

June 28, 2005

Minutes of the regular meeting of the Presbytery held at St. Andrew's United Church, North Vancouver on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 4:00 PM, with a quorum present, and duly called under the authority of the Chair, Rose-Hannah Gaskin.

Present:

Ministry Personnel: Philip Cable, Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Barry Morris, Sharon Copeman, Nancy Talbot, Robin Jacobson, Marianna Harris, Gary Paterson, Dan Chambers, Janice Young, Brian Burke, Sally Harris, Christine Abbott, Cheryl Black, Maureen Hollins, Cullene Bryant, Dave Anderson.

Lay: Linda Gunn, Carole Kidd, Susan Henry, Pat Burns, Simone Carrodus, Don Preston, Susan Chambers, Karen Millard, Geoff Wilkins, John Bessuille, Trevor Harris, Barbara Matiru, Sue Parker, Michelle Ness, Gloria Lawton, Ellen Coburn, Karen Wootton.

Regrets:

Bruce Sanguin, Mollie Williams, Bob Burrows, Art Griffin, Eleanor O'Neill, Ed Searcy, Susan DuMoulin, John Culter, Trevor Watson, Laurene Lewis, Syd Lewis, Sheila Stanway, Jennifer Richmond.

Guests: Joe Driskill. Eileen Stephens.

Worship: Robin Jacobson led worship with a reading and solo from Geoff Wilkins.

Dinner: An update of recent developments at St. Andrew's was provided and appreciation for dinner was expressed.

Announcements:

David Anderson announced that he would be leaving his position as Conference Minister for Lower Mainland Mission Enhancement on July 1st after 31/2 years, to accept a call to Eagle Ridge United Church in Coquitlam.

The Chair announced that Ellen Coburn is the new Vancouver-Burrard representative to the Inter-spirituality Centre planned for South East False Creek. A role for Van-Burrard will be considered further at a fall meeting of Executive.

Barry Morris mentioned "Enlightenment By Laughter" and the religion and comedy events hosted by Cullene Bryant at the Laughing Bean. See www.enlightenmentbylaughter.com Simone Carrodus highlighted the new staffing arrangement for Camp Fircom, which will see, paid staff (17-25 years old) in each cabin, rather than the younger volunteer leaders of the past. There was still time to register for the Youth Leadership training event.

Registrations are very low for the Junior Camp (8-11 year olds) July 14-20 and presbyters were encouraged to promote attendance in their congregations.

Business:**Introductions and welcome:**

Rose-Hannah Gaskin welcomed everyone. The following were introduced:

Joe Driskill – Associate Professor of Spirituality, Pacific School of Theology, Berkley

Eileen Stephens – Canadian Memorial

Christine Abbott – Staff Associate at University Hill Congregation.

Minutes:

It was noted that the May 27, 2005 minutes should show Christine Abbott, Tracy Murton and Simone Carrodus in the regrets section.

Moved by Michelle Ness, seconded by John Bessuille

That the April 26th, May 19th and May 27th 2005 minutes of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery be adopted as amended. Carried.

Moved by Janice Young, seconded by Philip Cable

That the May 11th and June 8th 2005 Executive minutes of Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery be received. Carried.

Education & Students Committee:

Nancy Talbot reported that Christine Abbott, having been interviewed by Conference Interview Board in 1999, and having been recently interviewed by Presbytery Education & Students Committee and found to be abundantly qualified, it was determined that a further interview by Conference Interview Board would not be required.

Moved by Nancy Talbot, seconded by Sharon Copeman

That Christine Abbott be received as a Staff Associate in Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery.
Carried.

Human Resources Committee:

With appreciation to all who offered to serve, Cheryl Black made the following motions:

Moved by Cheryl Black, seconded by Robin Jacobson

That Linda Gunn be appointed to chair the Education & Students Committee. Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Black, seconded by Robin Jacobson

That Maureen Hollins be appointed as Mission Support person within the Congregational Relations Committee. Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Black, seconded by Robin Jacobson

That the "companions" to accompany Renfrew United Church resulting from the recommendations of the Section 333 Review Committee be Geoff Wilkins and Shelagh MacKinnon. Carried.

Moved by Cheryl Black, seconded by Robin Jacobson

That Michelle Ness be appointed a member of the Congregational Relations Committee. Carried.

Pastoral Relations Committee:

Marianna Harris reminded everyone that Sue Parker is the committee member to whom all forms for Appointments and Marriage Authorizations should be sent, as well as the person to contact to schedule Services of Covenant. Marianna then made the following motions:

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver- Burrard Presbytery appoint Maureen Hollins as Staff Associate, 20 hr. per week, category C at West Point Grey United from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 with the following terms

Salary \$15,753

Housing allowance \$10,710

Study allowance \$500

Carried.

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver- Burrard Presbytery appoint Barry Morris as Ordained Supply at Longhouse Ministry, 60% time, category F from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 with the following terms

Salary \$21,265

Housing allowance \$10,000

Study or book allowance \$300

Travel up to \$1800 per year

Carried.

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver -Burrard Presbytery appoint Colleen Blair as Staff Associate at St David's United Church, category D, 23 hr. per week from September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006 with the following terms

Salary \$ 21,164.40

Housing allowance \$13,395.60

Study and book allowance \$260

Carried

June 28, 2005**Pastoral Relations Committee (cont'd.):**

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver -Burrard Presbytery approve the call of the Rev. Robin Jacobson to North Lonsdale United Church effective July 1, 2005. He is category F and the terms are: salary \$41,520; housing \$30,000; cost of telephone, financial support for study \$2496 and auto/travel \$6000. Carried.

Rose-Hannah Gaskin excused herself from the meeting during discussion of the following motion. Cheryl black assumed the chair.

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver -Burrard Presbytery approve the appointment of the Rev. Rose-Hannah Gaskin to Renfrew United Church 50% time, category D from September 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006. She is eligible for re-appointment. The terms are: salary: \$17,081; housing: \$10,000; telephone; support for study: \$500, all pro-rated on a 10 month basis. Carried.

Moved by Marianna Harris, seconded by Sue Parker

That Vancouver- Burrard Presbytery approve the appointment of Gabrielle McLarty to Highlands United Church as Staff Associate, category D. She will be full time from July 1, 2005 until December 31, 2005. She will be 2/3 time January 1, 2006 to June 30, 2006. Terms are: salary \$31,665; housing \$24,000; financial support for study \$1000. These will be pro-rated when she drops to 2/3 time. Carried.

Rose-Hannah Gaskin resumed chair.

Marianna Harris was most happy to report that the Rev. Rob Pollock is moving towards a return to work on September 1st. The Pastoral Relations Committee has discussed his return with Rob and with the Ministry and Personnel chair at Highlands. All are awaiting clearance from his physician.

Highlands is moving towards a call and is in the interview process. Squamish United is still in process. It is the intention of Pastoral Relations to work on proposals for a Housing Allowance Policy for fall.

Congregational Relations Committee:

Janice Young introduced the topic of the future of Campus Ministry by providing a brief history, remembering some of the effective leaders such as Jack Shaver and Brad Newcombe, and highlighting current difficulties as documented in the recent report by Ray McGinnis. Janice then introduced Dave Anderson who agreed to serve as facilitator for the discussion on Campus Ministry.

Using a handout of 13 potential purposes of Campus Ministry individuals ranked their top four preferences from the list. The table groups worked to agree on the four ranked preferences from their table. High priorities included:

- 1) Provide a pastoral presence for students, faculty, and staff
- 2) Provide spiritual support and direction
- 3) Provide opportunities for intentional growth into Christian faith
- 4) To witness to the truth of faith within the academic community.

During discussion the following points emerged:

- explore shared ministry possibilities with Lutherans, other Presbyteries
- consider UCCM funding priority compared to MAZ, Fircom, YAYA
- is there excitement around this ministry?
- would there be support for a person in the role?
- can Congregational Relations put together a new job description?
- should UCCM be allowed to die, and new proposals be encouraged?

During the discussion concern was expressed about the limited amount of energy that seemed to be generated on the subject of Campus Ministry.

Following discussion Ellen Coburn volunteered to serve with others yet to be named on an ad hoc committee to move the process forward over the summer. It was suggested that Vancouver-South Presbytery and possibly VST be asked to name people to the committee.

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Closing:

The Chair led prayer to close at 8:40 PM on a motion from Michelle Ness.

Next Meetings:

Executive - Wednesday, July 20,2005 at 3:00 PM at First United Church

Executive - Wednesday, Sept. 14,2005 at 2:00 PM at Canadian Memorial United Church

Presbytery – Tuesday, Sept. 27,2005 at 4:00 PM at Renfrew United Church

Rose-Hannah Gaskin, Chair

Pat Burns, Secretary