



**Minutes of Home Missions Committee
British Columbia Conference
The United Church of Canada
May 29-30, 2013**

AUTHORITY	The regular meeting of the Home Missions Committee was convened at the call of the Chair at Best Western King's Inn in Burnaby, B.C. at 12:45 PM on Wednesday, May 29, 2013. 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 Al Fowler, Convenor, Victoria Presbytery Carole Finch, Convenor, Westminster Presbytery Kris Jensen, Convenor, Comox-Nanaimo Presbytery Simone Carrodus, Convenor, Vancouver-Burrard Presbytery Frank Lewis, Convenor, Kootenay Presbytery Jim White, Native Ministries Council Jane Harding, M&S Convenor & Financial Development Officer, UCC
STAFF PRESENT	Nellie Tang, Finance Minister, BC Conference Jennifer Eastwood, Assistant to the Finance Minister Doug Goodwin, BC Conference Executive Secretary George Meier, Conference Minister (Kootenay) Bill Laurie, Conference Minister (Comox-Nanaimo & Victoria) Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary, BC Conference
GUESTS	Richard Chung, St. Paul's United Church, Kelowna
REGRETS	Convenor, Cariboo Presbytery Conference Minister, Cariboo Presbytery Convenor, Fraser Presbytery Convenor, Kamloops-Okanagan Presbytery Ivy Thomas, Conference Minister (Kamloops-Okanagan) Conference Minister (Prince Rupert) Conference Minister (Native Ministries)
12:00 LUNCH	The meeting began with lunch and fellowship.
OPENING	The Chair convened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Members introduced themselves. David Martyn led opening worship.
AGENDA	M/S/ (Sandra Nixon, Simone Carrodus) that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.
MINUTES	M/S/ (Sandra Nixon/Frank Lewis) that the minutes of the November 7-8, 2012 meeting be adopted as amended. CARRIED.
CONFLICT OF INTEREST	No conflicts of interest were declared.

DOUG GOODWIN	Doug gave an update on the ProVision Funds and the Jardine Bequest.
GUEST	Rev. Dr. Richard Chung was invited to make a presentation regarding St. Paul's UC in Kelowna, and spoke about his recent thesis on Church and Culture.
TABLE GROUPS FUNDING GUIDELINES	David Martyn reported that the grant to BC Conference for 2014 will be lower than previous years - the grant will go from \$455,000 TO \$375,000. The committee spent time in small groups, discussing Funding Guidelines.
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REPORT ON NATIONAL MISSION SUPPORT CONSULTATION	The National Mission Support Consultation was held Feb 26-28, 2013 David Martyn attended on our behalf. Recommendations were outlined, including: a reduction in the MSG allocation to BC less reduction for native ministries (5%), but not equally (only for "formally constituted congregations") Excluded are: Central Mainland Marine, Coastal Mountain, Hazelton, Longhouse Council.
MSG APPLICATION PROCESS	Jim Martin reviewed the application process, for the benefit of new Convenors on the HM Committee. All HM info is available on the BC Conference website, including links to the forms. It should be noted that hard copies need to be signed. It's an inconvenience but the signature is crucial or it will be returned.
STEWARDSHIP	Jane Harding gave an update on her activities as M&S Convenor and Financial Development Officer. The Conference Stewardship Committee has developed new terms of reference and there is a good sense of energy. M&S fell short of its goal by about \$1 million in 2012.
REAL PROPERTY	Nellie provided an update. First UC is no longer considered real property since title was transferred to BC Conference earlier this year. Requests received: Bella Coola
UNSPENTS	Funds not being used at CMM are being used for contracts for Wally Hargrave and Chris Corrigan. North Thompson PC returned \$2000 for 2012 year end. Will go back to National unless there's a call on it. Victoria Presbytery (Our Place) has made a request for \$3250, but it doesn't meet the criteria of being an extraordinary expense. M/S (Al Fowler, Jim Martin) that Home Missions approve the request from Our Place, Victoria Presbytery, for \$3,250 from the uncommitted balance remaining for 2013. CARRIED
FEEDBACK FROM TABLE GROUPS	Table groups shared their suggestions re HM funding guidelines for 2014.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned for the evening at 8:00 PM.

9:00 AM WORSHIP Al Fowler led the committee in morning worship.

NAMING OF FUNDING M/S (Bill Laurie, Kris Jensen) That David Martyn and Nellie Tang receive the comments of the discussion and be asked to formulate statements in the five guideline areas: Clear sense of Mission (Mission Statement), "Sharing the Pie" percentage breakdown, adaptive training, involvement in a transformational process (Bay of Quinte paragraph 4), Mission rather than survival. CARRIED
GUIDELINES (These are in the Appendix)
The committee also agreed that units with unrestricted reserve funds are eligible to apply (and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis).

2014 REVISED ESTIMATES AND STORYTELLING Updates on units receiving funding were provided.

Congregational Support: Ethnic
Amazing Grace - taking a 50% reduction.
Congregational Support: Native
Anspayawx - no request received, lay volunteer. Roof and manse repairs ongoing.
Bella Bella - DLM (Gilbert Jackson) serving, no request
Bella Coola - 2pt charge. 2 people serving, each 1/2 time supply.
Coastal Circuit Ministry - Wally Hargrave, part time. Lesser responsibilities than M. Hare. Portion of funds from Conference Minister position is going to consultation with Chris Corrigan.
Haida Gwaii - Nancy Higgins is 3/4 time, recently ordained.
Hartley Bay - Clare Hill currently serving.
Longhouse - Barry Morris continues to serve 2/3 time. He is of retirement age, but has no clear retirement plans yet; nor do we know how the Longhouse ministry might be served without Barry. "

LUNCH 12:00 PM

2014 MSG REVISED ESTIMATES AND STORYTELLING (CONT'D) *Congregational Support: Rural*
Cumberland - vacancy declared in the fall. Continuing with supply.
Long Beach - 2pt. charge - one ministry to Tofino, one to Ucuelet, who has sold their church building and manse. Shared ministry encompassing several denominations. Completed a JNAC and are in a Search process.
Port Hardy/Port Alice - shared ministry.
Nakusp - expect no request for 2014.
Outreach Ministries
First UC - an update from Stephen Gray was read.
Our Place - new 1/2 time clergy person is working out very well, increase in volunteers.

New Missions

Cariboo Initiative - uncertainty now that Paul Davis is no longer in position.

Kootenay Initiative - no anticipated change in funding request.

APPLICATIONS

Deadline for Mission Support Applications is October 15. Please ensure application forms are submitted to David and Nellie by the deadline, and have all the appropriate signatures (congregational and presbytery).

A link to the Application forms are available online at the Conference website.

FALL MEETING

Fall meeting is scheduled for November 6-7, 2013.

ENABLING MOTIONS

M/S (George Meier, Jim Martin) that the Executive consist of David Martyn, Nellie Tang, Sandra Nixon and Jane Harding.

CARRIED

M/S (Carole Finch, Simone Carrodus) that the Home Missions Executive consisting of David Martyn, Nellie Tang, Sandra Nixon and Jane Harding be empowered to act on behalf of the Committee until its next meeting. **CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM, with thanks to everyone for their work.

David Martyn, Chair

Appendix

BC Conference Home Missions Guidelines

The following guidelines were created at the ay 2013 meeting of the BC Conference Home Missions Committee.

- We will fund Mission Units that have demonstrated a clear articulated vision for mission that is congruent with the Presbytery goals.
- We will fund Native Ministries at no less than 5% reduction of the 2013 requests. The remaining will be split on an equal basis between Outreach and Pastoral Charges.
- Our focus is ‘mission support’ rather than ‘life support’.
- We will support ‘adaptive leadership training’ that is not met by other Conference programs.
- Presbyteries endorsing applications for Mission Support funding will be asked to demonstrate how these applications fit in with their overall assessment of mission strategy and congregational viability within the Presbytery.