

# VANCOUVER-BURRARD PRESBYTERY MINUTES

Feb 27, 2007

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Presbytery held at Lynn Valley United Church, North Vancouver, BC., with a quorum present and duly called under the authority of the Chair, Reverend Marianna Harris.

## **Present:**

Ministry Personnel:, Shelagh MacKinnon, Cheryl Black, David Ewart, Robin Jacobsen, Ruth Wright, Terri Scallon, Barry Morris, Sharon Copeman, Nancy Talbot, Marianna Harris, Valerie Taylor, Tracy Murton, Art Griffin, Gary Paterson, Daniel Bogert- O'Brien, Janice Young, Brad Newcombe, Bob Miller, Christina Atkinson, Don Collett, Bob Burrows, Colleen Blair and Ariel Creighton, Gordon Turner and Don Robertson

Lay: Lorraine Ashdown, Jean Moore, Linda Gunn, Susan Henry, Jo Fraser, Simone Carrodus, Karen Millard, Jeff Seaton, Susan Parker, Michelle Ness, , Katheryn Karst, Gloria Laxton, John Culter, Ellen Coburn, Laurene Lewis, Syd Lewis, Jen Beth Fulton, Dill Davie, Trevor Harris, Barbara Matiru, Carol O'Dell, Maria Kim, , Margie Seviney, Elinor Byers, Susan Henry, Randy Bentayen, Elaine Barkey, Jeff Wilkins

**Guests:** Simon Davie from Terra Housing

## **Regrets:**

Phillip Cable, Bruce Sanquin, Susan Dumoulin, Jeff Seaton, Gabrielle McLarty, Eric Hamlyin, , Phyllis Bottomer, Jeff Smith, , Brenda Wilkinson, Brian Burke, Sally Harris, Carol Acton, Dan Chambers, Phyllis Cooper, Maureen Hollins, , Ed Searcy,

## **Call to Order and Introductions:**

Marianna Harris , as Chair called the meeting to order. Susan Parker acted as secretary in Carol Acton's absence. The following people were introduced: Simon Davie from Terra Housing, Jean Moore, and Randy Bentayen the new lay rep from Lakeview Multicultural

## **Motion to Extend Corresponding Privileges:**

Janice Young moved and Terri Scallon seconded that voting privileges be extended to our visitors. Carried

## **Renfrew United Church**

The further discernment on the use of the Renfrew United Church site began with a presentation from each of 3 people representing the 3 recommendations from executive. The Presbytery was then broken into 3 groups who spent 15 minutes with each of the presenters to clarify questions. After dinner and much discussion the following motions were made

### **Motion**

Moved by Gary Paterson and seconded by Don Collett that Presbytery recommend to Conference, that we sell the Renfrew property, so that the resources may be freed up for creative ministry on the East side of Vancouver

The following amendment was made by David Ewart and seconded by Don Collett that Conference sell the Renfrew site and the funds be held in trust pending the outcome of the work of the Long Range Planning Committee of First United Church which will examine the future of the building and ministry needs of the Mission. The amendment was defeated

The motion was carried without the amendment

### **Motion**

Gary Paterson moved and Michelle Ness seconded that Presbytery recommend to Conference that they explore with seriousness the use of the site for affordable housing Carried

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**Motion**

Shelagh MacKinnon moved and Gary Paterson seconded we recommend that Conference prayerfully consider and respect our mutual covenant at First United Mission and that it remain as our first priority

**Pastoral Relations**

Bob Miller presented the following motions

**Motion**

Moved by Bob Miller and seconded by Don Collett that Carmen Lansdowne be appointed to the position of Campus Minister of the United Church of Canada at UBC for the period of March 1, 2007 to February 28,2008. She is category A candidate supply who has been approved to be ordained to further study. Terms are:

Salary	\$22,620
Housing	\$15,000
Telephone	\$ 350
Study and book	\$1,200

**Carried**

**Motion**

Moved by Bob Miller and seconded by Gary Paterson that the JNAC report from First United Mission be approved; that a vacancy effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 be declared for the position of Minister of Mission and Community Life and that a Joint Search committee be set up with Bob Miller and Wade Lifton as Presbytery reps

**Carried**

The JNAC will not be disbanded until it deals with the opinion of the Conference Personnel Minister that the second position of Program Animator also be a ministerial position

**Motion**

Bob Miller moved and Michelle Ness seconded that we accept with appreciation for her service the letter of retirement from Rev Sharon Copeman effective June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Carried**

**Motion**

Bob Miller moved and Simone Carrodus seconded that a JNAC be established for Lynn Valley. Pastoral Relations will find Presbytery reps

**Carried**

**Motion**

Moved by Sue Parker, seconded by Bob Miller that a six month appointment, from March 1, 2007 to August 31, 2007, at Lakeview Multicultural Church be approved for Rev Brad Newcombe with the following terms:

- a. Category F
- b. Salary \$1,539.41 per month
- c. Housing \$1,000 per month
- d. Phone 12.50 per month
- e. Continuing education – total of \$300 for 6 months

Bob also reminded all churches to complete and return to Sue Parker the requests to solemnize marriage if they have not already done so

Roger Eastwood, the Treasurer at Lynn Valley brought greetings on behalf of the church

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After dinner Sharon Copeman led us in worship

**Education and Students**

Linda Gunn gave us the good news that all three candidates for ordination, Jeff Seaton, Judith Hardcastle and Karen Millard, had done very well at their Conference interviews and would be ordained May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**Congregational Relations**

**Motion**

Simone Carrodus moved and Michelle Ness seconded that Vancouver Burrard Presbytery appoint Reverend Debra Bowman to represent our presbytery in meetings with First United Congregation

**Carried**

The names of Ministers recommended for admission to the United Church of Canada were read by Simone Carrodus.

Name	Denomination	Recommending Presbytery
William James Abra	Baptist Convention of Ottawa and Quebec	Huron Perth Presbytery
John (Jack) Thomas Polensky	Roman Catholic Church	Waterloo
Maki Fuashii	Japan Baptist Convention Church	Vancouver South
Attila Laszlo Gyorgy	Reformed Church of Gardony - Hungary	Montreal
Scott Kerr Hunter	Baptist Convention of Ontario and Quebec	Montreal
Jung Hyun Shin	United Church of Christ USA	Coronation
Murray Laverty	Moravian Church of America	Calgary
Wayne Lewry	Wesleyan Methodist Church USA	Calgary

David Fines from Laurentian Presbytery was also readmitted

A letter from Jim Sinclair General Secretary welcomed Nora Sanders as the new General Secretary of General Council

A letter of information on Insurance is available from Simone if churches have not received it

**Announcement:** Margie Sevigny invited everyone to the Camp Fircom Golf tournament on May 28<sup>th</sup>

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm

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**Marianna Harris, chair**

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**Susan Parker, acting recording secretary**