be given permission to sit and correspond.

CARRIED

Leave to withdraw received from visiting members from Hummingbird Ministries following the Hummingbird Ministries Annual General Meeting.

DOCKET

It was moved by Melanie Adams, seconded by Paddy Eastwood that the consent agenda below be adopted.

CARRIED

Consent Agenda:

- that the Docket be as indicated,
- that the attendance be recorded as noted in the Roll Record Book,
- that regrets and requests for permission to withdraw be noted as sent to the clerk of presbytery,
- that the minutes of the regular meeting held on January 19, 2021 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 Any member may ask for an issue on the consent agenda to be withdrawn from this list before the agenda is adopted.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, B. Childs, P. Dutcher-Walls, P. Eastwood, M. Fontaine, B. Fraser, S. Goble, G. Jay, V. Kim, R. Lockhart, L. McKay, C. MacLeod, R. Simpson, B. Skelding, G. Snyman, M. Szigeti, R. Topping, W. van de Wall, W. van der Westhuizen, R. Watson, M. Wong, D. Woods.

N. Abramson, M. Adams, B. Astop, J. Con, I. Evans, B. Feick, C. Gleimuis, L. Gorman, D. Jennings, K. Kim, A. Lin, R. Miller, K. Patrick, K. Sewell, B. Shepansky, G. Shields, J. Sonachansingh, S. Stacey, E. Wilson, P. Wong, L. Yen, M. Zaine.

Appendix:

G. Davis, B. Garvin, R. Ross, J. Smith

Certified for Ordination:

REGRETS:

T. Hsieh, L. Bae, T. Kim, A. Beattie, A. Perrett

CORRESPONDENCE FOR NOV-DEC 2020: 01-15-21 through 02-26-21

01-11-21	Ross Lockhart	Rev. Tim Dickau is available for pulpit supply and may be reached at 778-239-5436 or tdickau@standrews.edu	Noted
01-12-21	Willem van der Westhuizen	Letter from the Session from St. John's PC regarding the commission	Received
01-13-21	Paddy Eastwood	IM update for Bradner PC	Received
01-15-21	Marjorie Copeland	Presbytery Statistical Information	Received
01-17-21	Linda MacLeod	Rep and Alt Elder for Central remains the same for 2021	Noted
01-17-21	Teresa Charlton	2021 Synod Advance Planning update	Noted
01-19-21	Dale Woods	Resource article available for January Workshop with Rev Dr. Glenn Smith	Received and distributed
01-20-21	Paddy Eastwood	Confirming IM honoraria	Received
01-20-21	Ross Lockhart	Online book launch from the Centre of Missional Leadership to be held January 27	Received and distributed
01-20-21	Paddy Eastwood	Minister-in-association contracts for signing	Received
01-22-21	Jackie Czegledi	2020 Statistical Reports due April 15	Received and distributed
01-24-21	Larry Eastwood	PCC sent e-transfer for \$5,000 with no identification	Received and responded
01-25-21	Glen Davis	Enquiry on when Rev. Watson induction should take place	Noted
01-27-21	Oliver Ng	Information regarding e-transfer (ie Camp Douglas)	Noted
01-29-21	Willem van de Wall	Leading with Care Workshop to be held over zoom – interested parties to contact Willem van de Wall	Distributed
01-29-21	Kathryn Muir	January 2021 Changes to the Roll	Noted
02-01-21	Maggie Leung	Presbyterians Sharing Reports for December 2020	Received
02-01-21	Alex Bisset, Clerk of Presbytery	Letter of standing for Rev. Phil Reinders	Received

	East Toronto		
02-01-21	Henry Currie, Clerk of Presbytery Central Alberta	Letter of standing for Re. Devadosan Sugirtharaj	Received
02-01-21	Larry Eastwood	POW Financial Statements for January 2021	Received
02-21-21	Terrie-Lee Hamilton	Nomination to GA committees due February 28	Noted
02-02-21	Larry Eastwood	Submission of 2020 Statistical Report for Haney PC	Received
02-02-21	Ruth Chueh	Submission of 2020 Statistical Report for VTPC	Received
02-03-21	Cameron Hart	Florence Metzger, long-time member of Bradner and possible deaconess, passed away on January 26	Received and distributed
02-03-21	Paddy Eastwood	New chair required for the SCC	Received
02-03-21	Mary Fontaine	HM Budget for 2021 & CM Grant applications	Received
02-03-21	Larry Eastwood	HM 2020 Financial Statements	Received
02-04-21	Larry Eastwood	Submission of St. Paul's 2020 Statistical Report	Received
02-10-21	Marjorie Copeland	Acknowledgement receipt of List of Commissioners from POW	Received
02-10-21	Miklos Szigeti	New Rep Elder for First Hungarian is Andrea Dobos and new Alternate is Dr. Margit Meszaros	Noted
02-10-21	Andrea Dobos	Please use email andijavor@gmail.com	Noted
02-11-21	Larry Eastwood	Submission of Statistical Reports for St. John's PC, White Rock	Received
02-11-21	Ted Sivers	Request the document entitled "The Wayward Son Returns, One More Time" be distributed to member of the POW	Received and distributed
02-11-21	Kate Jordan	Advance notice that Betty McLagan will be turning 99 years old on February 28	Received
02-11-21	Rebecca Simpson	Central PC have submitted required documents as per last presbytery meeting (budget, mission and vision plans, some financial statements)	Received
02-15-21	Dale Woods	Information and link for POW website from Glenn Smith workshop	Received and posted
02-16-21	Jackie Czegledi	Revised dollar base figure for SASS	Received
02-16-21	Janet Eastwood	Camp Douglas is hiring staff for 2021 Day Camps	Received and distributed
02-16-21	Roland De Vries	The Presbyterian College is inviting recommendations of candidates for the position of Professor of Pastoral Leadership	Received and distributed
02-18-21	Ross Lockhart	"Transplanting Faith" PIM grant application for SAH submitted to CEC	Noted
02-18-21	Amanda Gomes	VCPC Redevelopment – Recommendation of	Noted

		Escrow Fund Release for Feb-April 2021	
02-20-21	Willem van de Wall	Leading with Care Workshop is schedule for March 13 from 1-4pm	Received and distributed
02-20-21	Richard Watson	Signed Copy of Minister in Association Agreement with Glenn Davis	Noted
02-20-21	David Jennings	GAI – a request to reconsider	Received
02-20-21	David Jennings	A matter considering communications from Central and Bosa on the GST matter	Received
02-23-21	Teresa Charlton	Synod update	Circulated
02-26-21	Thomas Kim	News of the death of his father in Calgary	Circulated for prayer

HUMMINGBIRD MINISTRIES ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Hummingbird Ministries Annual Meeting 2021

**Providing opportunities for healing and reconciliation
 Through Circles and the Arts To restore hope, freedom and justice
 In Indigenous/Settler healing – socially, politically and spiritually.**

Agenda

All motions, unless otherwise noted, were moved by Isabel Evans, seconded by Laurie McKay.

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 convenor of the meeting and that the Clerk of Presbytery be the recording secretary. **CARRIED**

Recommendation #2: that the attendance of the Annual Meeting be the same as that recorded as the March 2021 meeting of the Presbytery of Westminster. **CARRIED**

Call to order.

Report of the convenor of Hummingbird Council.

Recommendation #3: that the report of the convenor be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Report of Director of Hummingbird Council.

Recommendation #4: that the report of the director be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Financial Report for 2020.

Review of external report.

Budget for 2021.

Recommendation #5: that the proposed budget for 2021 and review of external report be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Recommendation #6: that Hummingbird unlike most other ministries, is completely dependent on grants, and whereas every grant has 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 AGM as listed in the annual budget for HM.

CARRIED

Whereas grant applications have a deadline prior to the Annual Meeting of Hummingbird at Presbytery's March meeting, therefore be it resolved:

Recommendation #7: that the budget for Hummingbird Ministries be approved at the December meeting of Presbytery to provide required Presbytery approval for grant applications.

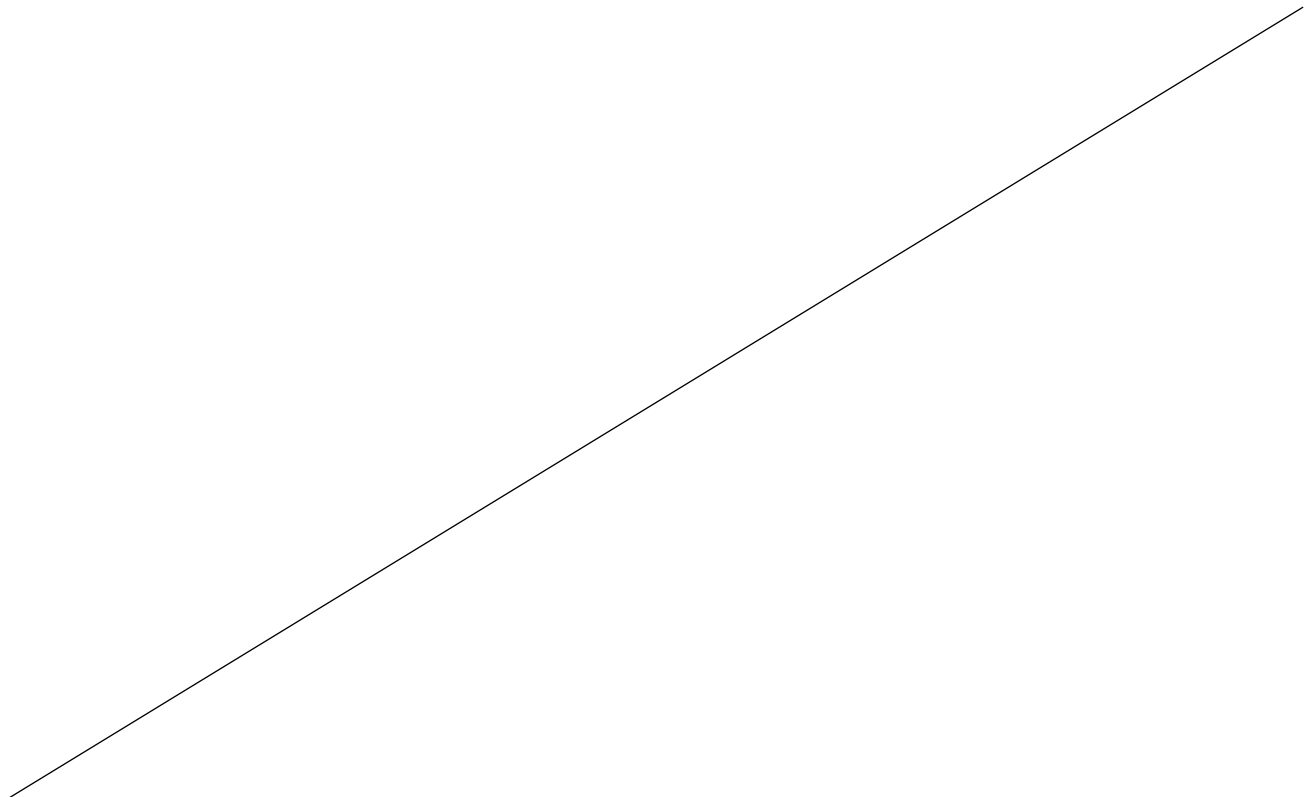
CARRIED

Recommendation #8: that the officers of Hummingbird Ministries and 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 #9: that this meeting be adjourned and presbytery move out of the Committee as a Whole.

CARRIED



Hummingbird Ministries Convenor's Report to 2021 AGM

He has showed you, O man, what is good;
And what does the lord require of you
But to do justice, and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God?
Micah 6:8.

As always we are pleased to have God's spirit to guide us in our plans and decisions for the benefit of serving all who are touched by Hummingbird Ministries. (HM).

Like most other ministries, HM has been affected by the pandemic over the past year. Most of our 2020 programs and plans have had to be put on hold till the restrictions have been lifted. We did continue to meet about every second month or so over Zoom. One thing I really appreciate at our council meetings is the check in we do at the start of the meeting. It is an opportunity to share joyful and sad things that may be going on in our lives at that time. It is also an opportunity to share pastoral care for each other.

One event that we were able to carry out in place of our Christmas Circle was delivering dinner and hampers to the families that participate in our children's programs. The meals and hampers were gratefully received by everyone. Mary, Dorothy and myself helped to pick up and deliver on December 12th.

Unfortunately Rev. Brian Fraser had to step down from the council due to his many other commitments. We do miss Brian's input to our meeting. We thanked him for his participation and wished him well. We continue to pray that God will lead the people we need to help us on council.

We are grateful for all the help and support that Hummingbird Ministries receive from Westminster Presbytery and many congregations within our Presbytery.

Although many of our children's programs have been put on hold the Director Rev. Mary Fontaine has been busy as you will note from her report.

Members of Hummingbird Council are Rev. Mary Fontaine (Director), Rev. Laurie McKay (Presbytery member), Larry Eastwood (Treasurer), Dorothy Visser (Circle elder), Rennie Nahanee and Isabel Evans (Presbytery Member).

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 our plans. We know that without God through Jesus Christ, we are nothing and on our own, we are easily lost.

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Evans

HUMMINGBIRD MINISTRIES

ANNUAL REPORT 2020

For January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ZOOM PRESBYTERY MEETING, MARCH 2, 2021

Hummingbird Ministries Annual Narrative Report, March 2, 2021 **Uplifting, Praying, Upholding, Petitioning, Heartening**



Providing opportunities for healing and reconciliation through Circles and the Arts
– to restore hope, freedom, and justice for Indigenous/Settler healing
– socially, politically and spiritually

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and what does the LORD require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah
6:8, *NRSV*

“The ultimate hope from an Indigenous
perspective is... according to Black Elk’s vision
of...a Sacred Tree that would bloom at the center
of the hoop and the people would live in peace
and harmony.” Black Elk Speaks, *NAIITS*
Journal, Vol. 4, 2006.

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR



For Hummingbird Ministries, 2020 began with uplifting events related to the visit by our Moderator, Rev. Amada Currie in January. Memories of these happy occasions did much to sustain the heart during an otherwise dark time. The year ended with the delivery of food, gifts and Chromebooks to our children and their families. This Covid-adapted event was heartening for Hummingbird Council Santas who witnessed the children’s reactions upon receiving their gifts and for the parents who repeatedly texted their gratitude.

In between these bookends, however, it was a year of upholding our community in intense prayer and holistic care due to fear, suspicion, and isolation – effects of the pandemic on the human mind, body, soul, and spirit. A large group, including the Hummingbird Council, prayed faithfully for community members who felt ill or were in need of encouragement and strength. Also, the increase of Indigenous people dying at the hands of police and the fear of Indigenous youth across Canada, motivated an awareness campaign about the number of Indigenous people dying at the hands of police. This led to petitioning the Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) to make a public statement to acknowledge systemic racism against Indigenous people. It was posted on the PCC website. The working team included the PCC National Indigenous Ministries Council, Justice Ministries and the Moderator.

Arts projects were severely limited by the pandemic. The children kept asking when we could dance again, and two mothers registered their five-year-olds for whenever we could start again. We explored various possibilities, but the dance projects were not possible. A second draft of our scripted play was completed by our playwright, and we filmed interviews for our film project in August. In the fall, we had a few music lessons at the Hummingbird House. After music lessons, as we shared snacks, a youth new to our program said, “Geez why didn’t we do this before? It would have been better for me to get to know you guys before we started playing guitar.” Once again, this affirmed the value of our sharing Circles.

Preaching and speaking engagements are one way to promote our ministry, to sustain awareness of reconciliation work with Indigenous people and to uphold ecumenism. A pandemic adapted ordination service at the Highlands United Church for VST grad, Rev. Murray Pruden, Saddle Lake First Nation in October, was our ecumenical event. In 2020, in spite of cancellations due to the pandemic, Zoom allowed for preaching at Richmond Presbyterian Church in May, First Presbyterian Church in Regina and Living Interfaith Sanctuary in June, and Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church in October. The questions and comments at the end of Zoom worship were typically kind and reassuring, but the comments by participants at the Living Interfaith Sanctuary were well informed and passionate about healing the broken relationship with Indigenous people. Some of their comments and questions inspired trying new ways to reach people, and some of their perspectives are important to include in our healing and reconciliation film project.

Among the rays of light during a relatively dark year in our ministries, a request for a Baptismal Service for three children was cause for excitement. The request came in December, but a Covid-19 lockdown meant postponing the celebration. The Hummingbird Council has received permission from Presbytery to do our own baptisms, and we look forward to this special event as soon as the pandemic allows for it.

Special donations from friends and the Richmond Church made it possible to bless our children and their families through our adapted Christmas Circle. Shopping during Black Friday sales promotions meant significant discounts on the Chromebooks made possible through a communication grant received from Presbytery. It was a joy to pass on this generous blessing on December 12 when we delivered take-out food, Christmas gifts and the Chrome Books to our families. The devices will be used for our 2021 projects.

We are happy to report that most of our families, Council, and our larger ecumenical community fared well in terms of being safe from the virus, but one elder suspected of having Covid passed away. Another treasured elder who occasionally dropped in to our circles, passed away after a long illness. Pastoral care was done through phone calls, texts, emails, Facebook, and occasional short visits outside the doors of the families when delivering grocery gift cards or food items. Throughout the year, we provided grocery gift cards for our families and the homeless clients of the Vancouver Friendship Centre. My family appreciated the prayer support for the loss of our brother, a nephew and two relatives. None of the losses were Covid related, but it was difficult not to attend my brother's funeral.

As a moderator nominee of the PCC in 2020, I received an invitation to represent the PCC at a meeting of the All Parties Table in Yorkton February 7-9, before pandemic travel restrictions. This large group of ecumenical and federal government employees is working on the Indian Residential School Settlement Agreement, a Covenant of Reconciliation pursuant to TRC Call to Action #46. All other meetings requiring travel were cancelled, but healing and reconciliation concerning the MMIWG2 Final Report continued through emails and webinars, with Justice Ministries and the NIMC. In 2021, meetings on Bill C-15, to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous people will continue.

Administratively, the year started with the writing of the Cooke's grant and preparing for Hummingbird's AGM held on March 3. The PCC project grants were submitted April 15, the Synod grants in May, and the Canadian Ministries grant in October. Office work continued as usual with occasional office help in

the spring and fall. We look forward to freedom from pandemic restrictions to recruit an admin assistant, a ministry assistant, and a webmaster.

The year included the meetings with Hummingbird Council, Presbytery, National Indigenous Ministries, Justice Ministries and PCC staff. When the pandemic is over, we look forward to the in-person prayer retreat with the National Indigenous Ministries Council and the PCC Healing and Reconciliation Group, plus the Women's Missionary Society Conference.

We grieve with our Presbytery and our Church for the losses we bore during 2020 and remain grateful for continued good health for most of our community. We are grateful for the opportunity afforded by our faithful financial and spiritual supporters to continue to serve our Lord through the love and care of our communities in the year ahead.

*In gratitude and respect,
Rev. Mary Fontaine*

2020 in REVIEW



Activities associated with the moderator's visit that lingered to bless us include:

- A tour of our Circle ministries including the Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN), listening to the stories and drum song of longhouse elder in their longhouse
- A tour of the Sechelt First Nation on the beautiful Sunshine Coast and a stop at Camp Douglas
- Sharing a meal with the Joe family from Sechelt, a tour of the Khot-La Art Gallery and the Tsain-Ko First Nations Gift Shop
- A special prayer ceremony with Terry Aleck, an Indigenous elder with the Anglican Church, in a unique arts and vegetation setting, with special thanks to Charlyn McLean for arranging this
- A performance by our Hummingbird dancers at a fundraiser in our honour, on Jan. 27 was our only arts event. It was an honour, to share this performance with Brentwood's Grand Slam Jazz Band. Thanks to Shaughnessy United Church and Brentwood Presbyterian Church
- A Circle with our children and families, where three girls joined in singing our Honour song in Nehiyawewin for the moderator. We look forward to when we can sit together to share and pray in our Sacred Circles, and to share meals and arts activities again

Except for our adapted Christmas Circle, all other *annual* events planned for 2020 were cancelled, namely the *National Indigenous People's Day* (NIPD) celebration in June and the *Peace through the Arts Festival* in November.

Our film project is ongoing as time, staff and funding permits. Our work in 2020 included:

- Interviews with six Indigenous people at the Mistawasis Nehiyawak during a lull in the epidemic restrictions, under the hot summer prairie skies in August
- Footage containing a variety of views and questions

- A developing story for the film's screenplay to be edited by a screenwriter from UBC
- Material relevant to the film project was forthcoming during a Q & A Zoom session where the director was a guest preacher

After interviewing our director in August, the radio manager at Mistawasis 93.7 CHED allowed Hummingbird Ministries a wider outreach for ministry and publicity through:

- Healing through education of Indigenous history
- Sunday Reflections
- Healing through honouring of Indigenous wisdom, cultures and languages
- Connecting children with grandparents through stories
- Honouring healthy traditional Indigenous values and roles of men and women
- New technologies that allow access to the radio station from anywhere
- Providing an alternative to reach out in spite of disruptions to our work plans

Pow wow dance continues to capture the hearts of the children, but we were not able carry out our plans for *synchronized Pow wow and Metis dancing* and the *new sweetheart couples dances* in 2020 as:

- Couples dancing and singing were deemed unsafe during the pandemic
- Our regular venue was too small for social distancing
- Purchasing tents for our projects was not practical
- Parents felt it wasn't safe for their children
- An adapted Prayer Dance project has been proposed

PLANS FOR 2021:

Performing Arts Projects

Prayer Dance Project (Three Dances)

- An adapted Pow Wow Prayer Dance Project takes into consideration the preference of the children for the faster fancy dances, even though the recognized prayer dances in the Pow wow community are the Women's Jingle Dress dance and the Men's Grass dance. As they dance, the children would reflect on something they learn about Indigenous and/or Christian teachings.

Girls Transformation Butterfly Prayer Dance Project

- They would hear a story about the girl and the butterfly and how the dance originated
- They would hear the teachings of the butterfly, its stages of growth
- They would hear the story of Jesus' transfiguration (Mark 9:2–3) and other stories related to transformation in the Christian faith

Boys Freedom Horse Prayer Dance Project

- The *boys fancy* is about the *horse*, a powerful entity and a symbol of strength and freedom for Indigenous people. Biblical horses symbolize war, power, and glory. The boys' fancy (horse) dance would be a **freedom dance**

- They would hear stories about the gifts of the horse from an Indigenous view
- They would hear about Jesus' work in setting humanity free through his love on the cross and about using that freedom in Christ, to love and serve one another (Galatians 5:13)

The Red River Jig (Metis Prayer Dance Project) and its fiddle music (the Metis anthem)

- The jig is a combination of Plains Indigenous footwork with Scottish, Irish, and French-Canadian dance forms. Metis lineage also includes the English
- Dancers would hear about Metis leader Louis Riel, the rebellions, the history of Metis people in Canada, stories of Metis people and culture and of how this jig came to be
- Riel hoped for the good of this country, for all of Canada to right its relationship with Indigenous nations. It's not yet visible, but it's in the wind through TRC Calls to Action, apologies, confessions, and Bill C-15 (UNDRIP)
- *Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1)
- This hope realized would be something to celebrate! This is why we call it a ***dance in anticipation of good*** or a ***dance in anticipation of victory***
- They would hear about Jesus' love on the cross which gives hope for victory over evil in this world, in and through Christ
- Jiggers would be asked to memorize a Bible verse or to reflect on Metis culture and the hope for "good" for all Canadians as described above

The Prayer Dance Project for all three dance forms would include the dance lessons, the teachings, and prayer. This would be done as follows:

- Zoom meetings, emails, videos, phone calls, or outdoor socially distanced meetings with the children (all dancers) and parents
- Cultural consultants to help with Indigenous/Metis teachings
- Inviting prayer requests via email, Facebook, or website; dancers would be made aware of the requests before they danced
- Inviting people to pray with the dancers live or while watching the video
- Prayer dancers would be filmed one or two at a time
- Their videos would be posted on Facebook, our webpage, and other media
- Frequency of filming dancers is determined by venue availability and in consultation with families, instructors, and volunteers
- Dance-related Bible verses: Ps. 149:3, Eccl. 3:4, Ps. 30:11, Jer. 31:13, 2 Sam. 6:14

Music Project

Covid adaptations include the following:

- Teach piano, guitar, and ukulele lessons in person, one or two students at a time
- Teach musical instruments through virtual lessons via Zoom
- Teaching choir will not be part of the music project
- Teach voice to one or two students at a time for solos or duets if the pandemic restrictions allow.

Drama Project

Our Christmas play, *The Star Boy's Promise*, was originally a narrated play written into a scripted play with the help of a playwright. Plans are as follows:

- Recruit actors and prepare for production of the play in 2022.
- Write a grant for the 2021 drama project
- Finish the third and final draft of our scripted play

TWO HEALING PATH PROGRAMS

The **Anti-Bullying Workshop Project** proposed in 2021 has been revised according to pandemic safety protocols; plans are as follows:

- Run 12 sessions from mid-March to November through Zoom
- Close with a celebration presenting the children with awards for completing the program. If the pandemic allows, gather with all participants and celebrate with a meal. If not, do a virtual closing on Zoom and mail out the certificates
- Aim to redirect the path of children at risk of gang life
- Provide tools to deal with being bullied and why to avoid being a bully
- Impress on the children how gang life is a trap that destroys lives
- Begin each session with prayer and a teaching
- Provide both a psychological and Indigenous perspective of bullying
- Deborah, a Caucasian Christian woman and family therapist will deliver the western psychological aspects of bullying and possibly the Christian perspective.
- Ernie, a child and family therapist working with Indigenous children and youth, will teach this topic from his Indigenous perspective

Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked.
(1John 2:6)

Our **Walking Humbly Project** is the second of two Healing Path projects planned for 2021. It is adapted to Covid-19 restrictions and the focus has shifted from simply an outdoor hiking project to learning along the way about the land, herbal plants and medicines, edible berries, gardening and learning to survive in nature. We aim to:

- Run the program with children in mind but not limited to the children. Adults welcome
- Run the program from late March to September, as weather allows
- Pre-walk Intros and post-walk reviews will be done by Zoom. Walks limited to 6 at a time, as pandemic allows. Like all Hummingbird projects in 2021, *everyone wears masks*
- Inspire respect for the land, and the benefits of walking in nature and fresh air
- Include Indigenous guides who may know of medicinal/edible plants in this region
- Invite non-Indigenous guides with knowledge of nature or gardeners to lead sessions

- Promote the idea of a reconciled relationship with Mother Earth by teaching respect and gratitude for her mysteries and gifts
- Teach what the Bible says about the glory of God reflected in Mother Earth's gifts
- Promote reading of children's books on environment, list provided by Indigenous elder
- The project includes visiting the Richmond Nature Park, A Rocha, a Christian environmental farm in Langley, and Indigenous gardens. All pandemic-safety protocols will be followed
- To promote reconciliation, Presbyters and ecumenical friends are invited to join as guides or as participants.
- For "... *what is good and what does the LORD require of you but... to walk humbly with your God?*" (Micah 6:8, NRSV.)
- In Black Elk's vision, *a sacred tree will bloom at the center of the [Circle] and the people would live in peace and harmony.*" *Black Elk Speaks*
- <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatoon/indigenous-medicinal-walk-1.4235900>
- "Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad; let the sea resound, and all that is in it. Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them; let all the trees of the forest sing for joy." (Ps. 96:11-12)

The project will end with a visit to *Van Dusen Gardens* for the Christmas light show. Safety protocols would be followed with masks, limit to small or family groups, socially distanced.

Circles and Services

- **Baptism service** for three children from one family
- **Circle times** prior to all Hummingbird projects including both Healing Path projects and all three of the Prayer Dance projects includes prayer and sacred teachings
- **Radio Program** through Mistawasis CHED Radio (as time allows re the pandemic)

Pulpit Supply and Speaking Engagements

- As they arise

Textile Arts

- Purchase/order dance regalia or accessories as needed by Hummingbird dancers
- Include teachings about ribbon skirts/shirts for the children and their meaning and significance

Annual Events

- An adapted **NIPD event** with our partner, the Mosaic Church, as we encourage our ecumenical friends in their commitments to TRC Calls to Action; the MMIWG2 Final Report; and to seek support for Bill C-15 for the implementation of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous People. Includes dancing videos.
- An in-person or adapted, or virtual **Peace through the Arts Festival** Nov. 5 & 6, with our partners at Peninsula United Church in Surrey. Livestreaming is a possibility

- An adapted or in-person **Christmas Circle**, December 11, with turkey dinner and all the trimmings (or an adapted Christmas Circle once again), in partnership with the Richmond Presbyterian Church

Special Meetings and Conferences:

- National Indigenous Ministries Council (NIMC) meetings (May & Nov.)
- VST Indigenous Studies Advisory Committee Meetings (March & Sept.)
- NIMC / Healing & Reconciliation Presbyterians, Prayer Retreat, Sandy Saulteaux, Winnipeg, on hold until further notice
- National Presbyterian Women's Gathering, Richmond Hill, Ontario, on hold until further notice

ADMINISTRATION

Reports:

- AGM reports
- Grant applications
- Director's reports and others as usual
- Office administration

Search for:

- Office assistant
- Ministry assistant
- Program helpers/volunteers
- Elders & event volunteers

Grant Applications:

- Cooke's Fund, Feb. 19
- Creative Ministry with Children Fund, Special Projects Fund, Chisholm Fund, April 15
- WMS national grant, April 30, 2021
- BC Synod grant application, April 30, 2021
- Canadian Ministries Specialized Ministry fund, Oct. 1, 2021
- Cooke's Fund, Feb 20, 2022
- Fundraising initiatives in lieu of fundraising events to be determined

THE HUMMINGBIRD MINISTRIES COUNCIL



The Hummingbird Community and the 2020 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. Special thanks to the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church for sustaining us through the move of Hummingbird Ministries in 2019 and beyond.

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:(Indigenous)	Deacon Rennie Nahanee
Treasurer:	Larry Eastwood
Presbytery member:	Rev. Laurie McKay
Indigenous Circle Elder:	Dorothy Visser
Indigenous Elder:	Darlene Mondor (volunteer cook)
Indigenous Elder:	Lesley Graham (volunteer, children’s programs)

Updates on our work and engagements for 2019 and 2020 can be found on Facebook and our website at: www.facebook.com/HummingbirdMinistries and www.hummingbirdministries.ca.

Hummingbird Ministries

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**Providing opportunities for healing and reconciliation through Circles and the Arts
- to restore hope, freedom and justice for Indigenous/Settler healing
– socially, politically and spiritually**

March 2, 2021

The Presbytery of Westminster
Dear Friends in Christ,

Subject: Hummingbird Ministries Annual General Meeting 2021

We wish to first give thanks for the ministry of Hummingbird's director, Mary Fontaine. During a very challenging year of a global pandemic, Mary has been called on by the community to pray, advocate, and intervene in times of deep sorrow, violence, and death; fear of covid; isolation of an already marginalized community; and the impact of the exclusion and bullying concerning Indigenous Peoples. Our national church recognizes Mary's contribution to the work of reconciliation as witnessed by her nomination as moderator of the Presbyterian Church at a time when reconciliation is most needed within our denomination.

This is Hummingbird's 16th year of ministry. Most of the ministry requires face-to-face interaction, but during the pandemic, engagement shifted to more advocacy, and connection through phone, social media, email and distanced visits. The physical needs of the community were supported through gift cards, and a highlight of this year was the purchase and distribution of Christmas hampers that included Chromebooks for the children. We are well positioned for the many Zoom events planned for the year, even while we anticipate gathering together once again for our circles, arts projects, and annual events. We anticipate being together with Presbyterian friends and our ecumenical community.

Mary has written an excellent report that we encourage you to read and reflect on ways you might bless this ministry through your participation. Many activities are reflected in her time and commitment to the work. So much of Mary's time is spent on administrative tasks like writing grants, so she looks forward to hiring admin assistance after the pandemic.

We remain deeply grateful for the support from Canadian Ministries, the Presbytery of Westminster, the Synod of BC, the Cooke's Fund, the legacy fund of the West Point Grey Presbyterian Church, the PCC

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Project Funds, the WMS, the PAR donors, congregations and individual donors. 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.

We regretted the withdrawal of Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser from the Hummingbird Council this year. We thank Brian for his leadership and continued commitment to the work of Hummingbird and bless him as he is called to commit his time to other ministry. We are grateful for the addition of Deacon Rennie Nahanee (Squamish Nation) to the council, for his walk with Hummingbird Ministries since 2008. His roles as music director, arts performance director, and elder in our Circles with the children are highly regarded.

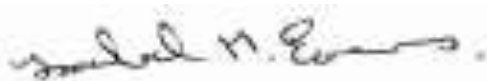
Recently retired, he brings with him, his experience as the Indigenous Healing and reconciliation worker with the Archdiocese of the Roman Catholic Church in Vancouver.

We are grateful for Dorothy Visser, also from the Roman Catholic faith, who has been God's faithful servant, elder, dancer, musician, and teacher in our ministries since 2008. Larry Eastwood is our faithful and valued treasurer! Currently Isabel Evans and Laurie McKay are Presbytery reps. It is a blessing to work with fellow presbyters and *invite* those who have an interest to step forward to journey with us in our work. We are grateful for the steady support of Indigenous elders Leslie Graham and Darlene Mondor who have served at Hummingbird's ministries, according to their gifts since 2010.

Going forward the members of the HM Council are Rev. Mary Fontaine (Founding Director), Co-convenors: Isabel Evans and Deacon Rennie Nahanee, Rev. Laurie McKay (Presbytery Member), Larry Eastwood (Treasurer), Dorothy Visser (Circle Elder), and Elders Darlene Mondor (Cooking for events) and Lesley Graham (Circles and arts performances).

The HM Council met regularly – mostly over zoom. 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,



Isabel Evans
Co-Convenor with Deacon Rennie Nahanee
Hummingbird Ministries Council

Hummingbird Ministries

Review Report of 2020

I reviewed the records of the Hummingbird Ministries for January 1st.2020 until December 31st. 2020. This includes examining the General Ledger, Bank statements and Reconciliation, Accounts Payable and Receivable and any supporting documents. I believe all expenses and revenues have been handled in a proper manner.

Respectully submitted,

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February 1st. 2021

BUDGET 2021

Hummingbird Ministries	FY 2021
Draft 7 28 Feb 2021	PROPOSED
REVENUE	
Receiptable Donations	
PCC Canadian Ministries Specialized Ministries grant	67,000
PCC Cooke's Fund	7,500
PCC BC Synod Grant, Jack Smith	8,000
PCC Presbytery operating grant	44,000
PCC Special Projects Fund	5,000
PCC Creative Ministry with Children & Youth Fund	7,000
PCC Chisholm grant	5,000
PCC NIMC grant	25,000
Presbytery of Westminster Covid19 Fund	2,000
Transfer from 2019 Chisholm grant	5,000
Transfer from 2020 Synod Jack Smith film grant	10,000
Transfer from 2020 UCCgrant, PTA Festival	5,500
WMS National Grant	500
Donations - Congregations	2,000
Donations - Individuals	500
Donations - PAR	2,500
	196,500
Hummingbird Ministries	FY 2021
Draft 7 28 Feb 2021	PROPOSED
Donations - Congregations	2,000
Donations - Individuals	500
Donations - PAR	2,500
	196,500
Non-Receiptable Donations	
Sale of Goods, events, auction sales	1,500
Peace thru the Arts Festival Anniversary Admission, sales	2,500
Non-Receipted Donations	100
	4,100
Total Revenue	200,600
EXPENSE	
PERFORMING ARTS PROJECTS	
Prayer Dance Project	
Girls Butterfly Prayer Dance (Transformaton) , honorarium, mileage	800
Boys Fancy Horse Dance (Freedom), honorarium, mileage	800
Metis Red River Jig Prayer Dance, honorarium, mileage	800
Honoraria, Female elder, cultural consultant/teacher, girls Fancy	750
Honoraria, Male elder, cultural consultant/teacher, boys fancy	750
Honoraria, Metis elder, cultural consultant/teacher Red River Jig	750
Honoraria, videographers, photographers of dancers	500
Honoraria, project assistants	500
Circle food (take-out deliveries) Regalia as needed	550
Dance Performers Honoraria	800
	7,000

Hummingbird Ministries	FY 2021	
Draft 7 28 Feb 2021	PROPOSED	
Drama Project - Christmas Play		
Venue, for planning, and consultation	200	
Honoraria, Playwright	500	
Honoraria, Drama Director & Indigenous Actors consultation meetings	500	
Food, meetings with local Indigenous actors	300	1,500
Music Project		
Honoraria, voice lessons for solo or duet if allowed	200	
Honoraria, Guitar and Uke teachers, in person or zoom	700	
Honoraria, Piano lessons, in person or zoom	800	
Food, bag lunches, snacks	300	2,000
Film Project: The Light of the North Star		
Cinematographer, editor assistant, honorarium	3,000	
Editor fees	6,000	
Screenplay advisor, honorarium	500	
Meals, volunteer meetings	500	10,000
Regular Programs		
Textile Arts, Dance Regalia, Performance Attire		
Pow Wow Dance Regalia Accessories, as available	600	
Ribbon shirts & skirts fabrics and supplies	500	
Textile Artist honorarium	400	1,500
Radio Program Outreach		
Honoraria, Consultants, interviewees, story tellers, performing artists	1,200	
Communications expenses	300	1,500
Anti-Bullying Workshop Project, Healing Path Project #1		
Honoraria, Deborah, Anti-bullying Workshops via Zoom (5)	750	
Honoraria, Ernie, Anti-bullying workshops via Zoom (5)	750	
Honoraria, Elder consultants	300	
Online streaming and recording technicians	250	
Transportation, car rentals & fuel for volunteers	200	
Food, bag lunches for hikers due to Covid	500	
Honoraria, trauma counsellor	250	
Closing Ceremony, Awards Day, meal or take-out	500	3,500

Walk Humbly Project, Healing Path Project #2		
Honoraria, Walkabout Guides, garden tours (5)	4,000	
Nature Walk, Richmond Nature Park (Bog), Tour guide	200	
Honoraria, Elder consultants/teachers	300	
Honoraria, videographers, photographers	250	
Books on plants & gardening, photocopying	200	
Transportation, car rentals & fuel for volunteers	200	
Honoraria, safety guides	250	
Food, bag lunches for hikers due to Covid	500	
A Rocha Environmental Stewardship farm, group rate	600	
Van Dusen Botanical Gardens Christmas Light Show, Closing Event	500	7,000
Worship & Special Healing Circles, Baptism Service		
Food and supplies, take-out or in-person	500	
Elder's honoraria, mileage	500	1,000
Pastoral Care		
	2,500	2,500
Ministry Assistant		
	6,000	6,000
Peace through the Arts Festival, Friday eve, Saturday all day		
Honoraria, Fundraising artists, Friday evening	1,600	
Honoraria, Festival artists, Saturday	4,800	
Honoraria, Hummingbird assistants	500	
Honoaria, MC	250	
Catered dinner (Sat.), bagged lunches, refreshments	3,500	
Online streaming technology and recording technician honorarium	300	
City permit, tent setup assistants, portpotties	500	
Venue (2 days), outdoors, social distancing	600	
Sound and video system and technicians	350	
Salish Welcome honoraria	250	
Honoraria, Photographer, videographer	200	
Child care program	300	
Administrative costs, masks, hand sanitizer, pandemic cleaners	400	
Transportation	350	13,900
Benefit Concert, virtual or in person (BE)		
Auction Items	1,000	
Online streaming and recording technician	200	
Gifts, volunteers, Silent auction prep, sales reps	300	1,500

Honoraria, Cooks & kitchen helpers, if no gathering, apply to take-out	150	
Gifts, children and grocery gift cards	700	
Honoraria, Santa, if no gathering, apply to gifts	150	
Dinner, potluck, if no gathering, apply to takeout for families	550	
Honorarium, Coast Salish welcome, if no gathering, apply to gifts	150	1,700
National Indigenous Peoples Day Festival, Virtual Event		
Honoraria, HM Dancers, dance videos, speakers	1,200	
Honoraria, Videographers, photographers, online H & R event	400	1,600
GENERAL EXPENSES:		
Bank & PAR Fees	64	
Bookkeeping & Review	3,900	
Council & Elders mtgs mileage	600	
Council other	200	
Equipment - office	2,000	
Equipment maintenance	290	
Insurance	1,200	
Office - Supplies & Postage	1,800	
Media assistant	1,000	
Office - staff	12,500	
Office - Utilities	700	24,254

STIPEND & BENEFITS		
Salary	52,230	
EI expense	1,500	
CPP expense	0	
Minister's PCC Medical & Dental	4,600	
Continuing Education	600	
Minister's Car Allowance	4,500	
Minister's Housing Allowance	38,400	
Minister's Utilities	2,030	
Minister's Cell Phone	1,000	
PCC Pension	8,986	
WorkSafe BC	300	114,146
TOTAL EXPENSE		200,600
Balance Check: 'Revenue minus expenses		
		0

Hummingbird Ministries
Income Statement (Cash basis) Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020

REVENUE

Revenue

PCC Ministries Grant	67,000.00
PCC Operating Fund grant	25,000.00
PCC Cookes Grant	7,500.00
Presbytery operating grant	8,000.00
Presbytery grant WPG	39,999.96
PCC Gifts Of Change grant	1,000.00
Donations - Congregations	4,570.00
Donations - Individuals	1,184.00
Donations - PAR	2,496.00
Sale of Goods	50.00
Federal Covid Subsidies	1,375.00
Peace Thru the Arts admin and s...	1,280.00
Interest Revenue	0.79
Non-receipted Donations	2.88

Total Revenues 159,458.63

TOTAL REVENUE 159,458.63

EXPENSE

Projects

Pow Wow choreograph instruc, ...	325.00	
Metis dance instruc, milea	70.00	
Dancers & Elders honoraria	230.00	
Circle food & supplies	532.30	
Total Dance Project		1,157.30
Elders honoraria, mileage	515.00	
Drama Project Total		515.00
Pastoral Care		1,790.03
Voice & choir teacher's honoaria	411.85	
Guitar & Uke teachers honoaria	102.13	
DNU	37.78	
Total Music Project		551.76
Film Project:The Light of the North		782.69
Editor fee	250.00	
Total Film Project		250.00
Food & supplies	48.82	
Total Worship Circles		48.82

Total Programs 5,095.60

Annual Events

Art for auction	1,198.92	
Total Peace through the Arts		1,198.92
Elder's, cooks honoraria & milea...	95.35	
Gifts for children	2,323.62	
food for dinner	877.23	
Coast Salish welcome	100.00	
Total TFN Christmas		3,396.20
Fundraising Expenses		190.79

Total Projects Expenses 4,785.91

Hummingbird Ministries
Income Statement (Cash basis) Jan 01, 2020 to Dec 31, 2020

General Expenses

Bank & PAR Fees	36.00
Bookkeeping	3,600.00
Council & Elders Mtgs. Mileage	17.75
Council Other Expenses	849.76
Equipment office	7,691.29
Equipment maintenance	486.11
Insurance	1,085.00
Office Supplies & Postage	939.29

Office Staff	2,212.42
Office Utilities	270.00

Total General Expenses	17,187.62
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Salaries & Benefits Staff

Stipend	52,230.36
EI	1,198.88
Minister's PCC Medical & Dental	4,502.00
Minister's Continuing Education	600.00
Minister's Car Allowance	4,500.00
Minister's Housing Allowance	38,400.00
Minister's Hydro	1,223.47
Total minister's utilities	1,223.47
Minister's Cell Phone	1,381.38
PCC Pension	8,236.80
WorkSafeBC	158.89
Prior Year Expense	458.92

Total Salaries & Benefits Staff	112,890.70
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TOTAL EXPENSE	139,959.83
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NET INCOME	19,498.80
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Hummingbird Ministries
Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at Dec 31, 2020

ASSET

Current Assets

Total Cash	51,433.99
Total Receivable	1,400.00
Total Current Assets	52,833.99

TOTAL ASSET	52,833.99
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LIABILITY

Funds Reserved for Specific Use

Minister's Education Fund	1,800.00
Temporary Holding	1,051.00
Chisholm Grant - PTA Festival 2019	5,000.00
Synod grant - 2020 Jack Smith film	10,000.00
UCC grant - 2020 PTA Festival	5,500.00
Total Funds Reserved for Specific	23,351.00
Total Long-Term Liabilities	23,351.00

TOTAL LIABILITY	23,351.00
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EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	9,984.19
Current Earnings	19,498.80
Total Equity	29,482.99

TOTAL EQUITY	29,482.99
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	52,833.99
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Income Statement (Cash basis) Jan 01, 2021 to Jan 31, 2021

REVENUE

Revenue

PCC Ministries Grant	5,583.33
Presbytery grant WPG	9,999.99
Canada Helps donations	432.00
Donations - PAR	208.00
Total Revenues	<u>16,223.32</u>

TOTAL REVENUE 16,223.32

EXPENSE

General Expenses

Bank & PAR Fees	3.00
Bookkeeping	300.00
Total General Expenses	<u>303.00</u>

Salaries & Benerfits Staff

Stipend	4,352.53
EI	179.77
Minister's PCC Medical & Dental	1,148.00
Minister's Car Allowance	375.00
Minister's Housing Allowance	3,200.00
Total Salaries & Benefits Staff	<u>9,255.30</u>

TOTAL EXPENSE 9,558.30

NET INCOME 6,665.02

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Balance Sheet (Cash basis) As at Jan 31, 2021

ASSET

Current Assets

Total Cash	58,099.01
Total Receivable	<u>1,400.00</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>59,499.01</u>

TOTAL ASSET	<u><u>59,499.01</u></u>
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LIABILITY

Funds Reserved for Specific Use

Minister's Education Fund	1,800.00
Temporary Holding	1,051.00
Chisholm Grant - PTA Festival 2019	5,000.00
Synod grant - 2020 Jack Smith film	10,000.00
UCC grant - 2020 PTA Festival	<u>5,500.00</u>
Total Funds Reserved for Specific	<u>23,351.00</u>
Total Long-Term Liabilities	<u>23,351.00</u>

TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>23,351.00</u>
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EQUITY

Equity

Retained Earnings - Previous Year	29,482.99
Current Earnings	<u>6,665.02</u>
Total Equity	<u>36,148.01</u>

TOTAL EQUITY	<u>36,148.01</u>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u><u>59,499.01</u></u>
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A 15 minute Break out Groups for Fellowship and Prayer time was recognized and greatly appreciated.

REPORTS

STRATEGY AND LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Rebecca Simpson, Strategy and Leadership Committee Convener.
All motions, unless otherwise noted, moved by Rebecca Simpson, seconded by Martin Baxter.*

Strategy and Leadership Committee Presbytery Report March 2, 2021

Work of the Strategy and Leadership Committee since January 19, 2021:

The SLC met February 2 to complete plans for the special presbytery meeting (February 6) held to receive feedback on the New Witnessing Communities Template and Evaluation Process document.

The SLC also met on February 16 to discuss the results of the February 6 meeting and to consider the financial information received from Central PC as requested at the January 19 presbytery meeting. It was determined at this meeting that more clarity on Central's overall financial picture was needed.

The Presbytery Treasurer, Larry Eastwood, Convener of the Property and Finance subcommittee of SLC, Ian Rokeby and Dale Woods and Rebecca Simpson, from the SLC met with the Clerk of Session, Linda MacLeod, Rep Elder, Beverley Shepansky and Interim Moderators, Ross Lockhart and Richard Topping from Central PC on February 18 to discuss some concerns with the Central PC budget proposed for 2021 (part of the materials received as per presbytery request of January 19). This was a helpful meeting for all involved. Unfortunately, due to health reasons the Central PC Treasurer, Dale Tarron, was unable to attend the February 18 meeting. Subsequently Ian Rokeby, Larry Eastwood and Rebecca Simpson met with Dale Tarron and Beverley Shepansky on February 24. At that meeting it was decided that more financial information is needed, the particulars of which were identified, and a plan for gathering it proposed. This amiable group continues their collaborative work toward producing a 2021 budget for Central's AGM to be held on March 13.

An update from the Property and Finance subcommittee: at this time, first quarter 2021 Presbytery Assessments are outstanding for Bradner, Burnaby Taiwanese, Langley, First New Westminster, St. Aidan's, SASS, City Centre, Vancouver Chinese, Fairview, First Hungarian, Kerrisdale and Vancouver Taiwanese. Interestingly, nine congregations have paid in full for the year.

Presbyter for Mission and Vision, Dale Woods, planned and hosted a presbytery learning opportunity on January 30. This workshop was led by Dr. Glenn Smith, who presented his work on "Reading your Community: towards an authentic encounter with our Canadian context". Forty-eight people attended, from different congregations across the presbytery. The session was recorded, and the link and materials are available on the presbytery website. The PMV has also completed a 25-minute video based on the book *Autopsy of a Deceased Church: 12 Ways to Keep Yours Alive* by Thom Rainer. There is a link to the video and worksheets on the presbytery website.

The PMV has also begun work with the “growing together congregations” in New Westminster and Burnaby, leading them in a five-part visioning process to consider how best to steward the resources for ministry in their communities. Significant work has been done on the documents for New Witnessing Communities and Transforming Congregations. Both documents were reviewed at the presbytery planning day on Feb. 6. The final version of the New Witnessing Communities Template and Evaluation Process document is part of this report in Appendix A. It has also been sent out as a separate document with the presbytery reports. The final document includes recommendations made during the February 6 presbytery planning day. The Transforming Congregations document is now being revised and will come to the presbytery, hopefully by April. The goal is to have both documents approved by June so that we can move ahead in these two critical areas.

The PMV continues to organize learning events. The next event is on March 13, from 9-12 with Dr. David Daubert on Becoming a Hybrid Church. The poster with information is included as part of this report. On April 17, a learning event will be held with Dr. Ross Lockhart and Dr. Jason Byassee based on their new research in their book *Better than Brunch*. The PMV has also worked with Camp Douglas on their long-term visioning. In addition to this work, the PMV has worked with various congregations as requested by the leadership of the congregations. The PMV has joined in with Cyclical events as invited and seeks to keep connected to the larger programs of the PCC.

In March the SLC will conduct the preliminary performance evaluation with the PMV, as per his contract, and report the results at the April presbytery meeting.

Recommendation 1: That the presbytery adopt the New Witnessing Communities Template and Evaluation Process (Appendix A) with the provision that the presbytery will revisit the template and evaluation process next year at the March 2022 presbytery meeting for the purpose of evaluating the template and process’ effectiveness in helping presbytery further its goal of developing new witnessing communities. CARRIED

APPENDIX A
The Presbytery of Westminster
New Witnessing Communities Template and Evaluation Process
Final February 16, 2021

Purpose

The Presbytery of Westminster (referred to in this document as Presbytery) has stated, as part of its vision of renewal, to:

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

It listed its short-term goals as:

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

As one step toward fulfilling this vision, the Presbytery has committed to initiate, support, partner with, and/or encourage at least 3 new witnessing communities within its bounds in the next five years.

Vision

Our vision is one of being intentional about connecting with God's mission in the world. Throughout Scripture that vision is expressed in different ways. In the prophecy of Zechariah, it is expressed in the picture of a community that is safe for everyone, particularly the most vulnerable:

Thus says the Lord of hosts: Old men and old women shall again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each with staff in hand because of their great age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in its streets (Zech. 8:4-5).

Jesus expressed it by re-envisioning the words from Isaiah:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has appointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor (Luke 4:18-19).

In commissioning the disciples, Jesus envisions their ministry as a continuation of his own:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matt. 28:18-20)

In the book of Revelation, we are invited to imagine a grand, cosmic vision that if we read properly, takes our breath away:

See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and

pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away. And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also, he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' (Rev. 21: 3-5)

All of these are expressions of God's call to Abraham, whom God would not only bless but through whom God would bless the world. (Gen. 12:2)

Why quote these passages of Scripture? Because they show us that our temptation will not be to imagine too much, but to imagine too little. Or to imagine that God's mission is about us, our ministries, our congregations, our Presbytery, rather than embracing the fullness of God's vision for the world.

It may be that certain initiatives will enhance our own Presbytery, but that is not the fundamental purpose. Ultimately, we are seeking something much larger than that. We are seeking to be a people transformed by the love and grace of God who allow themselves to be drawn more fully into the vision and mission that is God's for the world. In the end, we want to be a Presbytery where what matters most is changed lives.

Defining What We Mean

While there are many forms of ministries, this initiative is intended to support new ventures or initiatives rather than support or enhance present congregational ministries.¹ It is possible that these new ventures include:

- New configurations of existing ministries, which may include amalgamations or the repurposing of existing ministries and their resources
- The creation of new ministries that at present do not exist within the Presbytery

By new we mean:

- Seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ
- Taking on varied forms of ministry for our changing culture
- Expressing new ways of deepening discipleship

By witnessing communities, we mean:

- Gathering in worship in the name of Christ
- Being sent by the Spirit to join in God's mission for the transformation of the world and our own lives

By community we mean:

- Practicing mutual care and accountability
- Developing sustainability in leadership and finances

Therefore, it is expected that these new witnessing communities will be:

- Christ centered
- Missionally oriented
- Signposts to the purposes of God in the world

The expression of ministry is expected to focus on intentional models of discipleship and may be varied including:

- Opportunities for prayer and worship
- Study and learning
- Life in community
- Outreach and action

¹ Support for enhancing present congregational ministries may come under the congregation and leadership initiative described in strategies four and five.

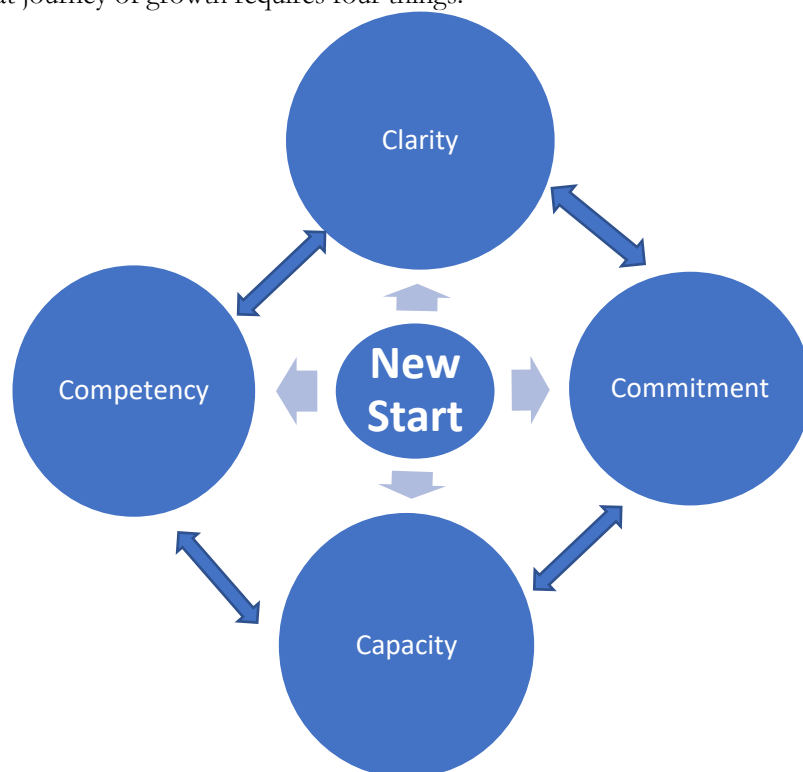
Leaders of such groups may be lay, ordained, clergy, co-vocational, part or full time. While an individual may be the catalyst for envisioning a new witnessing community, it is expected that such communities will be developed through some form of team ministry. These team members may be from:

- One's own congregation
- Members of other congregations
- Christians from other denominations
- People from the community

Engaging on a Journey of Growth

Engaging in a new venture is engaging on a journey of growth. Typically, new ventures begin with an idea or vision, they develop relationships by gathering others who are equally committed to the vision, and they engage in the steps to achieve the vision.

Engaging on that journey of growth requires four things:



Clarity: Clarity means knowing where we want to go, why we want to go there, and some idea of strategy in how we might get there. Clarity paints a picture of the change we hope to make. Clarity is not defined by a mission statement as much as it is by a passion for a different world.

Capacity: Capacity is about the resources we have or need in order to achieve the mission. These resources include the resources of time (Is it a priority?), finances (Are people willing to invest in this?) and people (Do we have the gifts to achieve this?). Building a ministry is different than managing a ministry. Have the people on the team demonstrated the giftedness to build something new? Are they prepared to pay the cost of building something new? Financial resources will be required in most new ventures. What personal investment are people willing to make and what partnerships have been developed or imagined? Capacity is also linked to creativity. If we have the passion, we will often find the creativity required to get the resources we need.

Commitment: Commitment is not only commitment to start the journey but to see it through. It is energized by the passion that lies behind the mission. Is the leadership team that will start this new venture able to stay with this venture long enough to see it well established? Because commitment involves commitment for the journey, it includes celebrating small steps along the way, making necessary corrections (we are unlikely to get everything right the first time around), and building the community required along the way. It includes making excellent mistakes—those mistakes from which we learn and provide the necessary corrections needed.

Competence: Competence is the capacity to do what is required and to do it at a level that is required. It includes having the skills and ability required, collaboration (building a team), and creativity (new ways of thinking or imagining).

Communication: Communication is not listed as a separate category because it is essential in each of the other factors. Without clear, compelling, and transparent communication, none of the other factors can succeed.

NOTE: These are not linear paths. They are all interconnected, and each plays its own role as we undertake a journey of growth. They do not all happen at once. For example, commitment may come before capacity is fully developed. Each category influences the other and so the movement is one of fluid change rather than a linear path. It is important that ‘new witnessing communities’ initiatives indicate they have carefully and prayerfully thought through and planned for all four areas.

What do we Mean by Initiate, Encourage, Support and/or Partnership?

In most cases, it is expected that the Presbytery will be one of several partners. These partnerships may come from multiple sources:

- Other congregations
- Other denominations
- Individuals
- Community groups
- Other agencies within the PCC
- Government agencies
- Foundations

These multiple partnerships will be necessary to provide the support and financial resources for sustainability. No application should depend entirely on the support of the Presbytery. No grant from the Presbytery will be awarded that funds more than 75% of the required support for the initiative over the term of the initiative. The per cent of support from the Presbytery will be made on a case by case basis.

While the variety of partnerships are possible, only partnerships in which funding and accountability to the Presbytery are clearly linked will be considered.

It is also possible that the Presbytery may initiate a new ministry of its own. If so, these initiatives will follow the same criteria laid out in this document and, if accepted, will be recognized as a ministry of the Presbytery and directly accountable to the Presbytery’s governance structure.

While financial support will be key for many initiatives, it may not be the only support required. In as much as possible, the Presbytery will seek to make available other resources such as a special area of expertise required, coaching, mentoring, teaching, or training.

Governance

New ministries are expected to articulate their understanding of their relationship with the Presbytery. In some cases, the accountability structure may include other groups or agencies. For example, if the project is multi-denominational in nature, it may be structured differently and while reporting to the Presbytery, it may require additional accountability structures.

Some initiatives may also be required to come under the governance structure of the PCC and be accountable to the Presbytery. The governance structure should further articulate how the initiative will respond to any provincial and federal requirements as applicable.

Purpose of the Grants

The Presbytery is looking for people who feel led by God to start something new or to take something old and reshape it into something new. It is looking for people whose gifts match their aspirations. It is looking for people who have a clear plan of sustainability beyond sources from the Presbytery of Westminster. It is not looking for initiatives that require the Presbytery to provide funds in perpetuity. Nor is it looking to invest in land or property.² It is looking for initiatives that take into consideration the local context and culture and where adequate research has been done to demonstrate a particular need to be addressed with clearly articulated assumptions and benchmarks for growth. Since the leadership of the initiative will be key to reaching the goals set, costs associated with project staffing will be considered for funding.

The Structure of Grants

Grants will be based on the needs of the proposal and the resources available.

Some proposals may require only one-time funding. For proposals that require more than one year of funding, the support structure will be based on its ability to meet the benchmarks for growth identified in the proposal or the ability to adjust the benchmarks based on the unknowns encountered in the work.

Criteria for Support

It is not the Presbytery's intent to make the grant writing process arduous. It is, however, meant to help those initiating new ministries to think through carefully and prayerfully the ministry they are seeking to start. The criteria is not a test! It is an opportunity to gain clarity about the mission to which a team believes God is calling them. That is why each section offers a prayer as the starting place for reflection. Writing the proposal in the spirit of a prayer may help all of us see that the work we are doing arises from the desire to be faithful followers.

The presbytery also recognizes that some people have more experience in writing these kinds of proposals. In order to make sure that every proposal is judged on the merit of the proposal and not the writer's abilities or inabilities in writing a grant process, people can ask for assistance from the presbytery. Every effort will be made to ensure that those writing proposals get the help they may need. It may also be that some initiatives are unique enough that the criteria laid out by the presbytery does not encapsulate the full nature of the new ministry imagined. In such cases, a letter may be written making suggested changes to the criteria and the reasons behind the changes. Any suggested changes would need to be approved by the overseeing committee. Since writing is only one form of communication, it is expected that proposals will also be made in person so that clarifications can be made, nuances noted, and questions for clarity asked.

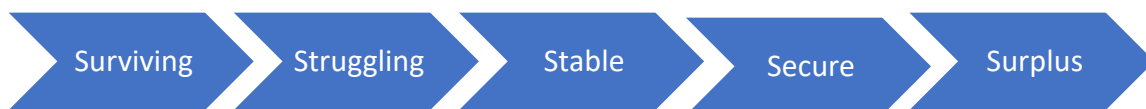
Grant requests will be assessed on the overall goals of the Presbytery as well as the criteria set out in the following eleven categories:

² Other grants are available through The PCC for congregations seeking capital improvements.

1. Clarity/Relevance: “God, grant us clarity for the mission to which we believe you have called us.”
 - What is the vision behind this proposal? Who is this ministry initiative directed toward?
 - What is the specific challenge this ministry seeks to address?
 - How do you anticipate that lives will be changed?
 - How does this ministry initiative relate to the mission of God?
2. Feasibility: “God, show us the next steps we need to take to make this mission a reality?”
 - What are the specific goals and how will the specific goals be achieved through this initiative?
 - What are the assumptions this initiative is making?
 - Have these assumptions been tested? For example, is there research that can be utilized? Has another group done similar work elsewhere in the same or similar type of ministry initiative? Have the particular needs of the people the ministry is seeking to reach been sufficiently described and analysed?
3. Capacity: “God, we pray for the specific resources we need for this ministry.”
 - What is the time frame for this project?
 - What resources in terms of finances, physical resources, people, technical skills etc. do you believe are essential for this initiative to be fruitful?
 - What resources are presently available in terms of finances, physical resources, and people?
4. Competency: “God we thank you for the gifts you have given, and we name them...”
 - What skills and abilities are key to the success of this project?
 - How do the required skills and abilities match those who are responsible for the project?
5. Status: “God, we thank you for what we have learned to date...”
 - What is the status of this project? For example, is it in the early planning stages? Has it already started? If so, have any early benchmarks been met?
6. Collaboration: “God, we thank you for those joining with us and we name them...”
 - Is this project being done in collaboration with anyone else? For example, a local congregation, an agency of The PCC, a community group?
 - If so, what is their role?

Sustainability: “God, we don’t only want to start well, we want to finish well. To the best of our ability, this is our plan as we look to the future.”

Sustainability relates to whether project benefits will continue to flow after the period of external assistance has ended. It does not mean that the ministry is self-supporting but that it is sustainable without long-term presbytery commitment. Some ministries may require more flexibility regarding sustainability than others. New initiatives have challenges financially and often move through a particular progression.



- Where is your ministry initiative financially at present?
- What is the plan to move through the various stages to reach sustainability?
- What other sources of funds are envisioned? How will these funds be secured?
- What is the timeline for securing other funds?

7. Learning: “God, we are not only doers, but we are also learners. Help us to learn more about you, more about ourselves, and more about others as we follow you in this ministry.”
It is expected that there will be a readiness to listen and respond to what is discovered during the growth of this ministry.
 - What process will be used to gather feedback during the course of the project?
 - Has any learning already taken place and if so, how has it informed this proposal?
8. Finances: “God, here is how we plan to use the gifts you give to us.”
 - Are the funding requests reasonable for the design and work involved?
 - Is there a detailed budget for the total timeline for the initiative?
 - Are the funding requests within the budgeted funds of the Presbytery?
9. Assessment: “God, we seek not only to be faithful but to be fruitful. This is the kind of fruit we pray for.”
 - How will this initiative be assessed? What benchmarks will be used?
 - In what way do you anticipate that lives will be changed?
 - At what stage/s of the ministry will assessments be made?
 - Who will be involved in the assessment process?
10. Governance: “God, we are not only accountable to you. We are accountable to others. Help us to be good stewards of the gifts you provide and trustworthy partners.”
 - What accountability structures will be built into this initiative, specifically to the Presbytery, and how will those structures relate to any other partner?
 - How will the initiative meet any provincial and federal requirements, if applicable?

Allocation of Grants

All grants will be reviewed by the SLC with recommendation to the Presbytery based on the above criteria. In addition to the above criteria, grants will also take into account:

- Terms of the funds held by the Presbytery
- Priorities of the Presbytery of Westminster
- Availability of funds

Expectations after Receiving a Grant

Other than its own initiatives, the goal of the Presbytery is to be a partner in ministry, whatever form that partnership may take. Therefore, the Presbytery covenants to stay in communication with those it partners with, to pray for them, to offer encouragement, to provide other areas of support such as mentoring or coaching as resources allow. In order to maintain a consistent level of support toward success of each initiative, the presbytery will engage in an appreciative evaluation every three months to ensure early nourishment of new projects. While the presbytery will work to facilitate new ministries, it is not the goal of the presbytery to manage new ministries. That task belongs to those initiating the ministry.

The presbytery understands that new ministry initiatives are moving in uncharted waters. It will be a matter of having both successes and failures, both of which provide valuable learning opportunities. One of the goals of the presbytery is to become a learning presbytery, therefore, it is expected that new witnessing initiatives will share freely and openly with the presbytery what it is that they are learning and how the presbytery as a whole can benefit from that learning.

Initiatives that receive funding from the Presbytery will be expected to regularly communicate with the Presbytery by:

- sharing what it is learning including celebrating the small victories along the way
- identifying new challenges and opportunities it is experiencing
- reporting any significant changes to the proposal including changes in leadership etc.
- providing full financial reporting

One-year grants will require a final report to be submitted including a summary of the project, key insights, and outcomes within four weeks after the project has been completed.

Grants that exceed one year, will be expected to provide reports at each 6-month interval. Funding assessments of the project will be made on an annual basis for projects extending beyond one-year, detailing progress in the areas of identified goals and benchmarks. A grant can be terminated because of an unreasonable extension of the time, or because of failure to implement the project as submitted in the application.

Application for New Witnessing Communities

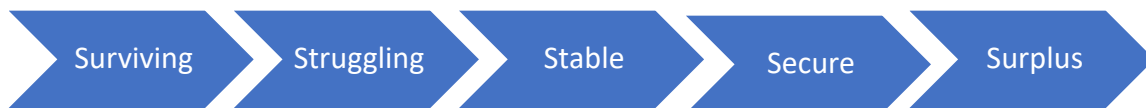
Application Deadlines: Applications must be received by April 1 or October 1. Funds available in October of each year will be dependent upon funds remaining after any proposal disbursements in April.

All applications must meet or exceed the criteria set out in the application form. Please be succinct in your answers but provide enough information to provide the committee with a clear understanding of your proposal. Please read through all of the questions before filling out the application since the questions as a whole address the areas of clarity, competency, capacity and commitment. If there are questions you cannot honestly answer at this time, please indicate that this is an area that is still unknown at this stage of the proposal.

1. Clarity/Relevance: “God, grant us clarity for the mission to which we believe you have called us.”
 - What is the overall vision of this initiative?
 - Who is this ministry initiative directed toward?
 - What is the specific challenge this ministry seeks to address?
 - How does this ministry initiative relate to the mission of God?
2. Feasibility: “God, show us the next steps we need to take to make this mission a reality?”
 - What are the specific goals and how will the specific goals be achieved through this initiative?
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3. Capacity: “God, we pray for the specific resources we need for this ministry.”
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It is expected that there will be a readiness to listen and respond to what is discovered during the growth of this ministry.

 - What process will be used to gather feedback during the course of this ministry?
 - Has any learning already taken place and if so, how has it informed this proposal?
 9. Finances: “God, here is how we plan to use the gifts you give to us.”
 - Please provide a detailed budget including all sources of revenues and total expenses.
 10. Assessment: “God, we seek not only to be faithful but to be fruitful. This is the kind of fruit we pray for.”
 - How will this initiative be assessed? What benchmarks will be used?
 - In what way do you anticipate that lives will be changed?
 - At what stage/s of the project will assessments take place?
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 - What accountability structures will be built into this initiative, specifically to the Presbytery, and how will those structures relate to any other partner?
 - How will the initiative meet any provincial and federal requirements, if applicable?

Summary:

1. We understand that new initiatives require us to step out in faith and to take a risk. What, for you, is the greatest risk (personal or otherwise) in undertaking this initiative? How do you understand God’s presence in the midst of that risk?

³ Sustainability relates to whether project benefits will continue to flow after the period of external assistance has ended.

2. What financial support do you require?
3. What other support might you require?
4. If you had one prayer for this ministry, what would it be?
5. If your proposal is supported by the Presbytery do you covenant to:
 - Keep the Presbytery regularly updated on the work of this ministry?
 - Inform the Presbytery within a timely manner should unforeseen challenges negatively impact the fruitfulness of this ministry?
 - Share your learning with the Presbytery so that we can grow together?
 - Share your successes along the way so that together we can give thanks to God?

Steps Going Forward:

The Strategy and Leadership Committee recommends that:

1. That the PMV establish a meeting for those who may be interested in establishing a new witnessing community to go through this document together.
2. That all proposals be reviewed by the PMV before being sent to the SLC.
3. That people making proposals seek the assistance of the PMV as needed in the process of completing an application so that all applications can develop a similar level of clarity in presenting a proposal.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

*The report was presented by Glen Davis, Community Engagement Co-Convener.
All motions, unless otherwise noted, moved by Brad Childs, seconded by Neil Abramson.*

CEC - Community Engagement Committee
Report to Presbytery, March 2, 2021

Guaranteed Annual Income

The committee received a note from David Jennings suggesting that conclusions from the provincial government's panel report on GAI be sent out to sessions along with the materials mandated by presbytery. The CEC pointed out (a) that the material had already been sent to sessions; (b) that there are many reports, news columns, opinion pieces and other materials that have come out since the presbytery made its decision, and (c) that sessions and congregations are free to consider these additional materials in their consideration of the issue. So, in consultation with the clerk, the CEC decided that it would not be necessary to send this government report as a separate mailing to sessions. *(Note: after the CEC meeting on Feb. 22 we received a copy of further correspondence on this matter from David, addressed to the clerk. It is being reported on under presbytery correspondence.)*

Grant Applications: The committee considered four applications (Copies of these applications have been sent to presbyters by the clerk prior to the meeting of presbytery.)

1. **CAMP DOUGLAS:** Requesting a Regional Resourcing Grant of \$5,000 to hire an online Worship Director for its 2021 Day Camp Ministry.

Recommendation: That CEC recommend the endorsement of this application to presbytery. **CARRIED**

**Regional Resourcing Grant Application
Presbytery of Westminster**

1. Project Name: Camp in the Congregation: A Worship Director for Camp Douglas's 2020 Day Camp Ministry
2. Outline of Project

Vision: Christian worship and discipleship are critical for the life of any ministry, and shape the outline of each week at Camp Douglas. During the COVID-19 pandemic, overnight summer camp is not possible. During summer 2021 Camp Douglas intends to run a day camp ministry, hosted at local congregations around the Presbytery of Westminster. For this endeavor we seek a Worship Director to lead campers in bible study and covid-19-appropriate worship. This position maintains Camp Douglas's focus on sharing the love and knowledge of Jesus Christ within an immersive Christian community, while maintaining safe practices during the pandemic.

Scope: This funding application is for a one-time grant to hire a Worship Director for the summer of 2021 to implement Camp Douglas's response to COVID-19 through day camps hosted by different congregations throughout the summer, a covid-19-appropriate response to the need for a Christian camping ministry within the presbytery.

Goals: a) hire a Worship Director
b) plan and develop bible study and devotional sessions to share the love and knowledge of Jesus with campers and to enable them to ask the questions of faith on their hearts
c) nurture the growing faith of children and teens during a global pandemic

Timeline:

February 2021 – hire a Worship Director
February to June – Worship Director at home working at a distance with the Camp Directors and a Program Director
June to August – Worship Director leads bible study and other activities at Camp Douglas Day Camps throughout the summer
September – Worship Director presents a report to the Camp Douglas Committee on best practices for worship, bible study, and other faith-building activities for children and teens in a day camp setting.

3. Budget: \$6,000 for Online Worship Director

4. Beneficiaries of Project (locally)

The Presbytery of Westminster and its congregations benefit from this project through the summer-long strengthening of faith among children, young adults, and families, and through the strengthening of ties among children local to host congregations, both those who attend the church and those who do not. This initiative is an opportunity for congregations to reach families in their neighbourhood who do not presently have connections to the church. Former campers also benefit, as this project allows them to have a camping experience in person within the Camp Douglas community, a community which was unable to meet last summer and which was sorely missed by many families. This day camp program further promotes the Christian formation of young people in a safe and fulfilling way during the pandemic. Camper benefit from daily activities which will strengthen their faith, particularly campers whose immediate families have no regular connection with the Presbyterian Church in Canada outside of the Camp Douglas ministry.

5. Personnel involved in the project

Online Worship Director (to be hired), Janet Eastwood & Daniel Martinez (Camp Co-Directors); Rebecca Simpson, Camp Committee Chair

6. Justification

Camp Douglas is one of the oldest and most effective ministry programs of the Presbytery for children, teens and young adult (staff), helping young people take steps towards faith in Jesus, grow in their discipleship and increase their participation in the church and world. As we transition to an day camp ministry this summer, we seek to maintain the ministry of Camp Douglas as a culture built on theological values, such as regular bible study and Christian worship. A Worship Director would enable the camp to have one person focused on this task throughout the summer, ensuring that camp offers daily worship in a variety of forms, nurturing the growing faith of children, youth, and families.

7. Extract of Minutes will be required to forward to Synod and thus the following recommendations are made on behalf of the Camp Douglas Committee:

"Recommendation 1: that the Presbytery of Westminster endorse the Camp Douglas Committee's Regional Resourcing Grant for \$6000 to hire an Online Worship Director."

"Recommendation 2: that the Clerk be authorized to transmit a request for a Regional Resourcing Grant to the Synod of British Columbia for \$6,000 to help fund an Online Worship Director for Camp Douglas' summer 2020 program. All supporting documents (application form, narrative description, budget for the forthcoming year) are to be sent to the Life and Mission Agency for consideration."

Submitted Respectfully,

The Rev. Rebecca Simpson
St. Paul's Presbyterian Church
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2. **NEW WESTMINSTER CHURCHES' Christian Urban Camp summer ministry** – requesting a \$2,000 Regional Resourcing Grant for 2021.
Recommendation: That CEC recommend the endorsement of this application to presbytery. **CARRIED**



Christian Urban Camps 2021

**Application for \$2000 from the
Regional Resourcing Grant**

The funding will be used to support our relaunching of face-to-face Christian Urban Camps being offered by the Collaborating Churches of New West and Burnaby. This will be our 6th annual series of camps. For the first four years, we were face-to-face, reaching a total of 60 children in 2019. Last year, since the pandemic prevented us from gathering face-to-face, we prepared bags of resources and videos for use at home with the families. We had 25 children participating, with each child getting a new bag each week.

Victor Kim

The Collaborating Churches in New West and Burnaby came together in 2016 to develop ways in which the four small Presbyterian congregations (Knox New West, St. Aidan's New West, Gordon Burnaby, and Brentwood Burnaby) could support each other in mission in their respective, rapidly growing, and very different urban neighbourhoods. First Presbyterian Church, New Westminster, joined the collaboration for our Christian Urban Camps in 2019, so there are now five churches involved in this initiative.

This year we plan to use curriculum resources from MennoMedia that focus on neighbourliness.

A good sense of what happens at the camps can be found on our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/christianurbancamp/>. You might also want to explore our website at <https://www.christianurbancamp.ca/>. In 2018, we had 41 kids in the camps, doubling our numbers from 2017. We will operate again, pandemic protocols permitting, in four sites doing one week at each (Knox, St. Aidan's, Gordon, and First – Brentwood does not have space). Several of the children who attended in previous years have already said they want to return and bring friends. We will keep the fees for the week low - \$100/child for a full day – so it is affordable to more people. Interestingly, some of the children come to all four weeks of the camps, making the impact of their participation even stronger. We have created special reduced rates for those attending for more than one week and families sending more than one child.

In planning for 2021, we are planning several features that will enhance the impact of this missional project:

- A joint worship service among the Collaborating Churches, with a picnic, on the last Sunday of July to include a children's choir singing the songs they learned at the camps; and
- Creating several 'Messy Church' opportunities during 2021-2022 to keep in touch with the kids and their families, as well as bring some of their enthusiasm into our collaborating congregations.

This year again we will be providing the children with t-shirts featuring the camp name. They will be a great reminder to the kids of what they have learned, make the camps better known in their neighbourhoods throughout the year, and help us keep track of them during our outdoor activities. Our logo again this year is from a painting by Christian artist He Qi and is used with permission.

There are several innovative missional initiatives designed into this project:

- The outreach to and support of a broad population of children in the neighbourhoods of the collaborating churches, some of whom have been brought into contact with these churches through the expanding food programs they have initiated;
- A customized curriculum using the resources provided by a MennoMedia package on neighbourliness. This is particularly relevant to the urban environment of New Westminster and Burnaby. We will be emphasizing the forgiving and reconciling love of God in Jesus Christ, the "great affirmation" of the Gospel, as our subordinate standard, *Living Faith*, states in its introduction;
- The trust and goodwill being built among these five small congregations;
- The working more closely together conversations among at least 3 of the congregations south of the highway;
- The connections with a wide variety of community support programs for children and families in the two municipalities where we publicize the camps; and
- The learning opportunities for the staff and volunteers at the camps.

The contact person for this grant application Laurie Deacon and the congregation applying on behalf of the Collaborating Churches is St. Aidan's Presbyterian Church at 1320 7th Ave, New Westminster, BC, V3M 2K1. Their registration # with CRA is 119181768RR0001.

We are deeply grateful for the support from Regional Resourcing Grant over the initial years of this project, as we got it off the ground. We have experienced significant growth, not only in the size and impact of the camps, but also in the imagining of ways these five congregations can support each other in their missions. Your ongoing prayers and financial support are deeply appreciated and most encouraging.

Draft Budget

Expenses

Administrator (200 hrs @ \$20/hr*)	\$4000
Director (1 for 200 hrs @ \$20/hr*)	\$4000
Assistant Director (1 for 160 hrs @ \$20/hr*)	\$3200
T-Shirts	\$ 500
Materials & Equipment	\$ 300
Advertising	\$ 300
Bursaries	\$2000
Contingency	\$ 900
Total	\$15,200

Revenues

Balance forward from 2018	\$4250
Fees (\$100/child for 40 children)	\$4000
Regional Resourcing Grant	\$2000
Hermes Fund	\$3000
Donations for Bursaries	\$2000
Total	\$15,250

* \$20/hr is the living wage in Greater Vancouver as calculated by Van City and the City of Vancouver

3. **BRENTWOOD CHURCH:** Requesting a Regional Resourcing Grant of \$3,000 for "The Curious About Church Podcast".

Recommendation: That CEC recommend the endorsement of this application to presbytery. **CARRIED**

NOTE: Presbytery will be allocated \$10,000 from the RRG funds in 2021. These recommendations total \$11,000 so presbytery will have to adjust the amounts downward to \$10,000. A suggestion from one of our members to allocate an equal percentage decrease to each of the projects was also made by one of the grant applicants. Another applicant has volunteered to absorb the full amount of a \$1,000 decrease in the amount in their application. We leave that decision to presbytery.

Victor Kim

**Application for a Regional Resourcing Grant for 2021
Brentwood Presbyterian Church**

Project = The Curious About Church Podcast / Request = \$3,000

Narrative Description of the Project

In 2020, Brentwood received a \$1,000 Innovative Faith Formation Grant from Canadian Ministries of The Presbyterian Church in Canada to develop an idea proposed by two of our young jazz musicians, Kayden Gorden and Ben MacRae. The innovative initiative involved a conversation with Brentwood's minister, the Rev Dr Brian Fraser, about questions that his Sunday sermon raised for these two millennials, one who had left the church some time ago (a Done) and one who had no church background (a None). After the first 16 episodes funded by the grant, Brentwood picked up the cost of another 7. You can listen to all the episodes and see the platforms where they are available at <https://linktr.ee/BrentwoodPCAdmin>. We'd like to resume the series for a further 40 episodes in 2021. Kayden and Ben will continue to produce and host the episodes. At a duly called and constituted Special Congregational Meeting on Dec 27, 2020, we approved applying for this grant.

We have been doing a series of sermons on Paul's Corinthian letters with a focus on what we can discover about Paul's conversations with the Corinthian Christians as formed, stormed, and normed the life and witness of the early church. The first series covered 1st Corinthians. In 2021, we intend to cover 2nd Corinthians, Galatians, and Romans. The podcast allows us to open up with our expanding e-neighbourhoods a broadening dialogical discernment of what the Spirit is inviting us to consider as she forms and reforms our faith.

This innovative form of faith formation is focused on what Canadian Presbyterians, in *Living Faith*, have named as the central affirmation of the great truth of our faith, that "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself" (p3) through the forgiveness and reconciliation given in Jesus Christ. As Paul testifies, God has made us ambassadors (*presbētos*) of that message (2 Cor 5:19-20). This project is extending our reach in living into that ambassadorship.

The Presbytery of Westminster has been clear that it wants to encourage and support healthier and more vital Christian congregations/communities that change lives. This project has already proven its ability to do that. Kayden Gorden, as a result of his involvement in it, was baptized and became a professing member at Brentwood this year. We know that several of our professing members and regular participants are listening frequently as a way of deepening their discipleship. Further, through its posting on the major podcast services, we are reaching listeners literally around the world. The hard statistics are 149 listeners in 31 cities in 7 countries. The pattern with podcasts is that their listenership grows over several months as they become better known. We also want to develop another set of criteria/metrics to track how this project serves the strategic priorities of the presbytery in changing lives. We intend to collaborate with Dale Woods, our Presbyter of Vision and Mission, to develop such metrics for this project and others that we are offering. We know the podcast is sowing robust seeds widely. We want to track the cultivation of those seeds more closely. On Dale's recommendation, we are working our way through Gil Rendle's *Doing the Math of Mission: Fruits, Faithfulness, and Metrics* (2014). His insights will shape our evaluation and reporting.

Budget for the Project for 2021

Recording & production services totaling \$2400 (\$60 X 40 episodes) to engage Kayden Gorden and platform fees of \$600/yr for a total request of **\$3,000**

Contributed in kind from Brentwood = \$3,000 (estimated value) – hosting services from one of our music directors, Ben MacRae, and question considerations from our minister, Brian Fraser

The Missional Ecology of Brentwood

Over the past two years, the Presbytery of Westminster has developed and implemented a vision of congregations, special ministries, and new witnessing communities through which lives are transformed by the love and grace of God and are enabled to embrace better the fullness of God's vision for the world. To live into this vision of health and vitality, the presbytery has identified 7 strategic priorities:

- to engage in biblical and theological reflection and education that deepens our understanding of and commitment to God, the church, and its place in Christ's ministry and mission
- to engage in evangelism, outreach and discipleship
- to embrace a missional culture that nurtures initiative and risk taking
- to discern, prepare, and support leaders – lay, youth, young adults and clergy – for faithful and fruitful ministry
- to create, encourage, and support communities of faith
- to engage in healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples

We see ourselves at Brentwood contributing significantly to implementing all these strategies within our circles of inspiration and influence. We are composing a healthier and more vital presence in our communities through worship, learning, fellowship and service as a transforming church that is transforming lives to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with the triune God. The 'Curious About Church' podcast has great potential to spread that missioning through our expanding e-neighbourhoods.

Thanks to the presbytery for its consideration. We would be happy to answer any questions that our application might generate.

Brian Fraser
Minister

Pam Wong
Clerk of Session

Dec 31, 2020

4. ROSS LOCKHART: RESEARCH PROJECT CALLED "TRANSPLANTING FAITH" – Requesting a \$25,000 grant from Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd

A few points requiring clarification in this application were raised and, following a conversation with Ross, CEC agreed that the clarification on these points were all clear and acceptable and, by email, decided to recommend as follows:

Recommendation: That CEC recommend the endorsement of this grant application to presbytery.

CARRIED

PRESBYTERIAN INNOVATIVE MINISTRIES (B.C.) LTD.

APPLICATION FORM

Brief Outline:

Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd. makes loans and grants to individuals or groups within the Presbyteries of Westminster, Kamloops, Kootenay and Vancouver Island of the Presbyterian Church in Canada for innovative projects and ministries occurring in British Columbia, to support the growth and extension of the ministry of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Send the completed application to: (by November 15th or May 15th) Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd., Suite 2090, Royal Centre, 1055 West Georgia Street, P.O. Box 11168, Vancouver, BC, V6E 3R5

"An Extract of the Presbytery Minutes (or of the appropriate Agency or Committee of the General Assembly), noting approval, must accompany this Application Form before any consideration of a Project will be given by the Directors".

PROVIDE ANSWERS BELOW AND ON SEPARATE SHEET(S) IF NECESSARY.

Project Applicant: Individual X Group

(Note: Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd. will accept group applications only when a person is clearly identified as being responsible.)

A. Background Data:

1. Date of Application: 1 February 2021
2. Name and Address of Applicant or Contact Person:

Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

St. Andrew's Hall

6040 Iona Drive

Vancouver, BC

V6T2E8

3. Name and Address of Project Administrator:

Rev. Dr. Ross Lockhart

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St. Andrew's Hall

6040 Iona Drive

Vancouver, BC

V6T2E8

4. Telephone Number of

- Applicant (or Contact Person) 604.349.5179

- Project Administrator Ross Lockhart

5. Qualifications of Individual Applicant or Project Administrator:

(a) Educational/Academic:

Dean of St. Andrew's Hall with Tenure from The General Assembly

Professor of Mission Studies at Vancouver School of Theology

Regular Sessional Lecturer at St. Mark's College and previous sessional teaching at Regent College

(b) Special Courses/Training:

Advanced degree work in Homiletics and Evangelism, monographs, chapters and articles published on missional theology.

(c) Training Through Employment:

Founding Director of The Centre for Missional Leadership, regular guest speaking in churches and at conferences. Graduate of the VST/UBC Sauder School of Business diploma program.

6. In the case of a Group Application:

(a) Membership:

N/A _____

(b) Relationship to The Presbyterian Church in Canada:

N/A _____

7. Name, address, telephone number of 2 references:

(a) A clergy person:

The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping

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Vancouver School of Theology

6015 Walter Gage Road

Vancouver, BC

[\(604-822-9031\)](tel:604-822-9031)

(b) A lay person:

Dr. Victor Ling, O.C., Ruling Elder at Vancouver Chinese Presbyterian Church

President, The Terry Fox Research Institute

675 West 10th Avenue (14th floor)

Vancouver, BC V5Z 1L3

604-675-8222

8. Reporting:

(a) An Interim Progress Report is required at the end of each year.

Agreed

(b) A Final Report and an evaluation of the project shall be submitted within 3 months of completion and this Report shall include a financial accounting.

Agreed

9. The Directors of Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd. may, after consultation with the Project holder, terminate its support of a Project:

(a) Because of an unreasonable extension of the time factor.

(b) Because of failure to implement the Project as submitted in this application.

(c) Because of failure to report as agreed upon in this application.

(d) Because of the Project taking new directions which appear to be contrary to the declared faith and policies of The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

B Project Description and Details:

1. Name of Project:

Transplanting Faith

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2. Specific Purpose or Goal:

A research project ending in publication through the Centre for Missional Leadership at St. Andrew's Hall focusing on the Christian faith of immigrants to British Columbia from Asia.

3. General Description:

As a missiologist, I am interested in how the gospel is translated and shared across cultural frontiers (geographic, ethnic, generational, socio-economic, etc.) Today, British Columbia is known to be a highly secular part of Canada, including in patterns of migration/immigration as detailed most recently in the work of University of Victoria historian Dr. Lynn Marks – *Infidels and the Damn Churches: Irreligion and Religion in Settler British Columbia* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2017) and Dr. Tina Block – *The Secular Northwest: Religion and Irreligion in Everyday Postwar Life* (Vancouver: UBC Press, 2016). British Columbia also prides itself on being a welcoming place with an openness to newcomers to Canada. Historically, however, this value of openness to newcomers is contested when viewed through the lens of the Chinese Head Tax or the race-based covenants in the British Properties in West Vancouver that excluded people of “African or Asian descent” from holding property. British Columbia had the most aggressive anti-Chinese sentiment and punitive provincial legislation in the country, with 86 percent of the 17,300 Chinese recorded in the 1901 Dominion of Canada census living in British Columbia, the majority in Vancouver and Victoria.¹ Vancouver experienced its first anti-Chinese race riot just one year after incorporation as a city in 1887, fueled by tensions over employment of Chinese labours at cut rate prices and real estate speculation. By 1907, white Vancouverites had formed the Asiatic Exclusion League advertising in local newspapers such as the *Sun*, *Daily Province*, and *Saturday Sunset* racist cartoons and editorials discussing the “Chinese Problem” that Premier Richard McBride summarized in 1919 as the need for a commitment to, “a white British Columbia, a white land, and a white Empire.”²

Today, it is hard to imagine British Columbia without the tremendous diversity of its population from all corners of the earth. And yet, we continue to tell a story of how “secular” our Province has become. And yet, in the earlier Presbyterian Innovative Ministries funded research project, published by Cascade Books in 2020 as *Better Than Brunch: Missional Churches in Cascadia*, our research discovered many vibrant missional congregations that often “flew under the radar,” with the majority of them being multi-racial congregations, often with significant numbers of members who self-identified as immigrants or children of immigrants from Asia. It sparked a curiosity about whether we were paying attention (praying attention?) to the Christian of faith of those arriving from the Pacific or focusing too much on the historic European immigration from the east. How do we tell the story of these newer (and sometimes historic!) Canadians of Asian heritage that are committed Christians – the very faith British Columbians thought their grandparents left behind when they crossed the Rockies?

As well, the last research project relied heavily on the clergy perspective and the “voice from the pulpit.” This led to a curiosity about the stories of faith that were present, yet unheard “in the pews” across multiple denominations (including Presbyterian). In preliminary research, it appears that so many within the Asian diaspora community in our province have a vibrant, yet unreported Christian faith. How might we hear and share the stories of the engineers who build our bridges, the scientists who are engaged in top research, the university professors who teach in humanities or law, journalists who tell us the news of the day or the surgeons who treat us on the operating table, all of whom do so from a Christian perspective but go unnoticed by the broader secular world? My

¹ David Ley, *Millionaire Migrants: Trans-Pacific Life Lines*, (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010), 32-33.

² Donaldson, *Land of Destiny*, 65-66.

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intention is to research, interview, profile and publish the missional vocation of those immigrant Christians in our province today.

4. How will the Project be Carried Out?

Once prospective candidates are identified, online or in person (Covid regulations permitting) interviews will be conducted, material will be analyzed, and a publication produced.

5. (a) Who will be Responsible?

Ross Lockhart will be responsible.

(b) Who will do the Work?

Ross Lockhart will be the primary researcher and a secondary researcher will be hired to complete the work.

6. (a) How will this Project further the Christian Faith?

As Canadian scholars Stuart Macdonald and Brian Clarke recently noted in *Leaving Christianity*, "First, people are not only leaving churches; they are leaving Christianity. And many of them have no interest in returning. Second, an increasing and significant proportion of the population has never had any first-hand experience of organized religion." (p. 210) Missional Theology, emerging from the work of Lesslie Newbigin and the North American Gospel and our Culture Network, has offered the post-Christendom church a robust, hopeful theology grounded in the Triune God whose very nature is that of mission. The Centre for Missional Leadership has as its vision, "Flourishing congregations faithfully witnessing to God's Mission" and imagines living into that vision through a mission of "equipping missional leaders for Christ's church of tomorrow, today."

This will be a significant research project that contributes to our deeper understanding of missional vocation and the way in which the Holy Spirit is remaking "the face" of Christianity in our province through immigration and new forms of Christian witness. Presbyterian congregations within the Synod of BC will benefit from the findings of this research for more effective ways of both engaging the immigrant community and for an understanding of missional vocation.

(b) To what aspect of the Church's life does this Project have specific relevance?

As noted above, we are living in a new, post-Christendom era where our neighbours increasingly have little to no Christian background or understanding. The mission field has switched from outside of the West to our very doorstep. Equipping our leaders (both Ordained and Lay) in the adaptive leadership of missional thinking is of the utmost importance and relevance today.

This project will be focused on British Columbia and attend to both the historic Asian immigrant population (BC railway workers and establishment of Chinatowns in Vancouver and Victoria), as well as more recent waves of immigration and the transmission of the Christian faith in diverse cultural contexts.

7. (a) What probable specific achievement(s) do you envision as the result of the Project?

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The goal is similar to the previous PIM support research project, a publication and resource for congregations within the Synod of BC.

(b) Describe your strategy for making the results of this Project available to the Church.

The results will be shared through publication, as well as online and in person sharing of the findings with congregations within the Synod.

8. What period of time is required to complete the Project?

The project will run over 1 year from July 2021 to December 2022.

9. How is the Project to be evaluated?

An interim and final report will be filed with PIM by Ross Lockhart and the publication will involve a peer review process.

10. Funds required for the Project:

Total Amount Required: \$35,000

Total Amount Requested from PIM: \$25,000

			Date
Payments required:	Initial	\$__10,000__	July 1, 2021
	Final	\$__15,000__	July 1, 2022
	Total	\$__25,000__	

11. For what other funds and to what other organizations have you made application?

St. Andrew's Hall _____

What response have you received from those other organizations?

Centre for Missional Leadership will fund part of the research.

NOTE:

A detailed budget of revenue and expenditure is to be submitted with this application.

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Phase I:

Literature review, research on possible candidates for interviews, speaking to missional experts on emerging trends in missional vocation.

Research stipend for Ross Lockhart	\$ 5,000
Research stipend for second researcher	\$ 5,000

	\$ 10,000

Phase II:

Surveys, interviews, transcribing notes and data analysis of fifteen prominent British Columbian Christians of Asian heritage.

Stipend to Dr. Lockhart and a 2 nd researcher (\$5000 each)	\$ 10,000

	\$ 10,000

Phase III:

Writer's retreat costs	3,000
Peer review consultations on early draft	2,000

	\$ 3,000

Phase IV:

Editor's stipend	\$ 2,000
Publishing costs	2,000

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\$ 4,000

Phase V:

Implementation of findings

\$1,000

(online conference, in person congregational presentations)

Total

\$30,000

St. Andrew's Hall CML contribution

5,000

(not including in kind of administrative support, etc.)

Total Grant Requested for the project

\$ 25,000

The applicant hereby applies for the above described grant from Presbyterian Innovative Ministries (B.C.) Ltd. and accepts responsibility for the management of the Project, and for reporting as follows:

Interim Progress Report (Date): July 2022_____

Final Report, with Evaluation
and Financial Accounting ((Date). December 2022_____

Signature of Applicant:

Ross Lockhart

Signature of Project Administrator:

Ross Lockhart

Other items: The CEC encourages presbytery members to inform it of any social justice issues they would like to present to the CEC for its support. The **shameful continuation of Boil Water Advisories** in many Indigenous communities was mentioned, and one of our members will look into it.

*Respectfully submitted,
Glen Davis – Co-convenor*

MINISTRY COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented Paddy Eastwood, Ministry Committee Convener.

All motions, unless otherwise noted, were moved by Paddy Eastwood, seconded by Mike Zaine.

Ministry Committee Report to Presbytery

March 2, 2021

Student Certification Task Force

The Rev. Cal Macleod has indicated his desire to resign as convener of the Student Certification Task Force, effective immediately.

Recommendation 1: that the Presbytery accepts the resignation of the Rev. Cal Macleod as convener of the Student Certification Task Force with both thanks and regret. **CARRIED**

Recommendation 2: that the Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser be appointed as the convener of the Student Certification Task Force, effective immediately. **CARRIED**

REPORTS

There are reports from Brentwood, Central and Knox Presbyterian Churches.

Brentwood Presbyterian Church from Stated Supply Minister, The Rev. Dr. Brian Fraser

We have adapted well to the pandemic. We worship live on Zoom every Sunday morning, with 35-40 with us. We post the services on our Facebook page and are averaging 250 views every week. We post an average of two asynchronous Jazz Evensong services each month on our Jazz Evensong Facebook page and are averaging 300 views per service. We are keeping in touch with each other, have launched a weekly prayer group, and are doing bible study every week now. We managed to implement a major project by paving the parking lot in October 2020. We raised the \$30,000 from the congregation and its supporters. Our annual meeting will take place on Feb 21, 2021. We are reporting 12 new members, elected 3 new elders, launched a new website, and a stable year in terms of our finances. We have imagined a number of special projects that will draw on our own musicians and our connections in the jazz community that will strengthen and expand our catechesis and witness with hospitality, hope, and healing, especially into our expanding e-neighbourhoods. The grants we are seeking total over \$100,000.

Victor Kim

Central Presbyterian Church from Interim Moderators, The Rev. Drs. Ross Lockhart and Richard Topping

The Interim-Moderators were appointed in January 2021. There have been two session meetings. January 27 and February 9. The first was an opportunity for us to communicate and discuss the two-fold mandate of our work with the congregation and session: 1. To develop a strategic plan with a missional focus and; 2. To proceed to the call of the next minister of the congregation. The second meeting was to conduct the regular business of the session, to work on the appointment of a search committee and to prepare for the annual meeting of the congregation. A roster of worship leaders and congregational participants has been formulated. Online worship with closed captions began February 7 with session members sharing the link for worship with their districts. The request for a statement of mission and a financial plan from the presbytery has gone to the Strategy and Leadership Committee of the Presbytery and is being reviewed by the Property and Finance subcommittee. It was subsequently shared with the Interim-Moderators and will be helpful as a strategic plan for the congregation is developed. We invite your prayers for wisdom as the congregation develops a missional strategic plan and a congregational profile.

The Moderator took a moment to pray for Central, its leadership, its people and for strength and wisdom as they consider future mission and visioning plans and to how to deal with their current financial situation.

Knox Presbyterian Church from Interim Moderator, the Rev. Brad Childs

The session is eager to find cooperative focus. There is a sense that it is time to act. Developing, defining, executing and communicating the reason for our being is at the forefront for us. There is a thirst for direction. At the same time, some of the people of Knox are a bit scattered. Technological difficulties have not helped. Still, the IM's contact with some has been limited. We will be working on that. In the meantime, Knox has elected two new elders! As well, with consistently thoughtful work, our visibility has improved dramatically in terms of an online presence. We have devotional updates, in addition to an active Facebook group and some further media groups as well. Knox is participating in the many conversations around Growing Together. There is some excitement in collaboration with our friends from other Presbyterian meetings in our community. Not being relegated to a single physical space has opened the service up to some and helped us get together. For others, the lack of physical space appears to be closing them off. Again, Knox will be working on this. Perhaps most important for the Presbytery would be the AGM we held. The "essential meeting" was held in a virtual space this year. Aside from a few small issues, the form did not hamper anyone's ability to speak. As for attendance, that is another matter. The form of online did have an impact on the attendance. Now, great care was attempted to ensure wide availability for participation. And yet, I must confess the awkwardness of a first-time AGM format as well as a sinking, uneasy feeling that not everyone would be feeling the same sense of participation they may have in the past. It is a regrettable and probably unavoidable reality of our situation. But we push on.

Overall, Knox is a gathering place for good leaders and faithful folks currently asking God to send them on a mission.

*Respectively submitted,
The Rev. Paddy Eastwood
Ministry Committee, convener*

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO ST. JOHN'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The convener, Brad Childs, noted that while the report was ready, it was not ready to be presented to the presbytery for consideration due to timing matters. The convener apologized to the presbytery for not having the report ready for consideration at the presbytery meeting, given that the presbytery had determined that a full and comprehensive report be presented at the March 2 meeting of presbytery. The convener stated that the report of the commission will be presented at the April 6 meeting of presbytery.

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 2, 2021

Correspondence was received from David Jennings re: Guaranteed Annual Income with a request to reconsider the decision of the presbytery in December. The correspondence included the Final Report of the B.C. Expert Panel on Basic Income, which was released on December 28, 2020.

- The Admin Committee agreed to forward David's correspondence, along with the Panel Report, to the Community Engagement Committee for their review and response.

Correspondence was received from Cameron Hart, Clerk of Session at St. Columba Presbyterian Church, on the recent death of Florence Metzger, (nee Edge). Florence was originally appointed by the Board of World Missions as a hospital worker in Vancouver. She subsequently had a long career in serving both the congregation of St. Columba and the Presbytery of Westminster.

Ross McClelland, elder at St. Columba, spoke to the dedication and love Florence Metzger had for the congregation of St. Columba and for all of God's people through a lifetime of serving others in all the communities she was blessed to live in.

- **Recommendation 1:** that the Presbytery of Westminster express its appreciation for the long and faithful ministry of Florence Metzger (nee Edge). **CARRIED**



Florence Amy Metzger (née Edge)
12 October 1928 – 26 January 2021

It is with sadness that we contemplate the passing of Florence Amy Metzger. Florence played a significant role in the lives of so many through her leadership in the Presbyterian church and as a close friend of the Metzger family for more than 60 years!

I remember when my Dad (Rev Frederick Metzger) came to St Columba Presbyterian Church, Vancouver BC,

in 1961 as interim moderator. I was 11 years old and Florence was already there holding the fort as Deaconess since the 1950s. Over the years Florence served diligently and variously as Deaconess, Elder, Clerk of Session, Sunday School Superintendent, Church Secretary and Church Treasurer, and supported St Columba and my Dad and Mom in all their endeavors to build a loving church community – which became known as the “little church with the big welcome”. She introduced the “Children & Worship” program to the Sunday School and co-taught the Bethel Bible Series (<https://www.bethelseries.org/>). For a number of years she also served as the Presbyterian Church’s Hospital Visitor in Vancouver hospitals.

We fondly remember Florence as my sister Ruth’s “buddy”. Ruth had Down Syndrome. Florence assisted with her care when my mother died in 1997 and continued to do so after marrying my Dad in 1999. Florence and my Dad were happily married for nearly 12 years until his passing in 2011. Ruth passed in 2015.

Florence also played a key role in enabling my Dad’s dream of a “museum”, representing God’s interventions throughout human history, to become a reality. This eventually became the “Metzger Collection” now established at the Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford BC (<http://www.metzgercollection.org/>). Without Florence’s diligent support, this dream would not have come to pass.

We are grateful to Florence’s nephew and niece Doug and Karen, and to all the staff at the Royal Arch Masonic Home in Vancouver, for their attentive and loving care to Florence in her last years.

John and Bridget Metzger, Salt Spring Island

Photo: Florence Metzger taken at the opening of the Metzger Collection in 2015

Police/Criminal Records Checks

- The Clerk has contacted members of the presbytery who are either due or overdue for submission of their Police/Criminal Records Check. Any member who needs to obtain a PRC/CRC can get a letter from the Clerk for use at the Police/RCMP stations as necessary and all receipts for the PRC/CRCs can be submitted to the Treasurer for reimbursement. PRC/CRCs are to be renewed every 5 years.

Young Adult Representative to General Assembly 2021

Our presbytery has been invited to name a YAR for GA 2021. We encourage any sessions who wish to nominate a YAR to do so at their earliest opportunity. Please send the nominations to the Clerk. Given that the YAR needs to be submitted to the Assembly Office by the end of March the Admin Committee suggests the following:

- **Recommendation 2:** That the Administrative Committee of Presbytery be given power to issue in naming a Young Adult Representative from the Presbytery of Westminster to the 2021 General Assembly.

CARRIED

*Respectfully submitted,
Victor Kim, Clerk*

Victor Kim

CAMP DOUGLAS COMMITTEE REPORT

The report was presented for information only.

Camp Douglas Committee Report to Presbytery March 2, 2021

The following is a sketch of the plans Camp Douglas is working on for Summer 2021. Assuming that overnight camps will again be cancelled due to pandemic health restrictions, the committee seeks to bring the fun and evangelism of a Camp Douglas experience to a local day camp model across the Presbytery of Westminster.

Goals of the program:

1. Share the good news of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, with children and young people across the Presbytery of Westminster.
2. Serve local congregations by providing opportunity to partner with Camp Douglas in ministry to children and youth.
3. Keep the momentum and profile of the Camp Douglas ministry high despite pandemic restrictions, for the good of those who depend on it as a primary evangelization vehicle for children in their community.

The Camp Douglas committee and its directors hope that by partnering with local congregations there will be spin-off benefits beyond providing a day camp experience for children and youth.

Some of those benefits may be:

1. Providing the support a local congregation may need to reach out to children and youth in ways they desire, but have been unable to achieve themselves. Hopefully this will get some new initiatives and relationships started for the good of young people growing in faith in the local context.
2. Camp Douglas will provide at least a few job and volunteer opportunities for teens and young adults who desire to grow in their faith leadership.
3. Increased exposure and relationship between Camp Douglas and local congregations.
4. If this summer is successful the Camp Douglas committee and its directors will consider keeping this aspect of the Camp Douglas ministry going as part of its service to the youth ministry of the Westminster Presbytery.

A few congregations whose facilities are known to be conducive to the day camp model have already been approached to consider this partnership. If you believe this would be a good fit for your congregation please be in touch with director Janet "Thistle" Eastwood at director@campdouglas.ca.

Some details of how the partnerships will work are given below. This is a pilot project that is experimental in nature and will be evaluated and adapted as new information from health authorities, congregational interest and the needs of young people come to the attention of the Camp Douglas Committee. Your prayers for the effective witness of this ministry endeavor are greatly appreciated!

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Camp Douglas Committee,
Rebecca Simpson
Convener*

Victor Kim

Day Camps Collaboration between Camp Douglas and Westminster Presbytery Congregations

Camp Douglas will run day camps with volunteers from the host congregation on the following weeks:

July 5-7	LIT intensive camp
July 12-16	
July 19-23	
July 36-30	
August 9-13	
August 16-20	
August 23-27	Youth camp

Camps will run Monday to Friday, 9 am to 4 pm. Sign in and sign out will open 8:30 am, and end 4:30 pm. Offering early drop-off times (8 am) and/or late pick-up (until 5 pm) is an option, depending on the interest and availability of the volunteers that week, and the summer staff.

Camp is open to children aged 8-12, for regular camps. (Children who miss the age restriction by one year and whose siblings are attending camp may be exempted.) Youth camp is for 13-15 year olds. LIT intensive camp is for 16 year olds; this is a smaller scale version of the 3 week LIT program and does not replace it; 16 year olds who attend the LIT intensive camp may volunteer at day camps for the rest of summer 2021. (This is a full year younger than the age requirement for residential camp staff, and is a great opportunity for youth who are interested in becoming camp staff in future summers to gain valuable experience.)

Camps will be structured as much as possible like usual days at Camp Douglas: praise and prayer throughout the day; a variety of outdoor games; arts and crafts; bible study and worship. Wherever possible, activities will be held outside. If the host church does not have a green area (field/playground), a nearby school, park, or community centre with a field is essential.

Campers will be divided into “cabins” of no more than 10 children. Two leaders will be in charge of each cabin. One of these leaders will be a Camp Douglas summer staff; the other will be a volunteer from the host congregation. The hope is that campers who are unfamiliar with the host church will find someone they recognize should their family join the congregation for Sunday worship. Camp Douglas asks for three volunteers minimum from each congregation. If registration is high, more volunteers may be required. Registration limits will be determined by the number of occupants a given church building is able to hold following covid guidelines. (The 50 occupant limit does not apply to day camps.)

Due to covid safety requirements, contact between cabins will be limited. Each cabin group will have its own designated indoor cabin area (preferably individual classrooms). No one from another cabin will enter a different cabin’s area. Each cabin will do activities within that area, or outside. As much as possible, equipment will be designated by cabin; in cases where this is not possible, equipment will be sanitized between uses (eg. sports equipment). Each cabin and as far as possible each camper will have designated craft supplies, to minimize potential spread of disease. Day camps will follow the covid-19 guidelines set out by the Provincial Health Office, by WorkSafe BC, and by the BC Camps Association.

Camp Douglas staff will plan and prepare each day’s activities. A cleaning schedule for high-contact areas and bathrooms will be worked out between the camp and the host church. Staff training will be held June 28-30. Attendance is mandatory for all staff and volunteers. Staff training may be in part or in whole online.

Campers are responsible for bringing their own lunches. Lunches must not require refrigeration. The congregation will, if it is able, supply a prepackaged snack (nut-free granola bar and a juice box) to each camper every day.

Camp Douglas will publicize day camp locations and weeks on our website, social media platforms, and by word of mouth. Camp Douglas asks congregations to make every effort to ensure that families in and associated with the congregation are aware of the day camp week of that congregation, and to reach out to the local community. Camp Douglas will create individualized publicity material for each congregation, including a PowerPoint slide, a poster that could be fit into a bulletin or a newsletter, and flyers that congregations can deliver to houses in their neighbourhoods.

The cost of the day camp is \$120 per child for the week. This is to cover staffing and program supply costs (including craft supplies, games equipment, cleaning supplies). Camperships are available; Camp Douglas has a designated campership fund and is eager to assist any families to send their children to day camp. Day camp must have at least 20 campers in order to run.

Expectations of partnering congregations:

1. Free rental space
2. At least one designated contact person from the congregation who is physically available to the Camp Douglas staff and directors during the planning phase and while the program is running in the local community
3. Pre-packaged, nut-free, daily snack for each camper
4. Logistical support in terms of the building
 - a. Providing daily access to the building
 - b. Ensuring security of the building
 - c. Advising on cleaning / janitorial procedures particular to the church building
 - d. Participation in coordinating congregational covid-19 protocols with Camp Douglas protocols
5. Participation in advertising and encouraging children and youth known to the congregation to attend
6. Creative consideration to participating in generating and sharing campership opportunities for local children and youth

Additional item of Correspondence

The Clerk noted that an item of correspondence received by the Clerk on January 30, 2021 should have been brought to this meeting for consideration but had not been added to the docket. The Clerk sought permission to present the correspondence for consideration and was granted permission from the court.

The Session of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, North Vancouver, presented an Overture re: Gracious Dismissal, to be forwarded for referral to the General Assembly, dated January 26, 2021.

Recommendation: Moved by Victor Kim, seconded by Brad Childs, that the Overture from the Session of St. Andrew's and St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church, North Vancouver, re: Gracious Dismissal be forwarded to the General Assembly.

CARRIED

Text of Overture to be inserted here

Victor Kim

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Brian Fraser, seconded by Laurie McKay to adjourn the meeting.

CARRIED

- The next **regular scheduled meeting of presbytery** is **April 6, 2021** via Zoom. The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping will lead worship.
- The next **regular Admin Committee** meeting is **March 31, 2021** at 9:30 am. If there are any recommendations that need to come before presbytery for March 31, please make sure that they are referred to the appropriate committees or to the Clerk prior to the meeting of the Admin Committee.

The Moderator offered a closing prayer.

The Moderator closed the court with a benediction at 9:43pm.

Patricia Dutcher-Walls, Moderator

Victor Kim