

**Minutes of Home Missions
Committee of British Columbia Conference**



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November 3 and 4, 2010
BC CONFERENCE OFFICE
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Authority	The regular meeting of the Home Missions Committee was convened at the call of the Chair at BC Conference Office in Burnaby, B.C. at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, November 3, 2010, David Martyn, Chair, presiding, Sandra Nixon, Secretary. A quorum was present.
Present	David Martyn, Chair Sandra Nixon, Secretary & Convenor, Vancouver-South Presbytery Jim Martin, Convenor, Prince Rupert Presbytery Bruce Cowburn, M&S Animator Bruce Comrie, Convenor, Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Carole Finch, Convenor, Westminster Presbytery Bob French, Convenor, Victoria Presbytery Ted Giesbrecht, Convenor, Kootenay Presbytery Dale Gillard, Convenor, Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery Keith Pederson, Convenor, Cariboo Presbytery Sandra Severs, Convenor, Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Bill Walsh, Convenor, Fraser Presbytery
Staff Present	Nellie Tang, Finance Minister, BC Conference Michael Hare, Conference Minister (Prince Rupert) Ivy Thomas, Conference Minister (Kamloops-Okanagan) Bill Laurie, Conference Minister (Comox-Nanaimo) George Meier, Conference Minister (Kootenay) Paul Davis, Conference Minister (Cariboo) Clare Hill, Conference Minister (Native Ministries)
Guests	Blair Galston, Archivist, BC Conference
Regrets	Terry Harrison, Conference Minister (Victoria)
12:00 Lunch	The meeting began with lunch and fellowship.
Gathering/Welcome	The Chair convened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Ivy Thomas led Committee members in opening worship and prayer.
Introductions	Members introduced themselves around the table.
Declaration of Conflicts of Interest	Michael Hare: ministry personnel at CMM Sandra Severs: ministry personnel at First United (Vancouver) Clare Hill: ministry personnel at Hartley Bay
Adoption of Minutes	M/S (Sandra Nixon/Bill Walsh) that the minutes of the May 26-27, 2010 meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED
Business Arising	David reported that he and Nellie had not redone the form. They recommend that the Terms of Reference for the Committee be clarified before the form is revised. *Flagged for discussion at the Spring meeting.

Adoption of Agenda	M/S (Bruce Comrie/Jim Martin) that the agenda be adopted with the change that "Confirm Real Property Requests for 2009" be changed to 2011. CARRIED
Review of Perpetual Calendar	There is a possibility that there will not be a National Consultation in the Spring of 2011. Nellie and David will notify the Committee when this is confirmed.
Identifying Unspent Monies Available & Requests For Unspents	<p><i>Unspents at this time are:</i></p> <p>Cariboo Presbytery - \$6250. Funds weren't needed, cheque to be sent back. Central Mainland Marine Mission - \$7500.</p> <p>Total available: \$13,750</p> <p><i>Requests:</i></p> <p>Houston - \$5000 St. Andrew's Mission - \$6000</p> <p>M/S (Jim Martin, Carole Finch) that the two requests for unspents be approved. CARRIED</p> <p>*The question was raised about the issue of as to where congregations can turn for "upfront" money for redevelopment. Currently there does not seem to be any process for bringing these requests.</p> <p>Bill Laurie presented a draft policy: "A Mission Approach by Conference and Presbytery for congregations who are redeveloping Church properties." After discussion, several changes were made to the draft policy.</p> <p>A Mission approach by Conference and Presbytery for congregations who are redeveloping Church properties.</p> <p>The Need:</p> <p>There are property rich and cash poor congregations who are redeveloping their property to include: commercial and/or residential usage combined with Congregational needs for worship, office and program space.</p> <p>The 'solution'</p> <p>At Presbytery. Consider the congregational viability for ministry if redeveloped, including a 'mission vision/plan' and a business plan.</p> <p>At Conference. Create a loan resource, administered at Conference level, to provide initial funding for example 1) Mission assessment, 2) Feasibility studies, 3) Requests for Proposals. The funding would cover consultant, professional and legal costs.</p> <p>M/S (Bruce Comrie, Bill Walsh) that HM recommend the draft policy, "A Mission Approach by BC Conference and Presbytery for congregations who are redeveloping Church properties" as revised to the Executive Secretary for consideration by the Finance Council. CARRIED</p>
Real Property Discussion	<p>Real Property Requests for 2010:</p> <p>Anspayaxw - 6000 Bella Bella - 5000</p> <p>Real property maintenance budget for BC is \$37,500.</p> <p>Real Property Requests for 2011:</p> <p>Bella Coola – 3,000 First United Church - 45,000 Prince Rupert Presbytery – 2,500 Klemtu - 4500</p> <p>HM Committee Executive is asked to make the final determination of real property allocations.</p>
Confirmation of Real Property Requests For 2011	

Proposal For 2011	Requests received total \$151,000 more than the funds we have to allocate.
First Review	Convenors shared the stories of each congregation/mission/ministry requesting funding for the upcoming year.
6:00 Pm Dinner	George Meier offered grace.
First Review of 2011 Requests	Group storytelling continued.
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned for the evening at 8:00 PM.
Thursday 9:00 AM	The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 9:06 AM. A revised agenda was presented.
Revised Agenda	M/S (Bill Walsh, Bruce Comrie) that the revised agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED Dale Gillard was welcomed to the meeting.
Worship	Bill Laurie led the committee in morning worship.
First Review – Storytelling (Cont'd)	Group storytelling continued.
Second Review	Recommended allocations were discussed.
Mission & Service Presentation	Bruce Cowburn spoke to the Committee about the work of M&S and new ideas for “telling the stories”.
History of Native Missions	Blair Galston, Archivist for BC Conference, gave a presentation on the history of native missions in BC.
Lunch 12:00-1:00 PM	Clare Hill offered grace.
Second Review (Cont'd)	Recommended allocations were discussed further and revised. M/S (Ted Giesbrecht, Bill Walsh) that the recommended allocations or 2011 as revised by the Home Missions Committee be approved. CARRIED
Thomas Crosby Fund Request	Clare Hill reported. BC Conference has hired the mobile counsellor (Irene Champagne) as proposed and approved previously. The position is 50% funded by BC Conference (Thomas Crosby Fund), and begins on November 15 for a three-year term. It is a BC Conference staff position, accountable to Native Ministries. Nellie reported that \$4000 from the Fund was used towards the real property tour.
Future Dates For Spring & Fall Meetings	The Spring meeting is scheduled for June 8-9, 2011. The Fall meeting is scheduled for November 9-10, 2011.
Enabling Motions	M/S (Sandra Nixon, Ivy Thomas) that the Home Missions Committee establish an Executive consisting of the Chair, Secretary, Conference Finance Minister and two other members of the Home Missions Committee. CARRIED M/S (Sandra Nixon, Ivy Thomas) that Dale Gillard and Paul David be appointed to the Executive of the Home Missions Committee. CARRIED M/S (Sandra Nixon, Ivy Thomas) that the powers of the Home Missions Committee be given to the Executive until its next meeting on June 8-9, 2011. CARRIED
Adjournment	The meeting adjourned at 2:37 PM.