

**The United Church of Canada: Assiniboine Presbytery Full Court Meeting  
At Hamiota, Manitoba**

**16-12  
Saturday, September 17, 2016**

Attendance was as follows:

<u>Pastoral Charge</u>	<u>Lay Representatives</u>	<u>Ministry Staff</u>
Alexander Birtle/Minota	Linda Clark Rodney Smith	
Boissevain Brandon-Central	Faye Wilcox Dianne McAuley	Rolanda Taylor Doug Neufeld
Brandon-Knox	Marilyn VanWalleghem Susie McPherson Derendy	
Brandon-Trinity Cadurcis	Shirley Kernaghan	
Cornerstone Cromer/Hargrave	Joan Neumann	Heather Sandilands
Deloraine-Melita-Tilston	Coral Meggison Manson Moir	Allan Gairns
Elgin Elkhorn Hamiota	Sharon Johnson Fay Bridge Doreen Angus	Doug Martindale
Hartney/Lauder Kenton/Shiloh		Doug Craig
Killarney Minnedosa Minto	Flora Nichol Bud Amy	Mária Szabó Bérces Natasha Pearen
Newdale/Cardale Ninette Oak Lake Oak River	Fiona Hastie Agnes Moir	Don Sellsted
Reston/Pipestone	Joann Sauvé Judy Lothead	
Rivers Rolling River	Dianne Kowalchuk Edna Wells Cyndi Price	Glenna Beauchamp
Russell/Silverton Shilo (CFB)	Joan Clement	David Howell
Shoal Lake Souris/Elgin Strathclair	Krissy Teall Nancy Birks	Jamie Bradshaw Wendy Rankin
Virden Wallace Wawanesa/Brandon Hills	Lyn Fefchak	Janis Campbell Harvey Hurren
Members at Large:	Peggy Barrows, Peggy Bradshaw, Orville Renwick, Lois Thomas	
Retained/Retired:	David Barrows, Jan VanAertselaer	
YAA Y Representatives:	Sheena Meggison	
Conference Staff:		
Guests:		
Regrets:	Faye McLoughlin, Crystal Johnston, Lydia Glawson, John Sparrow, Marianne Olfrey, Darlynnne Smith, Neil Bok, Barb Jardine, Margret Kristjansson, Karen Maryniuk, Craig Miller, Milo Spooner Craig, Brenda Ferguson, Diane Janzen, Audrey Keeler, Verna Keeler	

**Call to Order:**

Past Chair, Allan Gairns called the court to order at 10:02 am, Saturday, September 17, 2016. The court was constituted and quorum was noted. (48 members present. Must be at least 1/3 of those Order of Ministry on Roll = at least 7 of 21; and at least 1/3 of those Lay on Roll other than those appointed as Designated Lay Ministers = at least 17 of 51)

The Court was welcomed to Hamiota United Church by Doug Martindale.

The Opening Worship was led by Doug Martindale, Natasha Pearen and Faye Bridge, with hymns accompanied by Dianne Kowalchuk. The theme of the worship was "Marking of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Church's Apology to First Nations."

Worship was opened with Acknowledging that we were meeting on Treaty 2 Land, and an explanation of the significance of acknowledging the Treaty Land.

Worship included words of Call to Worship by Rev. Susan Beaver of Grand River United Church; Scripture readings from Isaiah 58:9b-12 and Psalm 25; a ritual of repentance with those in attendance bringing forward rocks to create a cairn while listening to the words of the 1986 Apology and the 1988 Response.

Susie McPherson Derendy offered two First Nations songs: 'the Unity song' which is an honour song and 'Nia:wen' which is a song to give thanks.

We left the worship with Questions for Reflection: Is this your first time hearing the apology?; What did you feel as you heard these words?; The TRC asks us to do the following: -to educate congregations about the church's roll in colonization and residential schools, - train church leaders to respect indigenous spirituality, - funding community-controlled healing, language revitalization, and relationship building projects, - commemorate children who died at the schools. In our journey of Apology and Reconciliation, how might these Calls to Action help us live out the words of the Apology?

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

New ministers in our presbytery: Doug Neufeld at Trinity Brandon Pastoral Charge, and Rolanda Taylor at St Paul's Boissevain and Minto Pastoral Charges.

New Presbyter: Judy Lohead at Reston-Pipestone Pastoral Charge.

**Opening Motions**

**Motion # 23: Coral Meggison/ Lois Thomas**  
**That the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed with additions and corrections noted. CARRIED**

**Motion # 24: Coral Meggison / Heather Sandilands**  
**That all those who have registered as Ministry/Staff Personnel and Lay Representatives be the court for this meeting and all others registered as guests be made corresponding members for this meeting. CARRIED**

**Motion # 25: Coral Meggison / Mária Szabó Bérces**  
**That all those who have requested to leave early be permitted to do so. CARRIED**

**Motion # 26: Coral Meggison/ Glenna Beauchamp**  
**That the minutes from the Full Court meeting of Assiniboine Presbytery of April 16, 2016 be accepted with corrections noted.**  
-page 15-49: Motion #136, "for Cardale" should read "for Birtle";  
-page 15-49: Motion #137, "for Cardale" should read "for Reston";  
-page 15-51: Pastoral Relations report regarding Settlement Commission, point 3) Renewal of Appointment for Jamie Bradshaw should read effective July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.  
-page 15-51: UCW report – a correction to the information reported: delete the words "Westman Women's Shelter, also known as"  
**CARRIED**

**Motion # 27: Coral Meggison/ Faye Wilcox**  
**That the minutes from Assiniboine Presbytery Executive meetings of June 8, 2016, July 19, 2016, August 9, 2016 and September 1, 2016 be received for information as circulated. CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Coral Meggison**

Report attached as **Appendix A.**

Additional Correspondence: None

**Correspondence requiring attention:**

Letter dated May 26, 2016 from Ministry and Employment Unit

**ADMISSIONS** Coral Meggison read aloud the following names of Ministers to be recommended for Admission from other denominations to the Order of Ministry in the United Church of Canada per the circulation list May 26, 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Recommending Conference</u>
Kathleen Ballagh-Steeper	Presbyterian Church in Canada	London
David Koshy	Church of South India	Saskatchewan
Dinesh Gomes	Sri Lankan Council of Baptist Churches	Newfoundland and Labrador
Timothy Kennedy	United Methodist Church	Hamilton
Sun-Young Kim	Methodist Church in Kenya	British Columbia
Shun Cheong (James) Kong	Tsung Tsin Mission of Hong Kong	British Columbia
Alan Lai	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada	Toronto
Martha Jean Lockwood	Brethren in Christ	Hamilton
Sadekie Lyttle-Forbes	United Church in Jamaica and Cayman Islands	London
Simbarashe Mazhara	United Methodist Church in Zimbabwe	Newfoundland and Labrador
Simon Muwowo	United Church of Zambia	Newfoundland and Labrador
Ricardo Teixeira Silva	Southern Baptist Convention	Toronto
Kevin Steeper	Presbyterian Church in Canada	London
Hovhannes Svadjian	Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East	Montreal Ottawa

No objections or concerns were raised regarding the named ministers seeking Admission to the United Church of Canada. The court was informed that any objections must be in writing to the Executive Secretary of the recommending Conference.

**Motion # 28: Coral Meggison / Cyndi Price**  
**That the Correspondence Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Cyndi Price presented the report prepared by Diane Janzen**

- Verbal update to page 1 of the printed report: today, assessment payment was received from one pastoral charge that was outstanding for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, so the updated information is that for 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter two pastoral charges are outstanding and for 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 11 pastoral charges have payments outstanding that were due September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Total M & S offering today was \$288.55
- For the full report, see **Appendix B.**

**Motion # 29: Cyndi Price / Heather Sandilands**  
**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED**

Adjourned to committee meetings.

Lunch was served by Hamiota UCW.

Grace was given by singing More Voices #193 "God Bless to Us Our Bread".

Words of thanks for the lunch were delivered by Allan Gairns.

Gathering music was More Voices #1 "Let Us Build a House" accompanied by Dianne Kowalchuk.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**PASTORAL RELATIONS: Natasha Pearen**

CENTRAL BRANDON Milo Spooner Craig has accepted a GAP appointment as Central United Brandon.

ELGIN HALL CADURCIS Elgin Hall and Cadurcis Pastoral Charge have made an agreement for increased hours, and a new Service Agreement with Newdale and Cardale congregations.

**Motion #30:** **Natasha Pearen / Faye Wilcox**  
CHANGE IN PASTORAL RELATIONS **That Assiniboine Presbytery accept the request of Allan Gairns for a change in Pastoral Relations with Deloraine-Melita-Tilston Pastoral Charge by June 30, 2017. CARRIED**

**Motion # 31:** **Natasha Pearen / Joan Neumann**  
JNAC BIRTLE-MINIOTA **That Assiniboine Presbytery approve Jamie Bradshaw as a Presbytery Representative to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee of Birtle-Miniota Pastoral Charge. CARRIED**

**Motion # 32** **Natasha Pearen / Marilyn VanWallegem**  
JNAC DELORAINE-MELTITA-TILSTON **That Assiniboine Presbytery approve Heather Sandilands as Ministry Representative and Joan Neumann as Lay Representative to the Joint Needs Assessment Committee of Deloraine-Melita-Tilston Pastoral Charge. CARRIED**

JNAC WORKSHOP Pastoral Relations committee will be holding a One-day Presbytery-wide JNAC workshop November 3, 9:30 am-4 pm, tentatively at Trinity Brandon. Bring your own bag lunch.

JNAC TEMPLATE Conference Settlement Commission is asking presbyteries to now use a "fill in the blank" standardized template for our JNAC Reports.

**Motion # 33:** **Natasha Pearen / Don Sellsted**  
**That Assiniboine Presbytery adopt the use of Conference Settlement Commission's JNAC Report template. CARRIED**

**Motion #34:** **Natasha Pearen / Don Sellsted**  
SET MINIMUM TELEPHONE COSTS **That Assiniboine Presbytery adopt the recommendation of the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Settlement Commission to set the minimum telephone costs paid to ministry personnel at \$35 per month. CARRIED**

**Motion #35:** **Natasha Pearen / Fiona Hastie**  
RETAINED ON THE ROLL **That Assiniboine Presbytery retain on the roll Margret Kristjansson with appropriate paperwork for the pastoral year ending June 30, 2017. CARRIED**

NEW COMPENSATION MODEL A number of pastoral charges within Assiniboine Presbytery have yet to move to the 'New Compensation Model'. While this is not mandatory until 2018, it is important that pastoral charges not wait until the deadline to complete this transition process.  
If your Pastoral Charge plans to move to the New Compensation Model in 2017, please complete the Transition Worksheet and submit to both Pastoral Relations who will forward to Conference Settlement Commission.

2017 SALARY The 2017 Salary Schedule is now available online.

**AFFIRMING MINISTRIES: David Howell**

The committee has a prospective new committee member.

There are some pastoral charges considering beginning the process of becoming Affirming Ministries. This committee provides support to those pastoral charges.

**RAINBOW CANDLE** Heather Sandilands is in the process of creating a new pattern for a Rainbow Candle, such that the colours of the rainbow will be in vertical bands, so no colour disappears as the candle burns down. These candles will be available for sale as of the November Full Court meeting. The proceeds will be fundraising for the Affirm Committee.

**EDUCATION, STUDENTS & CHURCH VOCATIONS: Heather Sandilands**

**SACRAMENT TRAINING** October 29<sup>th</sup> training session for anyone interested in learning about sacraments. This is not restricted to those seeking to be trained as a Sacrament Elder, but would be suitable to meet the requirements of Sacrament Elder training. The location will be determined to be central to the participants, so please register by October 15<sup>th</sup> with Jamie Bradshaw [jbradshaw@binscarth.net](mailto:jbradshaw@binscarth.net)

A reminder that every congregation is encouraged to have at least one person trained as a Sacrament Elder to be prepared in the case that the congregation is unexpectedly without ministry personnel.

**VISITING CLERGY FEE SURVEY** A reminder that the fee for having Visiting Clergy is minimum \$206 plus mileage. No court of the church is able to set minimum amounts for lay worship providers. Please discuss with your Board(s) how much your pastoral charge does or would pay for pulpit supply provided by the following categories: Clergy, Licensed Lay Worship Leaders, Non-Licensed Lay Worship Leaders. Please provide your gathered information to Heather Sandilands [cornerstonepc@mymts.net](mailto:cornerstonepc@mymts.net)

**REVISIONS TO PULPIT SUPPLY LIST** Please make the following corrections/revision to the Pulpit Supply list that was emailed on April 23, 2016:  
Remove: Rose Kieper  
Remove: Jan VanAertselaer  
Correct: Gail Sheperd Clark email address: [gsheperdclark@clarkagencies.com](mailto:gsheperdclark@clarkagencies.com)  
Revise: Gail Sheperd availability: April, May, June, September, October

**FAVOURITE RESOURCES** At the Licensed Lay Worship Leaders gatherings, we compiled a list of favourite resources. If you would like a copy of this list, please contact Heather Sandilands [cornerstonepc@mts.net](mailto:cornerstonepc@mts.net)

**LLWL ONLINE COURSE** Register early at [united-in-learning.com](http://united-in-learning.com)  
October 11, 7 pm Orientation class.  
Bursaries are available.

**NOMINATIONS: Allan Gairns**

**VACANCIES** Chair Presbytery Planning committee.  
UCW North Representative is needed. The members of UCW groups north of Highway #1 need to name a representative to Assiniboine Presbytery.

**OUTREACH, JUSTICE & EDUCATION:**

**Young Adults And Youth (YAAY) Committee Report– Sheena Meggison**

**EXPLORERS** Two Explorers came to our conference this summer. One in Northwestern Ontario, a second in Winnipeg working with 'One Just-City'.

**NEECHI** YAAY committee was involved in the planning of NEECHI camp, which was held at the Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre, near Beausejour, August 12-14. All Native Circle Conference and our MNWO Conference each invited 7 young people to participate in the camp. Three of the youth that attended the camp were from Assiniboine Presbytery. The intention of Neechi Camp is to bring together indigenous and non-indigenous youth (ages 12-15) to gather for a unique intercultural experience. It was a

space for campers to interact and learn from one another. It is an opportunity to learn about the legacy of Residential Schools and the Church's involvement in the Indian Residential School system.

**ANNUAL YAAY WEEKEND MEETING** The Annual YAAY weekend meeting, where much of the planning of the youth events for the year happens, will be in October.

**ALF** Annual Fall Youth Retreat, Carman United Church, October 21-23.  
Theme: "Back to the Basics"  
Find registration and information on the MNWO conference website

**UCW report - Darlyne Smith's printed report & verbal report presented by Lois Thomas, Assiniboine Presbytery UCW Supply Convenor**  
**2016 MNWO UCW RALLY** The annual rally was held at Wilderness Edge Retreat and Conference Centre, Pinawa, Manitoba, June 10-12.  
For Darlyne Smith's printed report on the MNWO Conference 2016 UCW Rally, see **Appendix C**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS** -Conference UCW meet at Harrow Church in Winnipeg on October 18<sup>th</sup> 19, 2016  
-Assiniboine UCW Rally will be Thursday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Trinity United, Brandon. Poster will be out shortly.  
Speaker: Barbara McNish Topic: "Mary's House" in Brandon  
-National UCW 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, BC. Dates: July 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.  
Primary Speaker: Ann Mortify  
Musician: Linnea Good  
There are bursaries available to assist in the costs of attending the 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. April 1, 2017 application deadline.

**NORTHERN RESERVES SUPPLY** Gardewine North will deliver boxes of donated items free to northern reserves, but request shipment of enough boxes to fill a palette, approximately 8-10 boxes.

**NEWSLETTER** "Keeping in Touch" National UCW newsletter is sent to each pastoral charge.

**Outreach, Justice & Education Committee Report – Krissy Teall**

**M&S FUND-RAISER OPPORTUNITY** "The Four Men Sing" is a group from Toronto who perform strictly on a volunteer basis. This group is interested in travelling to Manitoba if there is sufficient interest for a number of concerts in the area. They stipulate that at least half of the proceeds of the concert, after the Administration Fee is paid, must go to The Mission and Service of the United Church of Canada.  
If your congregation is interested in hosting this group in Spring 2017, contact Judy Lochhead, Reston United, 204-877-3546, [jrloch@mts.net](mailto:jrloch@mts.net)  
For more information about the group and the fundraising opportunity, go on the internet to [www.thefourmen.org](http://www.thefourmen.org)

**MOBILE LEARNING CENTRE** Update regarding the 'Brandon Indian Residential School Mobile Learning Centre:  
Physical Progress: 24 of 28 photos have been printed and are ready for display. 21 easels have been ordered. They are lightweight and collapsible for ease of transporting.  
Financial update: Thank you to those congregations who have supported this project with congregational fundraising in the amount of \$3255.15  
It is projected that there will be \$1591.89 remaining of the funds donated and granted to this project after the costs of obtaining and printing the photos and purchasing display easels.  
For the full Travelling Exhibition/Mobile Learning Centre Financial report, see **Appendix D**.



**Remit 2 – Summary, Vote**

Elimination of Transfer and Settlement

Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree that: (a) the processes of transfer and settlement for members of the order of ministry within the United Church be eliminated, including the elimination of the General Council Transfer Committee; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

The question of Remit 2 were reviewed. There was summarizing discussion for clarification. The gathered voted 'YES' in response to Remit 2 question.

**Break**

**Workshop on Remits 5, 7, 8**

**led by GC Commissioners Cyndi Price and Heather Sandilands**

Remits 5, 7, 8 were presented for information.

There was table-group discussion, with each table reviewing one remit.

Each table group brought questions of concern or comments pertaining to the remit that they reviewed. The questions/comments were compiled by Heather Sandilands with the intention to bring answers or clarification to the November full court meeting.

Further questions/comments about remits 5, 7, 8 can be emailed to Heather Sandilands at [cornerstonepc@mymts.net](mailto:cornerstonepc@mymts.net)

Upcoming Remit workshop: Friday evening, November 18 at Trinity Brandon

Informational and educational session on Remits 1, 3, 4 which are to be voted on by Pastoral Charges and Presbyteries by June 30, 2017

Open to all congregational members and presbyters.

Presbyters and congregational members are asked to read the background information available at [www.GC42.ca/remits](http://www.GC42.ca/remits) and have congregational discussions in advance of the November 18<sup>th</sup> workshop, in order to bring questions and comments to the workshop for further discussion and clarification.

**Business arising and Unfinished Business:**

**Nominations:** Doug Neufeld volunteered to chair Presbytery Planning committee.

**Motion #40:** Allan Gairns / Cyndi Price

**That Assiniboine Presbytery name Doug Neufeld as Chair of Presbytery Planning committee. CARRIED**

**New 2016 Manual Requirement:**

**Motion #41:** Krissy Teall / David Howell

**POSTING OF MINUTES That Assiniboine Presbytery make all minutes of the court available on the Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario website. CARRIED**

**Scheduling of Presbytery-wide Events/Workshop/Meetings**

Requests have been received to look again at the pros and cons of scheduling Presbytery-wide events, workshops and meetings on Saturdays as opposed to a weekday. Several years ago Assiniboine Presbytery chose to have full court meetings on Saturday, to enable folks with Monday to Friday jobs to be able to be presbyters and be able to attend meetings.

Pros and cons to Saturday full court meetings were voiced. This issue can be further deliberated by Presbytery Planning committee.

Committees planning presbytery-wide workshops may consider offering the event at two time-slots in the day, such as afternoon and evening.



**PASTORAL CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Pierson community celebrated 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The Pierson United Church put a float in the parade including a model of the original church.
- Hamiota congregation worshipped in the Oakner United Church building which is located at Hamiota fairgrounds.
- Wallace United Church held a service in June, which they called a 'Reunion Service'. A baptism was celebrated.
- Forrest United is having a dedication service Sept 18, to celebrate new windows in the church which are to be resilient to stones flying from traffic on Hwy 10. These windows were funded entirely by special donations.
- Many treasures have been re-homed from Binscarth United which disbanded as of June 2015. Recently the pulpit went to a small congregation in Calgary. The pastor of this congregation grew up in Binscarth. The communion set went to a very large church congregation in Zambia. Binscarth received a video recording of high-spirited dedication service.
- Many fall suppers were announced. Heather Sandilands offered to compile a list of Fall Suppers & forward this list to secretary, Coral Meggison for circulation. Email your Fall supper date and information to Heather Sandilands at [cornerstonepc@mymts.net](mailto:cornerstonepc@mymts.net)
- Kenton-Shiloh pastoral charge held a Worship by the Lakeside the last Sunday in July.

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED COMMUNITY: were led by Allan Gairns.

**Motion # 42: Cyndi Price / Wendy Rankin**  
ENABLING **That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive be empowered to act on all matters**  
MOTION **which may arise, from the rise of this meeting until the next scheduled**  
**meeting of Assiniboine Presbytery Full Court.** **CARRIED**  
1 opposed

ADJOURN Allan Gairns declared the meeting adjourned at 3:55 pm.

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

<b>FULL COURT:</b>	November 18 & 19, 2016	at Trinity Brandon
	February 25, 2017	at Knox Brandon
	April 29, 2017	location to be determined

<b>EXECUTIVE:</b>	Wednesday, October 26, 2016	10 am	Central United Brandon
	Wednesday, January 25, 2017	10 am	"
	Wednesday, March 22, 2017	10 am	"
	Wednesday, June 14, 2017	10 am	"

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Coral Meggison  
Secretary

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Allan Gairns  
Chair