

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

**16-26**

**Friday/Saturday, November 18-19, 2016**

Attendance was as follows:

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

**Call to Order:**

Craig Miller called the court to order at 7:13 pm, Friday, November 18, 2016.  
Friday evening, there were 43 members, 1 conference staff, and 7 guests in attendance.  
The Court was welcomed to Trinity United Brandon by Craig Miller.  
Craig opened the meeting with prayer.

WORKSHOP Remit 1: Three Council Model Information Seminar  
General Council 2015 Commissioners, Heather Sandilands and Cyndi Price led a table group discussion and recording of observations comparing the present Four Council Model to the proposed Three Council Model.

**Motion # 53: Heather Sandilands / Cyndi Price**  
ADJOURN **That the Friday evening portion of the November 18-19, 2016 meeting be adjourned at 9:04 pm, to meet again at 10 am Saturday. CARRIED**

**Call to Order:**

CALL TO ORDER Craig Miller called the court to order at 10:07 am, Saturday, November 19, 2016. The court was constituted and quorum was noted. (49 members present. Must be at least 1/3 of those Order of Ministry on Roll = at least 7 of 19; and at least 1/3 of those Lay on Roll other than those appointed as Designated Lay Ministers = at least 17 of 49)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE LAND, Treaty 2 Land.

The Court was welcomed to Trinity United Church Brandon by Craig Miller.

INTRODUCTIONS: Manitoba Northwestern Ontario Conference President, Joey Dearborn

**Opening Motions**

**Motion # 54: Coral Meggison/Doug Neufeld**  
**That the agenda be adopted as printed and distributed with additions and corrections noted. CARRIED**

**Motion # 55: Coral Meggison/Doug Neufeld**  
**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 # 56: Coral Meggison/Doug Neufeld**  
**That all those who have requested to leave early be permitted to do so. CARRIED**

**Motion # 57: Coral Meggison/Doug Neufeld**  
**That the minutes from the Full Court meeting of Assiniboine Presbytery of September 17, 2016 be accepted with corrections noted.**  
In the heading of each page: 'at Wawanesa', should read 'at Hamiota'  
page 16-12: in the attendance list, move Doug Neufeld from Brandon-Central to Brandon- Trinity;  
**CARRIED**

**Motion # 58: Coral Meggison/Doug Neufeld**  
**That the minutes from Assiniboine Presbytery Executive meetings of October 5, 2016 and October 26, 2016 be received for information as circulated. CARRIED**

#### RAINBOW CANDLE

Allan Gairns showed and explained the newly developed Candle Kit which uses transparent sleeves around a clear plastic cylinder, in which is placed a pillar candle. Various transparent sleeves can be made with images printed from a computer printer. Images might be the Rainbow, the United Church Crest, Church Season images. Allan had a limited supply of kits available at cost for \$13. Supplies to prepare a kit are available at floral shops, Micheals craft store, Staples.

#### OPENING WORSHIP

The opening worship was led by Doug Neufeld and Shirley Kernaghan of Trinity United Brandon with hymns accompanied by Dianne Kowalchuk. The theme of the worship was based on Jeremiah 23:1-6: "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!' declares the Lord"... "I will place shepherds over them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,' declares the Lord."

#### INSTALLATION OF CHAIRPERSON

Worship included a service of installing Craig Miller as our new Chairperson of Assiniboine Presbytery.

#### LIGHTING OF RAINBOW CANDLE

#### **CORRESPONDENCE REPORT: Coral Meggison**

Report attached as **Appendix A**.

Additional Correspondence: None

#### **Correspondence requiring attention:**

Letter dated October 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 October 26, 2016.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Denomination</u>	<u>Recommending Conference</u>
Benjamin Adekunle Adeniyi	African Church in Nigeria	Newfoundland & Labrador
Joel Saavedra Aguirre	Cordillera Southern Ministries Baptist Churches	Toronto
Demanya Kofi Akoussah	Eglise Evangelique Presbyterienne Togo	Montreal and Ottawa
Milton Basil	Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist	Toronto
Moses Bogatsu	Dutch Reformed Church in Botswana	Newfoundland & Labrador
James Philip Brown	Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	Hamilton
Epse Kamta (Florence) Bukam	Evangelical Church of Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Michael Brandon Carter	Southern Baptist Convention	Toronto
Yuan-Tai (James) Chang	Non-denominational Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Hosuk Chung	United Methodist Church	Toronto
Andrew Nicholas Forrester	United Church in Jamaica	Hamilton
Richard Hamilton	Free Methodist Church in Canada	Bay of Quinte
Youngho Jang	Korean Methodist Church	Montreal and Ottawa
Christian Kakez-A-Kapend	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
Jin Soo (Joshua) Kang	Presbyterian Church in Canada	Manitou
Kurt William Katzmar	Church of Christ USA	Alberta North West
Yong Shik Kim	Presbyterian Church of Korea	Toronto
Yun Jung (Julia) Kim	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto

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Frederick Aaron Kitonga	Methodist Church in Kenya	Toronto
Andrew Kinoti Lairenge	The Methodist Church in Kenya	Alberta North West
Pieter Andre Le Roux	Dutch Reformed Church of South Africa	British Columbia
Kun Young (Andrew) Lee	Presbyterian Church in the Republic of Korea	Toronto
Kamta Isaac Makarios	Eglise Evangelique du Cameroun	Montreal and Ottawa
Zachariah Mandara	Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania	Bay of Quinte
John Azam Masih	Presbyterian Church of Pakistan	Toronto
Grace Mercy Tsitsi Mazhandu	Methodist Revival Church	Saskatchewan
Mizeki Mndola	Church of Central Africa Presbyterian	Saskatchewan
Samuel Mpereh	The Methodist Church Ghana	Toronto
Floyd Hati Mvundura	Canadian Baptists of Western Canada	Alberta North West
Schalk Willem Naude	Dutch Reformed Church	Alberta North West
Amos Ndhumbi	Methodist Church in Zimbabwe	Saskatchewan
Lloyd Nyarota	United Methodist Church	Alberta North West
John Calvin Jr. Rhoad	Presbyterian Church USA	Alberta North West
George John Rowaan	Christian Reformed Church	London
Donald Selvanayagam	Congregational Church in America Samoa	Alberta North West
Donald Schmidt	United Church of Christ USA	British Columbia
Kumar Thangarajah	Methodist Church of Sri Lanka	Toronto
Kari Pekka Tolppanen Hattula	Pentecostal Church, Finland	Hamilton
David Cameron Watts	Canadian Baptists of Ontario and Quebec	Toronto
Jean-Daniel Williams	Cooperative Baptist Fellowship	Montreal and Ottawa
Chiung hao (Moses) Wu	Taiwanese Presbyterian Church	Toronto
Pierre Claudel Zephyr	Methodist Church in the Caribbean and Americas	Hamilton

The court was informed that any objections must be in writing to the Executive Secretary of the recommending Conference.

**Motion # 59: Coral Meggison / Neil Bok**  
**That the Correspondence Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED**

**TREASURER'S REPORT: Diane Janzen**

- \$3200 has been deposited since the printed report was prepared.
- All pastoral charges have 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter assessments paid in full.
- 18 pastoral charges have yet to pay their 4<sup>th</sup> quarter assessment which is due Dec 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Regarding page #3, Other income of \$2205 is Registration fees for the workshop held in June.
- Total M & S offering today was \$233.10
- For the full report, see **Appendix B**.

**Motion # 60: Diane Janzen / Heather Sandilands**  
**That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. CARRIED**

**BUDGET** The budget was introduced by Diane Janzen, who explained the various changes from 2016, as noted in the written draft. A time of questions and answers followed.

Adjourned to committee meetings.

Lunch was served by Trinity UCW.

Grace was led by Sheena Meggison, leading "Johnny Appleseed".  
Words of thanks for the lunch were delivered by Doug Neufeld.

Gathering music was led by Doug Neufeld, accompanied by Dianne Kowalchuk, singing VU389  
"God is Here".

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**AFFIRMING MINISTRIES: David Howell**

- A couple of pastoral charges are continuing in their exploring and discussions around considering becoming Affirming Ministry Pastoral Charges.
- November 20<sup>th</sup> is Transgender Day of Remembrance.
- Transgender Memorial Services will be held at noon at Knox United Brandon, and a candle light vigil at 6:30 pm at Brandon University.
- Tuesday, Nov 22 at St Paul's United Boissevain, a LGBT support group will be meeting.
- Minnedosa United will be leading Blanket Exercise Events: in December and two in the new year.

**NOMINATIONS: Allan Gairns**

As of Jan 1, 2017, Chair of Nominations Committee will be vacant, as well as Ministry Representative to the Settlement Commission/member of Pastoral Relations committee, due to Alan Gairns transferring out of presbytery. Outreach committee also in need of a Chair of the committee, due to Krissy Teall stepping down from the position.

**Motion #61:** **Allan Gairns / Barb Jardine**  
OUTREACH **That Cyndi Price be elected as chair of the Assiniboine Presbytery Outreach, Justice and Education committee. CARRIED**

**Motion #62:** **Allan Gairns / Lois Thomas**  
NOMINATING **That Barb Jardine be elected as chair of the Assiniboine Presbytery Nominations committee. CARRIED**

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

TRAINING A very successful Sacrament Elder Training Event was held Oct 28-29. There will probably be another event offered in spring 2017.

BUDGET Could reduce the committee's budget line for 2017 from \$800 to \$600.

PULPIT SUPPLY REMUNERATION The General Council prescribed fee for Pulpit Supply is for Ordered Ministers. The set fee includes an allowance for the housing component. Removing the housing component, which would be appropriate for Lay Pulpit Supply providers, leaves a remaining fee of \$166.00. It has been suggested that pastoral charges have a conversation about what is a FAIR remuneration for Lay Pulpit Supply providers. Congregations are encouraged to pay promptly to pulpit supply providers, on the day the service is provided.

**Motion #63:** **Jamie Bradshaw / Heather Sandilands**  
**That Assiniboine Presbytery recommend a minimum fee of \$166.00 plus mileage as remuneration for one worship service provided by a Lay Pulpit Supply provider. CARRIED**

Note: Past practice has been to pay additional \$25.00 remuneration plus applicable mileage for each additional worship service provided in a multi-point pastoral charge.

LLWL TRAINING Refer to [www.united-in-learning.com](http://www.united-in-learning.com) for information about online LLWL courses. New course registration opens in February 2017.

**OUTREACH, JUSTICE & EDUCATION: Chair-Krissy Teall**

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

STRATH-CLAIR Strathclair UCW has decided to disband. There will be a service of recognition on November 27. We can hold this group and congregation in our prayers in this time of closure.

PHOTO-GRAPHIC EXHIBIT October 29<sup>th</sup> was the Unveiling of the Brandon Indian Residential School Photographic Exhibit and Service of Remembering. Very positive feedback. A great article in The Brandon Sun. The exhibit will be available to borrow starting in March. To book the Exhibit contact Krissy Teall 204-759-3437 or [krissy.teall@gmail.com](mailto:krissy.teall@gmail.com)

Our thanks is extended to Brandon Photographics, who did great work and gave a significant discount.

Now the committee is working on more resources that will tell the story. Printing these resources will require further funding.

**Motion #64: Cyndi Price / Karen Maryniuk**

**That we transfer the remaining unused 2016 Outreach, Justice and Education Budget line amount of \$124.30 to the Heart Bank Project.**

**CARRIED  
1 opposed**

STEWARDSHIP The Salt & Light Giving Program Stewardship Toolkit was promoted for congregations to use.

M&S ENTHUSIAST Faye McLoughlin agreed to be our Presbytery Mission and Service Fund Enthusiast contact person.

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

-The annual weekend meeting of the YAAY committee was held at Central United Brandon November 4-6.

-The new Conference YAAY Program Coordinator Staff (1/3 contract) is Twila MacNair.

-The annual ALF youth retreat was held in Carman in October. Theme: “Back to the Basics”, about our United Church history and what makes us neat.

-Zeebu 2017 Youth Retreat will be held in Neepawa, Feb 18-20. Theme: Faith in Film. Registration will be available online soon.

-YAG, an evening of conversation get-together for Young Adults is being planned for Friday, Jan 13.

-The EXPLORER PROJECT, a new initiative to invite young adults into an adventure in another partnering conference.

Seeking Host Sites and Participants.

Host sites in the partnering conference would offer an exciting experience of contemporary church identity, mission and ministry.

Application deadline November 27 to Shannon McCarthy at Conference Office.

-Rendezvous 2017 – Montreal, August 16-19, 2017. National Youth Gathering, wonderful experience. The YAAY committee is working to provide partial funding for 14 youth from the conference. Google: Rendezvous 2017 for more information.

For information regarding the partial funding contact Twila MacNair at

[tmacnair@confmwo.mb.ca](mailto:tmacnair@confmwo.mb.ca)

PRESBYTERY A ‘mini’ one-day retreat, September 2017, to be held in conjunction with the YOUTH EVENT September Presbytery meetings in each presbytery. It will be planned and led by the Assiniboine Presbytery YAAY representatives. Will include theme time: “Creation”, Photo Scavenger Hunt, and Interaction with the full court meeting. The intent is that youth will be able to carpool with their local pastoral charge presbytery rep.

**Motion # 65: Sheena Meggison / Heather Sandilands**  
YOUTH **That Assiniboine Presbytery fund up to \$200 to host the lunch for youth**  
EVENT **participants at the September Assiniboine Presbytery Youth Event to be**  
LUNCH **held concurrent with the Presbytery Full Court meeting. CARRIED**

### UCW Reports

#### Report from Conference UCW – Darlyne Smith

- Jean Hutching, Trinity Brandon UCW was presented with a Life Membership pin
- The Pierson UCW has been hosting a back table at the Carnival of Crafts in Pierson, annually for 37 years.
- Trinity UCW annual Thanksgiving Tea Oct 6<sup>th</sup> generated \$1400 profit.
- Conference UCW met at Harrow Church, Winnipeg, Oct 18-19, with reps from Dryden, Hartney, Brandon, Baldur, Portage, Selkirk and Winnipeg.
- Any women who would like to continue to be part of UCW if the local unit has disbanded can be an independent member by paying the \$5.00 annual fee.
- Conference UCW needs a representative from Assiniboine North.
- Assiniboine Women's Day Rally was held at Trinity Brandon, Oct 27<sup>th</sup> with 50 in attendance, with speakers: Barbara McNish-Mary's House, and Laura McDougald Williams-Meighen Haddad.
- National UCW 55<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be held at University of British Columbia, July 10-14, 2017. Anyone interested please contact any UCW Rep. Group travel arrangements are being discussed. Anniversary pins are available from Darlyne Smith.
- Women's Oral History Project event was held at University of Winnipeg, Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. Milo Spooner Craig attended and encourages folks to become involved. It is a definitive training program to take an oral history from someone to be archived. There is funding. It is an opportunity to hear the stories of Lay, Ordered, any women of the United Church, and their time in their church.

For Darlyne's full report see **Appendix C**.

#### Report from Supply Coordinator – Lois Thomas

- Samaritan House needs: Food, warm clothing, bedding; they serve 155 meals per day.
- Mary's House in Brandon: one building with four 2 bedroom apartments. Mary's House buys new pillows for each new resident. Needed: sheets, pillowcases, towels, washcloths, dishtowels. Used goods are fine. A family can stay for one month. When families move to their new home they take with them the supplies they have been provided in Mary's House. Children are transported to safe schools.
- Rural women in need of help are advised to call a friend, minister, church, organization or lodge.
- Laura McDougall Williams shared important legal tips pertaining to women regarding Wills, Enduring Power of Attorney, Health Care Directive, Common Law marriage

#### **PASTORAL CHARGE OVERSIGHT & SUPPORT: Lyn Fefchak**

OVERSIGHT Cromer oversight visit has been completed.  
VISITS Two more pastoral charge visits are pending.

**Motion #66: Wendy Rankin / Fay Bridge**  
OAK LAKE **That Assiniboine Presbytery give permission to Oak Lake Pastoral Charge**  
MANSE **to have access to manse funds up to the amount of \$2000 if needed for the**  
FUNDS **repairs of the fascia and soffits for the Oak Lake church. CARRIED**

REMITTS Pastoral Charge Supervisors are asked to encourage their pastoral charges to complete the Remit Voting.

ANNUAL MEETING QUORUM Coral Meggison read aloud Shannon McCarthy's letter of October 28' 2016, regarding congregational annual meeting quorum. Congregations and Pastoral Charges are referred to the 'Manual 2016' which is available online, to ensure that quorum requirements are met at their annual meetings. The quorum definitions were revised in the 'Manual 2016'.

**PASTORAL RELATIONS: Natasha Pearen**

SETTLEMENT The Commission met November 8, 2016.

COMMISSION Settlement Commission Report for Nov 8, 2016 is attached as **Appendix D**.  
The following action was taken on behalf of Assiniboine Presbytery:  
1) Approved the TRANSFER of Muriel Gray (Retired Ordained Minister) from Northland Presbytery to Assiniboine Presbytery effective November 15, 2016.

JNAC JNAC processes transfer from presbytery to Settlement Commission as of Jan 1, 2017.  
The JNAC Template is now available in Draft form. This draft form is to be used until the Official form is released.

**Motion #67: Natasha Pearen / Don Sellsted**  
SABBATICAL **That Assiniboine Presbytery approve the Sabbatical Leave of Heather**  
HEATHER **Sandilands from Cornerstone Pastoral Charge from August 8 to November**  
SANDILANDS **8, 2017. CARRIED**

**Motion # 68: Natasha Pearen / Don Sellsted**  
LEAVE OF **That Assiniboine Presbytery approve the request for a paid leave of**  
ABSENCE **absence for Jamie Bradshaw from Westminster United Church Shoal**  
JAMIE **Lake from April 1 to June 30, 2017. CARRIED**  
BRADSHAW

This fills the available Sabbatical leaves for summer 2017 for our presbytery.

JNACs Oak Lake-Griswold, and Hamiota pastoral charges' JNAC processes will move under Settlement responsibility as of January 1, 2017. Settlement reps will be appointed at that time.

PCS Pastoral Charge Supervisors are reminded to submit unclaimed mileage for 2016 to Natasha Pearen by December 1, 2016.

Budget Pastoral Relations committee requests an increase to their 2017 Budget line from \$800 to \$900.

**PRESBYTERY PLANNING: Doug Neufeld**

FEB MEETING February 25<sup>th</sup> at Knox Brandon.  
Looking for worship leaders.

APRIL April 29<sup>th</sup> at Killarney  
MEETING also need volunteers for worship

SEPT Location to be determined. Aim to be central to minimize travel distance for  
MEETING potential youth event participants.

**CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Barb Jardine**

- Craig Miller and Barb Jardine attended the Conference Executive meeting Nov 9<sup>th</sup> in Winnipeg.
- Shannon McCarthy has begun her job-sharing with Alberta & Northwest Conference. She will now be away from MNWO office one week per month for eight months per year.
- Conference President, Joey Dearborn will have visited all presbyteries twice by May 2017.
- The Moderator was hosted in MNWO. The Moderator has set a goal to visit every Indigenous Community with a church.
- MNWO Settlement Commission will be taking over all Pastoral Relations work as they are moving into the responsibilities as Regions.
- Northland Presbytery celebrated becoming an Affirming Presbytery.
- Visioning and Critical Reflection committee highlighted the apology to the LGBT Community. How are we living into this?



- Winnipeg Presbytery guest speaker, head of U of M Indigenous Studies, talked on 'We are all Treaty People'.
- MNWO conference is \$21301 under budget for 2016.
- Next meeting in March.

For Full Report see **Appendix E.**

**CONFERENCE STAFF: Joan Jarvis**

- Joan brought greetings from Cambrian and Agassiz Presbyteries.
- Thanks to technology, Shannon McCarthy and Bill Doyle are both available when they are physically in either conference.
- Twila MacNair was welcomed as contract Youth Ministry Staff, 10hrs per week.
- Ministry of Supervision training is open to Ordered and Lay who want to be able to supervise a student. Nov 17, 2016 deadline to register.
- mileage minimum has reduced to \$.39/km from \$.41/km
- it is encouraged and requested that presbyteries and pastoral charges send in completed Remit Vote results as the voting is completed. Do not hold back the forms until all the voting has been completed.
- Unsettling Goods Campaign – Gift Peace box is available for purchase. Sales go to help Palestinian farmers.
- Diakonia Community has provided remit resource information which has been forwarded to all presbyters with email. To also be sent to presbyters without email.

**Motion # 69: Faye McLoughlin / Milo Spooner Craig**  
**That all the reports be accepted as presented.**

**CARRIED**

**Greetings and News from MNWO Conference President – Joey Dearborn**

- The Annual Meeting will be held in Portage la Prairie at CanadInns-reserve rooms early.
- Theme "Being Church-Not because we Have To"
- Business will be on Thursday and Friday (less business than on a GC year)
- Saturday will be workshops and learning opportunities. Workshops will fall under the themes: Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults, Ecology/Green Spirituality, and Indigenous Relations.
- Submit workshop ideas to Joey.
- The moderator will be in attendance and will lead worship on Sunday.
- Joey advocates for a 2 year president term.

**Recognition and Farewell**

This is Allan Gairns' last presbytery meeting with us as he will be transferring out of Assiniboine Presbytery. Allan was recognized for his 2 years as Chair of Presbytery, and for his work on the presbytery website. Prayers and best wishes were shared for Allan.

**VOTING ON REMITS 5, 7, 8, 1, 3, 4**

**Remit #5:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery agree that: (a) ministers of denominations within mutual recognition agreements ("ministry partners"), while under appointment or call, are full members of the presbytery, and equivalent to ordered ministers of the United Church in respect to membership and responsibilities in the courts of the church; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this policy?

There was request for the vote on all the remits to be by blind ballot.  
Joan Jarvis and Joey Dearborn volunteered to be scrutineers.

Voting on Remit #5 by ballot was completed.

**Motion #70: David Howell / Faye Wilcox.**  
**To Extend the Order of the Day until voting and business of the day is completed.** **CARRIED**

The resulting Vote on Remit #5: YES

**Remit #7:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery agree that: (a) the seven-phase Candidacy Pathway policy as set out in Appendix "A" as approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council 2015 be implemented; and (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Voting on Remit #7 was completed by ballot.  
The resulting Vote on Remit #7: YES

**Remit #8:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery agree that: (a) the full members of a local ministry unit may consent to allow adherents to vote on all matters that come before meetings of the local ministry unit; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this policy?

Voting on Remit #8 was completed by ballot.  
The resulting Vote on Remit #8: YES

**Remit #1:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery agree that: (a) the United Church be re-organized into the three-council model approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council 2015; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Voting on Remit #1 was completed by ballot.  
The resulting Vote on Remit #1: YES

**Remit #3:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery agree that: (a) a denominational office of vocation be established in the structure of the United Church, with responsibilities and structure as approved by the 42<sup>nd</sup> General Council 2015; and that (b) the Basis of Union be amended to reflect this change?

Voting on Remit #3 was completed by ballot.  
The resulting Vote on Remit #3: YES

**Remit #4:** Cyndi Price read aloud the background information and The Question: Does the presbytery/pastoral charge agree to a new funding model for the United Church with the budgeting process guided by the following principles? (1) use Mission and Service to fund ministry and mission activities; (2) fund governance and support services of other courts/councils by assessing communities of faith/pastoral charges; (3) share assessments equitably across the whole church; (4) permit Conferences/presbyteries/regional councils to use additional resources for regional purposes; and (5) encourage sharing of all resources across the church.

Voting on Remit #4 was completed by ballot.  
The resulting Vote on Remit #4: YES

**Motion #71: Heather Sandilands / Natasha Pearen**  
**That all ballots be destroyed.**

**CARRIED**

**PASTORAL CELEBRATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

-Trinity Brandon is pleased to host Strathclair Singers on Saturday, Nov 26.

-Knox Brandon is hosting Sharing Circles for Indigenous and Non-indigenous people; Monday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm; "The gift of Reconciliation".

- South Mountain Refugee Sponsoring Committee-Erikson and Minnedosa are seeking those interested in providing financial and other support in sponsoring a refugee family.
- Cyndi Price shared information about 'Bannock in the Park' which is happening at Princess Park every second Sunday. To honour a 'Life of Giving'. Serving homeless persons bannock and soup. This program relies on donations of flour, baking powder, oil, soup fixings, fresh fruit.
- Rolanda Taylor's Covenanting Service Nov 20<sup>th</sup> 7 pm at St Paul's United, Boissevain.
- Russell UCW as started reporting in weekly Sunday power-point messages, pie charts of where their financial resources come from and in a second pie chart where the money goes.

**Business arising and Unfinished Business:**

**BUDGET** Diane Janzen presented an adjusted proposed budget taking into account requests from committees, and direction from the full court, resulting in increases to Income in: GST refund \$350, M&S receipts \$900, Meal Income \$1600, and changes to Expenses in: Education \$600, M&S disbursements \$900, Outreach \$800 (including youth meals at Sept meeting), Pastoral Oversight \$500, Pastoral Relations \$900 for a Total Budget of \$103243. Questions were received and answered.

**Motion #72: Diane Janzen / David Howell**  
**That the budget, in the amount of \$103243.00, be adopted as adjusted.**  
**CARRIED**

PRAYERS OF THE GATHERED COMMUNITY: were led by Doug Neufeld.

**Motion # 73: Neil Bok / Barb Jardine**  
**ENABLING MOTION That Assiniboine Presbytery Executive be empowered to act on all matters which may arise, from the rise of this meeting until the next scheduled meeting of Assiniboine Presbytery Full Court.**  
**CARRIED**  
1 opposed

**Motion #74: Alan Gairns / Doug Martindale**  
**ADJOURN That the meeting be adjourned.**

**NEXT MEETINGS:**

**FULL COURT:** February 25, 2017 at Knox Brandon  
April 29, 2017 Killarney United

**EXECUTIVE:** Wednesday, January 25, 2017 10 am Central United Brandon  
Wednesday, March 22, 2017 10 am "  
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 10 am "

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Coral Meggison  
Recording Secretary

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Craig Miller  
Chair