

MINUTES OF HOME MISSIONS COMMITTEE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA CONFERENCE



The United Church of Canada

November 6 and 7, 2013

BC CONFERENCE OFFICE, BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

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 6, 2013, David Martyn, Chair, presiding, Sandra Nixon, Secretary. A quorum was present.
PRESENT	David Martyn, Chair Sandra Nixon, Secretary & Convenor, Vancouver–South Presbytery Simone Carrodus, Convenor, Vancouver–Burrard Presbytery Jim Martin, Convenor, Prince Rupert Presbytery Kris Jensen, Convenor, Comox–Nanimo Presbytery Robin Pollock, Convenor, Cariboo Presbytery Bruce Comrie, Convenor, Kamloops–Okanagan Presbytery Carole Finch, Convenor, Westminster Presbytery Larry Scott, Convenor, Victoria Presbytery Jim White, Native Ministries Council Jane Harding, Financial Development Officer, UCC
STAFF PRESENT	Nellie Tang, Finance Minister, BC Conference George Meier, Conference Minister (Kootenay) Ivy Thomas, Conference Minister (Kamloops–Okanagan) Marc Coulombe, Conference Minister (Lower Mainland)
REGRETS	Convenor, Fraser Presbytery Frank Lewis, Convenor, Kootenay Presbytery Clare Hill, Conference Minister (Native Ministries) Bill Laurie, Conference Minister (Comox–Nanaimo/Victoria) Conference Minister (Prince Rupert) Conference Minister (Cariboo)
12:00 LUNCH	The meeting began with lunch and fellowship.
GATHERING & WELCOME	The Chair convened the meeting at 1:00 PM. Simone Carrodus led the Committee in opening worship and prayer.
INTRODUCTIONS	Members introduced themselves around the table and new members were welcomed.,
DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST	Jim White declared that he is a member of the Longhouse Ministry, an aid-receiving charge.
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	M/S/C (Sandra Nixon/Carole Finch) that the minutes of May 29–30, 2013 meeting be adopted as presented. CARRIED.
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	M/S/C (Jim Martin, George Meier) that the agenda be adopted as presented. CARRIED.
PROVISION FUND	There is now a Conference Provision Fund, with about \$60,000 available to be allocated this year. Meetings are monthly. It will be approx. 8 years before presbytery Provision funds will start to filter into the Conference Fund.
REVIEW OF PERPETUAL CALENDAR	Nellie reminded members of the monthly grants that can be applied for, and encouraged interested ministries to apply early for the technology and church modernization grants. Line 40 must be under

	<p>\$130,000 to qualify.</p> <p>A new checklist has been provided to ensure applications are complete.</p> <p>Deadline for presbytery decisions to be received by Conference Finance Minister was changed from October 15 to October 25.</p>
AVAILABLE UNSPENT MONIES & APPROVING REQUESTS	<p>Unspents are funds available that have not been sent back to the Common Fund, which are available to aid receiving pastoral charges for unforeseen/extraordinary expenses.</p> <p>MONIES AVAILABLE: \$10,220</p> <p>\$5,220 from North Thompson PC</p> <p>\$5,000 uncommitted balance from 2012</p> <p>Requests:</p> <p>No requests have been received. Requests can be received up to December 15.</p>
REAL PROPERTY DISCUSSION	<p>The committee reviewed the Real Property in BC Conference which is held by the United Church. (see appendix 1)</p> <p>Transfer of First UC Vancouver has had title transferred to BC Conference. UCC General Council office has agreed to pay for 2/3 expenditures next year and 1/3 the following year.</p> <p>Jim White raised a concern from the Chief in Klemtu regarding the rebuilding of the church building.</p> <p>ACTION: A letter will be sent to Chief Archie Robinson from Doug Goodwin, Executive Secretary, along with Jim White and Ray Jones (Co-Chairs of Native Ministries Council).</p> <p>Bella Bella Manse – trying for years to transfer title to the band.</p> <p>ACTION: Jim White to follow up with Doug Goodwin.</p>
REAL PROPERTY REQUESTS FOR 2014	<p>Bella Coola – \$2,350 + tax (upgrade to manse washroom)</p> <p>Hazelton – \$12,759 (renovation to manse kitchen) – work already completed – Nellie to submit for 2013.</p> <p>Kispiox – for electrical & plumbing issues</p> <p>First United – \$50,000. Nellie has not received any receipts from First UC for 2013. Jennifer Eastwood is contacting them.</p>
FIRST REVIEW: REQUESTS FOR 2014	<p>The current situation and context of each aid-receiving pastoral charge and mission was reviewed.</p>
SECOND REVIEW	<p>Committee members discussed possible changes to the suggested allocations for 2014.</p>
ESTIMATES FOR 2015	<p>Estimates for grant requests for 2015 were received.</p>
9:30 AM WORSHIP	<p>Jim White led morning worship and spoke about the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and appreciation for the church.</p>
FINAL REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF 2014 MSG REQUESTS	<p>M/S (Kris Jensen, Jim White) that Home Missions adopt the grant allocations for 2014 as amended by the committee (attached), with funding for Kispiox and Port Simpson subject to completion of their MSG applications. CARRIED (see Appendix 2)</p> <p>Unallocated Funds remaining: \$4,682</p>

- THOMAS CROSBY FUND REQUEST** A request has been received for \$3,400 to assist Marlena Squash (Prince Rupert presbytery) to attend the Winter Session at Naramata Centre.
- M/S (Jim Martin, Bruce Comrie) that Home Missions grant the request from Marlena Squash for \$3400 to attend the Winter Session at Naramata from the Thomas Crosby Fund. CARRIED**
(Jim White abstained from voting due to a conflict of interest)
- MISSION & SERVICE FUND PRESENTATION: JANE HARDING** Jane Harding, UCC Financial Development Officer for (BC), spoke with the committee about the current state of the Mission & Service Fund and available stewardship resources including *Mandate and Philanthropy*. A research poll was conducted nationally, including five BC congregations, which found that 45% of members do not donate to M&S.
- Many statistics were gathered, including: members' familiarity with and impression of church structures; sense of connection to church entities and initiatives, and members' priorities for the UCC. Stats are still being compiled and will be disseminated when the project is complete.
- The United Church of Canada Foundation is available as an investment vehicle for congregations and individuals.
- The "Surely Goodness and Friends" event in October was a great success, and will go ahead again next October.
- The new "Gifts with Vision" booklet is out. Booklets are free, donations can be made directly through the website. The booklet can also be downloaded directly from the website.
- FUTURE DATES FOR SPRING/FALL MEETINGS** Spring Meeting of Home Missions will take place on **June 4-5, 2014**.
Fall 2014 Meeting of Home Missions will take place on **November 5-6, 2014**.
- ENABLING MOTIONS** **M/S (Sandra Nixon, Carole Finch) 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 (Robin Pollock/Simone Carrodus) that Jane Harding and Carol Finch be appointed as Members at Large to the Executive of the Home Missions Committee. CARRIED**
- M/S (Kris Jensen, Jim Martin) that the powers of the HM Committee be given to the Executive until its next meeting. CARRIED**
- ADJOURNMENT** **M/S (Robin, Jane Harding) that the Home Missions meeting be adjourned. CARRIED**
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM, with thanks to everyone for their work.

Appendix 1

BC CONFERENCE REAL PROPERTY		Building	Contents
DARBY MEMORIAL CHURCH - WAGLISLA	Church	759,317.87	41,751.66
DARBY MEMORIAL MANSE - WAGLISLA Rented	Manse	260,337.90	20,875.83
BELLA COOLA - MANSE	Manse	257,103.00	20,875.83
CAPE MUDGE - CHURCH	Church	805,267.95	69,587.39
CAPE MUDGE - MANSE - Rented	Manse	216,947.58	20,875.83
GILLIES BAY MANSE - TEXADA ISLAND	Manse	226,204.16	21,502.23
EMMANUEL CHURCH - HARTLEY BAY	Church	372,427.44	34,793.05
PIERCE MEMORIAL - CHURCH	Church	469,326.82	39,665.36
PIERCE MEMORIAL - MANSE (Vacant)	Manse	238,353.35	20,875.83
KITIMAAT VILLAGE - CHURCH	Church	578,527.77	34,793.05
KITSEGULKA - CHURCH	Church	297,943.02	41,751.66
PORT SIMPSON (GRACE U.C.) - CHURCH	Church	903,950.48	46,837.49
HAIDA GWAII P.C. (SKIDEGATE U.C.)	Church	506,212.80	41,751.66
SKIDEGATE CHURCH	Manse	238,353.35	20,875.83
FIRST UNITED CHURCH	Church	3,181,588.63	50,000.00
WELLS - CHURCH	Church	99,305.43	7,166.98
BC TOTAL		9,411,167.54	533,979.70

Appendix 2

BC Mission Support Units	2013	2014	2014		2015
	Final	Request	Final		
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT ETHNIC:					
Amazing Grace	15,000	7,500	7,500	0	-
Fraser Valley Japanese .5 FTE				0	
	15,000	7,500	7,500	2%	-
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT NATIVE:					
Anspayawx (Kispiox)	-	10,200	10,000		10,000
Waglisla (Bella Bella)	-				
Bella Coola	23,800	22,610	22,610		22,610
CCM (Coastal Circuit Ministry)	47,025	47,025	40,000		40,000
Haida Gwaii .75 FTE	20,000	19,000	19,000		19,000
Hartley Bay	10,000	-	-		-
Hazelton/Gitsegukla	22,000	22,000	20,900		20,000
Lax-Kw'alaams (Port Simpson)		16,200	15,000		15,000
LongHouse Council .6 FTE	27,500	27,500	26,125		26,125
	150,325	154,335	153,635	39%	142,735
CONGREGATIONAL SUPPORT RURAL:					
Cumberland .5 FTE	7,000	7,000	4,000		-
Long Beach (shared)	6,000	12,000	10,000		10,000
North Thompson (shared)	15,620	8,500	8,500		10,000
Port McNeil (shared) .54 FTE		7,000	4,000		4,000
Port Hardy/Port Alice (shared) .46 FTE	4,000	4,000	4,000		4,000
Robson Valley (shared)	5,000	3,600	3,600		3,600
Nakusp .75 FTE	8,000	-			
Lumby .45 FTE	9,000	-			
	54,620	42,100	34,100	9%	31,600
OUTREACH MINISTRIES					
First - Vancouver	150,000	125,000	115,000		115,000
Our Place - Victoria	65,000	65,000	50,000		50,000
	215,000	190,000	165,000	45%	165,000

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NEW MISSION WORK					
Cariboo Initiative	10,000	15,000	15,000		15,000
Kootenay Initiative	10,000	-			7500
St. Andrew's - Lillooet (shared) .5 FTE		9,000	4,500		4,500
St. David's- Pemberton .25	-				
Oasis United Church					
	20,000	24,000	19,500	5%	27,000
MISSION TOTALS:	454,945	417,935	379,735		366,335
Grant from General Council	474,738	374,417	374,417		
Available Funds	19,793	(43,518)	(5,318)		
Moving & Precall	8,000				