

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA * SOUTH WEST PRESBYTERY

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November 19, 2011 – 9:00 a.m.
at St. Andrew's United Church, Georgetown

The regular meeting of South West Presbytery was called to order at 9:00 a.m., Rev. Susanne VanderLugt presiding. A quorum was present.

ATTENDANCE:

Lay Representatives, Lay Members at Large, and Candidates (not in appointments):

Jeff Bacon, Bob Bingham, Joan Carr, Gordon Conquergood, Paul Cook, Norman Dundas, Lilla Gilbert, John Gilbert, Ted Grady, Gail Hamblin, Chris Jones, Andrea Journeaux, Peter Kupfer, Marty Linton, Donald MacInnes, J-T MacNeil, Lang Moffat, Bonnie Neely, Sylvia Powers, Leanna Ringler, Linda Robinson, Ron Ross, Ruth Sawyer, Catherine Smith, Anne Sword, Lois Thompson, Margaret Walbank, Stephen Wickett, Fraser Williamson (29)

Ministry Personnel Called, Appointed and Retained:

David Allen, Allan Baker, Dale Burkart, Sheila Campbell, Sarah Chapman, Cindy Cooper, Susan Cowan, Connie denBok, Catherine Ellarby, Alexa Gilmour, Norm Henning-Pereira, Lori Hill-Avendano, Susan Howard, Sheng Sen Hsu, Lionel Ketola, Michael Kooiman, James Lepard, Ken MacDonald, Jessica McCrae, Brian McIntosh, Doug McLeod, De-Graft Obiri, Charles Olango, Harry Oussoren, John Perigoe, Cindy Randall, Bryan Ransom, Barry Rieder, Margaret Roberts, Michelle Robinson, Robin Sherman, Michael Shewburg, Christine Smaller, Glenn Smith, Irene Ty, Kent Ward, Linda Wheler, Stephen Willey, Grant Williams, Karen Williams, Kate Young (41)

Ministry Personnel Retired:

Eleanor Carr-Moreithi, Alan Craig, Grace Craig, Susan Garrod-Schuster, Norm Greene, Don Laing, Linda Levin, Linda Maw, Paul Morris, Margaret Nelson, Neil Parker, Linda Pennock, Deanna Wilson (13)

VISITORS:

Kelly Colwell, Elaine Eve, William Grove, Susie Henderson, Danny Kim, Valerie Benson Steele, Mary Obiri, (7)

REGRETS:

Lay Representatives, Lay Members at Large and Candidates (not in appointments):

Ron Balsdon, Virginia Beane, Eva Breeze, Linda Cunningham, Liana DiMarco, Ann Fraser, Michael Fraser, Karen Kowal, Steve Lee, Donna Magee, James Pater, Andy Yemen (12)

Ministry Personnel Called, Appointed and Retained:

Kathryn Ariss-Pater, Sung-Chul Choi, Carol Hancock, Paul Ivany, Debbie Johnson, Jean Leckie, Ross Leckie, Maureen MacLeod-Oliver, Ian Manson, Lillian Perigoe, Coral Prebble, Hugh Reid, Douglas Varey (13)

Ministry Personnel Retired:

Lenore Beecham, Katherine Irwin (2)

As per The Manual 2010 and as what was decided by the court of South West Presbytery for the pastoral year 2011-2012 “Quorum” means. not less than one-fifth (1/5) of those entitled to vote, of whom at least one-third (1/3) shall be members of the Order of Ministry or Designated Lay Ministers, and at least one-third (1/3) shall be lay members on the roll of Presbytery except those appointed as Designated Lay Ministers.

CONSTITUTION:

In the name of Jesus Christ, the only head of the church and by the authority vested in her, Susanne VanderLugt called this duly constituted meeting of South West Presbytery to order to deal with such business as should properly come before it.

WELCOME

Susanne VanderLugt welcomed all to the meeting of South West Presbytery. Colleen Armstrong of St. Andrew’s United Church welcomed presbyters to the pastoral charge and the Presbytery meeting and gave a brief history of the St. Andrew’s congregation.

WORSHIP

Rev. Grant Williams and the Kehillah praise band of St. Andrew’s United Church led worship in the sanctuary. Rev. Jamie Holtom of North Bramalea United Church delivered a short meditation.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION by Lilla Gilbert / Kate Young
that South West Presbytery adopt the agenda of this November 19, 2011 meeting of South West Presbytery as printed.

The following amendment to the agenda was brought forward in connection with a written appeal for solidarity with the Occupy Toronto movement and its call for justice.

MOTION by Brian McIntosh / Susan Howard
that South West Presbytery amend the agenda to include under New Business discussion regarding endorsing Occupy Toronto.

CARRIED

Original **MOTION** with foregoing amendment

CARRIED

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Rev. Jessica McCrae from Humbercrest United Church
Sheng Sen Hus from Taiwanese United Church
Chris Jones from Westway United Church and Stephen Wickett as the new music director
Rev. De-Graft Obiri from Ghana Calvary Methodist United Church and his wife Mary Obiri
Danny Kim from Northminster United Church
Kelly Colwell Field Education student at Northminster United Church
Rev. Lionel Ketola from Fairbank United Church

INTRODUCTION OF SPECIAL GUESTS

Rev. John Lawson from
Rising Spirit—“a movement growing small groups in the way of Jesus: around conversations that matter and the urgent needs of the community and the world.”
Rev. Barbara White, minister of Bedford Park United Church and General Council Executive Representative for Toronto Conference
Rev. Steve Willey, Programme Co-ordinator, for Education and Leadership Development, Communities in Ministry, the United Church of Canada.

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

MOTION by Allan Baker / Lang Moffat
that South West Presbytery approve that all visitors at this meeting of South West Presbytery be corresponding members.

CARRIED

LEARNING EVENT – “THE MISSIONAL CHURCH”

John Lawson and Steve Willey delivered a four-part presentation entitled *Going Missional: Re-imagining the Church*, in which they addressed the question of what it means to be faithful in the church today. The following areas were explored:
where we are now;
fresh expressions (of church) in a new landscape;
new biblical imagining; and
conversion: first steps

ALL PURPOSE BREAK

BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Don Laing / Alan Craig
that South West Presbytery accept as printed the minutes of the South West Presbytery meeting of September 27, 2011.

CARRIED

RECEIVING MINUTES OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR INFORMATION

MOTION by Glenn Smith / Bryan Ransom
that South West Presbytery receive for information the minutes of the Coordinating Council meeting of October 26, 2011 as printed.

CARRIED

REMITTS

REMIT NUMBER 4 – FREQUENCY AND TIMING OF CONFERENCE MEETINGS

MOTION by Bryan Ransom / Brian McIntosh

that South West Presbytery agrees that Conferences shall be required to meet at least every third year and,

that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy.

CARRIED

REMIT NUMBER 5A – APPOINTMENT OF DESINGATED LAY MINISTERS

MOTION by Bryan Ransom / Dale Burkhart

that South West Presbytery agrees that a Designated Lay Minister shall be appointed by a Presbytery only to a Pastoral Charge or other Presbytery Accountable Ministry and,

that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy.

CARRIED

REMIT NUMBER 5B

MOTION by Glenn Smith / Sue Cowan

that South West Presbytery agree that when the appointment of a Designated Lay Minister is at an end, the Presbytery may discern together with the Designated Lay Minister the question of ongoing Presbytery membership and,

that the Basis of Union shall be amended to reflect this policy.

CARRIED

BUDGET

APPENDIX A

MOTION Stephen Wickett / Alan Craig

that the South West Presbytery accept the budget for 2012 as approved by the Coordinating Council of South West Presbytery

Thereupon the Mission Support and Finance Committee brought forward the following six amendments:

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas

that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee adjust the "Carried Forward" line in the budget as follows:

from \$15,781.45 to \$2,415.45, in order to account for the shortfall of \$13,366.00 in outstanding overdue Presbytery assessments.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas

that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee adjust the "Assessment Income" line as follows:

from \$12,780.60 to \$13,366.00 in order to reflect the current total of outstanding, overdue, and unpaid assessments.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas

that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee adjust the sub-total entry for Income as follows:
from \$60,773.30 to \$47,992.70 in order to reflect the result of the adjustment of \$2,415.45 to the Carried Forward line and the adjustment of \$13,366 to the Assessment Income line.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas
that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee drop the "Outstanding Assessment Repayment" line altogether as the proper current figure of \$13,366.00 has already been taken into account in the earlier "Balance Forward" line.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas
that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee that the "Social Justice and World Affairs" line be adjusted as follows:
from \$3,000.00 to \$5,000.00 in order to partially compensate for the lack of submission to Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation for \$2,500.00 and,

that the "Presbytery/Coordinating Council Meetings" line be adjusted as follows:
from \$18,217.70 to \$16,217.70, in order to free up the \$2,000 to go to Social Justice and World Affairs Committee and,

that in future such moneys be assigned to the Contingency Fund.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norm Dundas
that the South West Presbytery upon recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee adjust the "Total" entry for the expense group as follows:
from \$60,773.30 to \$47,992.70, in order to reflect the result of the changes made today.

CARRIED

Original **MOTION** with foregoing amendments

CARRIED

PASTORAL OVERSIGHT

AMALGAMATION BETWEEN NEWTONBROOK UNITED CHURCH AND NORTHMINSTER UNITED CHURCH

MOTION by Lilla Gilbert / Don Laing
that South West Presbytery approves a full amalgamation process of Newtonbrook Pastoral Charge and Northminster Pastoral Charge commencing January 1, 2012 and,

that South West Presbytery permits these two (2) congregations to engage in that process through an Implementation Team that concludes its work on June 30, 2013, and,

that the site of the new Pastoral Charge of The United Church of Canada will be at 53 Cummer Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario the current Newtonbrook Pastoral Charge.

CARRIED

AMALGAMATION BETWEEN CENTENNIAL JAPANESE UNITED CHURCH AND TORONTO JAPANESE UNITED CHURCH

MOTION by Lilla Gilbert / Deanna Wilson

that South West Presbytery approves the amalgamation of Centennial Japanese United Church and Toronto Japanese United Church, and further,

that the location of the newly amalgamated congregation at 2609 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale, Ontario the current Centennial Japanese Pastoral Charge.

CARRIED

The Chair of Presbytery noted that Lilla Gilbert was leaving her position as Co-chair of the Pastoral Oversight Committee and that she was stepping down as a member of South West Presbytery. Lilla Gilbert was thanked and members of the court acknowledged her good work with a round of applause.

The progression of the meeting to this point was such as it was deemed necessary to extend the time in order to cover all items of business on the agenda

APPROVAL TO EXTEND ADJOURNMENT TIME

MOTION by Kate Young / Bryan Ransom

that the time of adjournment be extended to 12:30 p.m. so as to allow the court to cover the remaining items on the agenda.

CARRIED

PROPERTY POLICY GUIDELINES

MOTION by Michael Kooiman / Bryan Ransom

that South West Presbytery adopt the document entitled “Property Guidelines and Procedures” (dated 18 May 2011) as the guideline for dealing with property within the bounds of South West Presbytery.

CARRIED

NOMINATIONS

ADDITIONS AND CHANGES TO COMMISSION MEMBERS

MOTION by Lois Thompson / Cindy Randall

that South West Presbytery approve the addition of Lorraine Hill Avendano to the Pastoral Relations Commission and,

that Sheila Campbell be transferred from the Education and Students Commission to the Pastoral Relations Commission.

CARRIED

MISSION SUPPORT GRANTS

APPLICANT	2012 TC	2012 TC	Shortfall	2012 PTCC	Revised
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	Request	Grant		Request	PTCC Request
Davenport-Perth CM	\$37,397	\$21,500	\$15,897	\$87,009	\$102,906
Jane-Finch CM	\$31,500	\$20,500	\$11,000	\$84,945	\$95,945
York Univ. SCM Chaplaincy	\$7,800	\$0.00			
Emmanuel Howard Park UC	\$9,650	\$4,015	\$5,635	see next presentation	
	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<u>PTCC Funding Request</u>	
	\$86,347	\$42,000	\$26,897	\$171,954	\$198,851

MOTION by Norman Dundas / Lang Moffat

that South West Presbytery approve the revised 2012 funding request of \$102,906.00 for Davenport-Perth Community Ministry and \$95,945.00 for Jane Finch Community Ministry and,

request the Presbytery of Toronto Conference Corporation pay these amounts from the Community Ministries Fund.

CARRIED

MOTION by Linda Pennock / Norman Dundas

that South West Presbytery undertake a fund raising event to raise the awareness of and financial support for the York University Chaplaincy sufficient to sustain the mission until the end of this academic year and,

that a specific committee be recruited for the express purpose of expediting the court's decision in this matter.

CARRIED

MISSION SUPPORT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE FUNDING REQUESTS

Applicant	PTCC ANNUAL REVENUE	
	PTCC Grant Request	Mission Support & Finance Recommendation
Sparrow Lake Camp	\$10,000	\$10,000
Wesley-Mimico United Church	13,000	10,400
Emmanuel Howard Park United Church	5,635	5,635
Grace United Church	20,000	16,000
Stonegate Ecumenical Community Ministry	8,000	5,400
Total	\$56,635	\$46,435

MOTION by Norman Dundas / Lang Moffat

that South West Presbytery approve the Mission Support and Finance Committee's recommendations for 2012 funding for Sparrow Lake Camp for \$10,000 and, Wesley-Mimico United Church for \$9,400 and, Emmanuel-Howard Park United Church for \$5,635 and, Grace United Church for \$16,000 and, Stonegate Ecumenical Community Ministry \$5,400 and,

request the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation to fund these requests from the South West Presbytery Net Annual Revenue fund.

CARRIED

APPROVAL TO FURTHER EXTEND THE ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Glenn Smith / Karen Williams

that the time of adjournment be deferred until such time as the court has completed all items of business as specified in the Revised Agenda.

CARRIED

PTCC CAPITAL

	\$75,000 Annual Capital Grant	Mission Support & Finance Recommendation
Sparrow Lake Camp	\$30,000	\$10,000
	\$30,000	\$10,000

MOTION by Norman Dundas / Lang Moffat

that South West Presbytery approve the Mission Support and Finance Committee's recommendation to provide \$10,000 to seed Sparrow Lake Camp's Intercultural camping project and,

that Sparrow Lake Camp seek additional funding sources with the understanding that South West Presbytery will consider additional funding for any revenue shortfall, up to an amount not to exceed \$30,000 less funding received from other sources and,

South West Presbytery requests the Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation to fund the grant from capital.

CARRIED

PTCC SPECIAL CM FUND

Community Ministries	Mission Support & Finance
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	Trust Fund	Recommendation
Jane-Finch Community Ministry	\$3,722	\$3,722
	\$3,722	\$3,722
	\$3,722	\$3,722

MOTION by Norman Dundas / Lang Moffat
that South West Presbytery approve the Mission Support and Finance Committee’s recommendation to cover the Jane-Finch Community Ministry 2009 and 2010 shortfall in church related revenue and,

request Presbyteries of Toronto Conference Corporation to fund this amount from the Community Ministries fund.

CARRIED

**NATIONAL TECHNOLOGY
FUND**

	Technology Grant	Mission Support & Finance Recommendation
Windermere United Church	\$1,500	\$1,500
	\$1,500	\$1,500
	\$1,500	\$1,500

MOTION by Norman Dundas / Lang Moffat
that South West Presbytery approve the recommendation of the Mission Support and Finance Committee to approve the request of Windermere United Church to apply for a Technology Grant of \$1,500 from the National Church.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

THE OCCUPY TORONTO MOVEMENT

The point of departure for the discussion was the appeal from a number of faith communities for solidarity with the Occupy Toronto movement and its call for justice.

- MOTION** by Karen Williams / Alexa Gilmour
that South West Presbytery publicly endorse the Occupy Toronto movement and such endorsement to be understood to include:
- (a) a letter of solidarity written and communicated to Occupy Toronto, Mayor Ford, the media and our member churches;**
 - (b) encouragement of our member churches to write a similar letter to Mayor Ford and their local city councillors and to support Occupy Toronto by whatever means each church deems possible;**

- (c) a commitment to consider how best to support Occupy Toronto financially and otherwise by forming a small group of presbyters, accountable through the Engagement Circle, to meet with representatives of Occupy Toronto and then make recommendations to the South West Presbytery Coordinating Council; and
- (d) working with Occupy Toronto Chaplains to receive and communicate the needs and hopes of the movement to our member churches and to the Presbytery.

CARRIED

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION

Rev. Barbara White alluded to some of the difficulties in connection with adoption of a “missional” mode of being church. She articulated the “one true mission of the church” in the following formula: “You are my beloved; feed my sheep.” Barbara White’s prayer for the church was that as we continue to wrestle with our one true mission we are not distracted by such things as “structure” and “procedural issues.”

BLESSING

Susanne VanderLugt led the court in a closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the chairperson, Susanne VanderLugt, declared the meeting adjourned at 1:57 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

It was noted that the next meeting of South West Presbytery will be held on

Saturday, February 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.

Location to be determined

Presbyters are invited to gather for a continental breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

Susanne VanderLugt, Chairperson

Neil R. Parker, Secretary