

The United Church of Canada: Assiniboine Presbytery Executive Meeting 17-6
At Central United Church, Brandon, Manitoba **Wednesday, September 6, 2017**

PRESENT: Barb Jardine, Natasha Pearen, Lyn Fefchak, Joan Jarvis, Mária Szabó Bérces,
Coral Meggison, Doug Neufeld

REGRETS: Craig Miller

The meeting was called to order by Mária Szabó Bérces at Central United Brandon at 10:18 am.
It was noted that a quorum was present. (6 of 10, at least 1/3)

We acknowledged that we gather on Treaty 2 land.
Mária Szabó Bérces led us in prayer.

AGENDA

Motion # 13: Natasha Pearen / Barb Jardine
That the Agenda be accepted as circulated. CARRIED

MINUTES

Motion # 14: Doug Neufeld / Natasha Pearen
That the minutes of Assiniboine Presbytery Executive meeting from
June 14, 2017 be approved as corrected.
Pages 7-1 through 7-5: For the June 14th 2017 minutes, the page numbers should
be 17-1 and carrying on as 17-2, 17-3, 17-4, and 17-5.
Page 7-4 (17-4)-Under New Business of the June 14th minutes, the motion is listed
as #21. This motion regarding QUORUM OPTION should be #10, and further
motions numbered #11 regarding SIGNING OFFICERS and #12 regarding
INDEPENDENT REVIEWER **CARRIED**

CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Coral Meggison
Report attached as Appendix A.

Motion # 15: Diane Janzen / Lyn Fefchak
That the correspondence report be received. CARRIED

TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Janzen

- Debra Higginbotham has reviewed the 2016 financial records, noting no concerns. She donated her services.
- Two Pastoral Charges have not yet paid first or second quarterly assessments, which were due March 15th, and June 15th. Reminders have been sent to these pastoral charges.
- One additional pastoral charge has not yet remitted their second quarter assessment, which was due June 15th.
- There was discussion about funding Assiniboine Presbytery youth who attended MNWO 2017 Annual meeting. Participants were: Navan Forsythe, Segwun McPherson, George Meggison, Jillia Meggison, and Sarah Meggison. Diane Janzen will contact MNWO Conference Office to confirm if there were other Assiniboine Presbytery youth in attendance at the Annual Meeting. The registration cost of these listed youth is approximately \$665. \$360 is in the budget for this purpose. This would only cover a portion of the registration fees of the youth who attended.

Motion # 16: Barb Jardine / Diane Janzen
That Assiniboine Presbytery reimburse the full registration costs for
Assiniboine Presbytery youth who attended the 2017 Annual Meeting of
Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference, with the funding in
surplus of the \$360 budgeted amount to be absorbed by unused monies in
various categories of the budget. CARRIED

- For the full report, see **Appendix B.**

Motion #17: Diane Janzen / Lyn Fefchak
That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AFFIRMING MINISTRIES: no report

NOMINATIONS: Barb Jardine

Motion # 18: Lyn Fefchak / Diane Janzen
FEMALE That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive name Barb Jardine as
OFFICER Female Officer of the Court in Wendy Rankin's absence.
OF THE COURT **CARRIED**

Motion # 19: Barb Jardine / Natasha Pearen
MISSION That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive name Audrey Keeler as
SUPPORT Assiniboine Presbytery representative to Manitoba Northwestern
GRANT Ontario Conference Mission Support Grant committee.
COMMITTEE **CARRIED**

POSITION This committee seeks to fill the position of Chair Elect, and two alternates
VACANCIES to the MNWO Conference Young Adults And Youth (YAAY) committee.

UPDATED LIST This committee will continue to update the list of Presbytery committee
COMMITTEE members, to provide an updated document at September Full Court meeting.
MEMBERS

EDUCATION, STUDENTS & CHURCH VOCATIONS: no report

PASTORAL CHARGE OVERSIGHT: Lyn Fefchak

Motion #20: Lyn Fefchak / Diane Janzen
BAYFIELD That Assiniboine Presbytery approve the request of SIMS & COMPANY,
UNITED Barristers & Solicitors to sell the two acre property known as Bayfield
CHURCH United Church Cairn located at SW 27-18-27 W in the Rural Municipality
CAIRN of Prairie View Roll #232600 Title #58956 to TTT Acres
Ltd for the consideration of \$1.00 with the understanding that any
associated costs of this transfer of property, any property taxes owing, and
care of the Cairn will be the responsibility of the purchasers, TTT Acres Ltd.
CARRIED

BINSCARTH There is a party interested in purchasing Binscarth United Church property.
This committee is waiting receipt of official motions.

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Natasha Pearen

SETTLEMENT The Commission met May 23, 2017, June 13, 2017, June 26, 2017, July 11,
COMMISSION 2017, July 25, 2017 and August 8, 2017.
Settlement Commission Report for May 23, 2017 and June 13, 2017 is attached
as **Appendix C**.
The following action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery:
1) Declared a VACANCY for a halftime ministry personnel position on the
Hartney-Lauder Pastoral Charge effective September 1, 2017.
2) Approved the APPOINTMENT of Milo Spooner Craig at Central United
(Brandon) at 25 hours per week from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
3) Approved the APPOINTMENT of Doug Craig at Central United (Brandon) at
part-time (30 hours per week) effective July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
4) Renewal of APPOINTMENT of Harvey Hurren to the Wawanesa and Brandon
Hills Pastoral Charge effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.
5) Appointment David Howell as the Settlement Commission representative to
resource the Ministry Profile Committee in Oak Lake-Griswold Pastoral Charge.

Settlement Commission Report for June 26, 2017 and July 11, 2017 is attached as **Appendix D**.
No action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery.

Settlement Commission Report for June 26, 2017 and July 11, 2017 is attached as **Appendix E**.

The following action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery:

1) Declared a VACANCY for a full-time ministry personnel position at St. Paul's United Church Pastoral charge (Virden) effective as soon as possible (October 1, 2017)

PASTORAL CHARGE SUPERVISORS Need to appoint more ministry personnel as PC Supervisors to make the transition to CDM for pulpit supply possible.
Natasha Pearen will present information regarding this issue to the September 23, 2017 Full Court meeting.

POLICE RECORDS CHECKS In order to smooth the transition to the new policy on Police Records Checks (PRC), the oversight of which will be transferred from Presbytery to the Conference/Region; ministry personnel are being asked to bring their most recent PRC in their possession to our September Presbytery meeting. If you are not able to provide this check for us to view at that time, you will be contacted at a later date by the Conference and will likely be required to obtain a new check then.

MINISTRY & PERSONNEL TRAINING There is a new M&P handbook now available online. Judy Hare is offering a 4-6 hour workshop for M&P committees in our Presbytery to go over this new handbook, the new PRC policy, the changes to Sexual Misconduct Policy and Procedures as well as information about the Restorative Care Plan.

Natasha Pearen will confirm Judy Hare's availability for the workshop to be held on a Saturday in January 2018 in Brandon.

This will be an important workshop not only for pastoral charge Ministry and Personnel committee members, but also for all Ministry Personnel.

COVENANT SERVICE A reminder of the upcoming Covenanting Service with Milo Spooner Craig, Doug Craig, Central United Brandon and Assiniboine Presbytery on Sunday, September 17, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

OUTREACH & JUSTICE: Barb Jardine for Cyndi Price

RENDEZ-VOUS FUNDING Three Assiniboine Presbytery Youth, Navan Forsythe, Segwun McPherson, and Jillia Meggison, attended Rendezvous 2017 as participants. These three participants each received \$325 from Assiniboine Presbytery to fund the cost of registration.

PHOTO EXHIBIT Over the summer, Neil and Barb Jardine built better travelling boxes, and Barb sewed protective cloth envelopes for each photo, at a cost of \$379 for the supplies. Neil and Barb donated their time for this project.
The Photo Exhibit is no longer housed at Central United Brandon. It is now stored at Knox United Brandon.
There is only \$267 remaining in the Heart Bank Project fund. There will continue to be costs of maintaining this Brandon Indian Residential School travelling photographic exhibit.
The committee are contemplating how to generate continued operating funds.

BLANKET EXERCISE A Blanket Exercise is being hosted at Neepawa Collegiate, Friday, September 29th.

BILL C-262 Many congregations and presbyteries are seeking ways of supporting and taking action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) recommendations for reconciliation. Adopting the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is one important way of taking action. In October 2017, a Private Member's Bill C262 will come before Parliament for a second reading. This Bill is an Act that ensures that the laws of Canada are in harmony with UNDRIP. One initiative to show support of Bill C-262 is "Walk the Talk of Reconciliation" postcards. Postcards are available for free –to order go to <http://www.commonword.ca/go/1283>.
The gathered executive decided to order a supply of the postcards to have available for completion at the September Full court meeting.

PRESBYTERY PLANNING: Doug Neufeld

SEPTEMBER MEETING -September 23rd at Minnedosa United
-Kathryn Hofley, Financial Development Officer serving the Prairie Region, will present a 15 minute session about Stewardship
-Theme is 'Creation' in conjunction with the theme of the concurrent Presbytery Youth Event
-20-30 minutes of table group time to discuss Remit 6 "One Order of Ministry", and develop a list of questions/comments
-Regional Boundaries conversation

NOVEMBER MEETING -Friday evening, November 17th, and Saturday November 18th, at Trinity Brandon
-Friday evening Panel Discussion regarding Remit 6 "One Order of Ministry"
-Saturday: Voting on Remit 6
-UCRD book display and sale

GC COMMISSIONERS NOMINATIONS - Presbyteries are encouraged to complete their General Council 43 Commissioner nominations earlier than normal because there will be significant pre-reading required in advance of the GC43 gathering. General Council 43 will be held in Oshawa, Ontario, July 21-27.
Possibly complete the nominations at the November Full Court meeting.

FEBRUARY Meeting at Central Brandon February 10, 2018

APRIL Seeking a congregation to host the April Full Court meeting, April 21, 2018

CONFERENCE STAFF: Joan Jarvis

UNJPPI Joan Jarvis will be attending the 2017 Annual Gathering of the United Network for Justice and Peace in Palestine and Israel (UNJPPI) in Winnipeg Sept 8-10.

FEAST FOR FRIENDS This annual event at the Sandy Saulteaux Spiritual Centre October 21, is fully booked.

QUORUM If it is determined at the beginning of a Full Court meeting that the attendance does not meet quorum requirements, then a member of the executive can declare the gathering to be an Executive Meeting, and that all those in attendance be corresponding members. This is not a long-term solution, but allows those gathered to carry on the business of the meeting.

At this point, Joan Jarvis excused herself from the meeting due to another commitment.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Mária Szabó Bérces

There have been no Conference Executive meetings since March 2017, so nothing new to report.

**Motion # 21: Diane Janzen / Barb Jardine
That the reports be accepted as presented.**

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

STRENGTHEN AND GROW OUR YOUTH PROGRAMS Each Presbytery is to name two youth representatives to the Conference Young Adult And Youth (YAAAY) committee, as well as two alternate representatives. We currently have two Youth Representatives from our presbytery, Navan Forsythe and Ayla Hamilton, as well as one of the YAAAY Co-Convenors, Sheena Meggison is also from Assiniboine Presbytery. Sheena, Navan and Ayla will be asked to brainstorm youth that could be considered for the two alternate positions, and to then work with the Nominations committee in filling these positions.

Congregations are asked to name a Congregational Youth Ally to receive information about UC events for youth and young adults and share it with youth in their communities within and outside of their church.

Email tmacnair@confmnwo.mb.ca to be added to the list.

Presbyteries are encouraged to welcome their YAAAY representatives to attend the presbytery meetings and have time on the agenda to share information. Assiniboine Presbytery is already doing this.

Doug Neufeld led us in prayer to close the meeting.

Mária Szabó Bérces declared the meeting adjourned at 2:14 pm.

2017-18 MEETING DATES

FULL COURT	Sept 23, 2017	at Minnedosa
	November 17-18, 2017	at Trinity Brandon (out of rotation, due to Central Brandon previously booked)
	February 10, 2018	Central Brandon
	April 21, 2018	location to be determined
EXECUTIVE MEETINGS	Wednesday, October 18, 2017	10 am at Central United Brandon
	Wednesday, January 17, 2018	10 am "
	Wednesday, March 14, 2018	10 am "
	Wednesday, June 13, 2018	10 am "

Coral Meggison
Secretary
Assiniboine Presbytery

Mária Szabó Bérces
Chair
Assiniboine Presbytery