

**VANCOUVER-BURRARD PRESBYTERY EXECUTIVE MINUTES**  
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Minutes of the meeting of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Executive held at First United Church, Vancouver, beginning at 2 pm, with a quorum present, and duly called under the authority of the Vice-Chair, David Ewart. Simone Carrodus acting as Recording Secretary in the absence of Carol Acton.

**Present:** David Ewart, Linda Gunn, Syd Lewis, Simone Carrodus, Bob Miller, Barry Morris, Bruce Sanguin

**Regrets:** Marianna Harris, Sally Harris, Carol Acton, Sue Parker

**Minutes:** Moved by Simone Carrodus, seconded by Linda Gunn, the the minutes of the executive meeting of April 10 2007 be adopted as circulated. **Carried**

**Pastoral Relations:**

**Highlands United Church:**

We have received a JNAC report from Highlands, dated April 15 and accepted by the congregation May 6 at a congregational meeting chaired by Rev. Sharon Copeman. The JNAC continues, in response to the resignation of Gabrielle McLarty.

**Moved** by Bob Miller, seconded by Linda Gunn, that

1. we accept the Joint Needs Assessment Committee Report dated April 2007 that was accepted by the congregation May 6, 2007, and
2. Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery declare a vacancy for a half-time youth ministry position at Highlands United Church, and
3. Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery establish a Joint Search Committee for this position, the presbytery representatives to be Jeff Smith and Rev. Sharon Copeman.

**Carried**

**North Shore Youth Initiative:**

**Moved** by Bob Miller, seconded by Syd Lewis, that Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery appoint **Brendan Wanderer** as a staff associate to this ministry of the North Shore Youth Initiative, half-time, pending the completion of the process of recognition as a staff associate under the following terms:

Secretarial assistance - "as needed"; Salary - \$1190 monthly; \$14,280 annually;  
Housing - \$1000 monthly; \$12,000 annually; Telephone - \$60 monthly; Financial support for study - \$600 annually; Total: \$26,880 annually plus up to \$2000 for a computer.  
Catefory is "A" (This agreement was dated April 25/07) **Carried**

**West Vancouver United Church:** a Joint Search Committee is in process

**First United Church (Mission):** a Joint Search Committee is in process.

**First United Church (Congregation) Celebration of Ministry:**

Sunday June 24 with an evening service at 7 pm

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**Congregational Relations:**

**Lakeview Multicultural United Church:**

David reported that the trustees expect to be able to report to the executive next month

**Youth and Young Adult Ministry:**

Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery has received a letter addressed to Congregational Relations from Deb Bowman, chair of YAYA support committee. It informs us that Tracy Murton will begin maternity leave on July 23, 2007, and will likely not return to employment. They recommend that Eric Hamlyn be appointed full-time supply from mid-June 2007 (to provide some overlap) until April 30, 2008, at which point they hope to have completed a thorough JNAC and search. The committee requests that the relevant committees of our presbytery ratify their recommendations.

**Moved** by Barry Morris, seconded by Linda Gunn, that Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery receive notice that Tracy Murton begins her maternity leave July 23, 2007; and that she will be terminating her employment at the end of her leave. **Carried.**

**Ask the secretary** to write to Tracy expressing our congratulations and appreciation.

**Agreed**

**Refer the letter** from Deb Bowman to the Pastoral Relations Committee, and request that the Pastoral Relations Committee receive any notice needed directly from Tracy. Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery executive **agrees with the recommendation that Eric Hamlyn be appointed full-time supply from mid-June 2007 until April 30, 2008; and with the timeline of the other recommendations.** The Pastoral Relations Committee will join with the YAYA support committee in implementing those recommendations.

**Agreed**

**Secretarial:**

Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery has received a copy of a letter from Doug Goodwin of B.C. Conference, congratulating St. John's United Church (West End) on having repaid their loan from B.C. Conference.

Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery has also received copies of correspondence between Doug Goodwin, on behalf of the trustees of Renfrew United Church, and "Concerned Parents of Renfrew Daycare" regarding the length of notice to vacate the daycare was given and some surrounding issues.

**Long Range Planning:** Syd Lewis reporting

**First United Church Mission:** a nucleus of people have started some work on planning for First and Downtown Eastside mission as a whole. Syd will have some specific suggestions for the next executive meeting.

**Renfrew property:** Doug Goodwin, on behalf of the trustees, has given the Terra development people 30 days to develop a proposal.

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**Faithful Public Witness:**

Barry and the committee would like at least 45 minutes during the June presbytery meeting to bring the “Living with Empire” theme. They would like Harry Meier of VST to do some of the presentation; and the theme might be in the context/ part of worship.

**Agreed** that it be so, and that total time might be up to an hour.

**May meeting plans:**

—at Gibsons

—the ferry to the mainland leaves at 8:20pm; so the meeting needs to finish at 7:30pm promptly.

—that means the meeting needs to start promptly; and that for those who take the 1:15 sailing from Horseshoe Bay there will be some time to visit with folks and “sightsee”. Committees might meet on the ferry, and might have some time to meet before the presbytery meeting begins.

—business first, supper next, worship last

—business:

—theme time: continue life of presbytery vision process; 2 or 3 to plan it. Make some progress; not aiming to resolve it.

—Congregational Relations will bring 2 oversight summaries and recommendations.

**June meeting plans:**

At St. Andrew’s, North Van

1. Worship and presentation on the theme of “Living Faithfully in the midst of Empire” with Harry Meier. To be arranged by **Barry Morris**.

2. continue discussion of the life of presbytery

3. honour retirees after supper

4. two more oversight summaries

**Meeting adjourned** with prayer.

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David Ewart. vice-chair  
secretary

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Simone Carrodus, acting as recording