
CORRECTED as per Presbytery Minutes of April 22, 2008

PRESENT

Rev. Kathy Hogman (Chair), Nancy Kerr (Secretary), Scott Agur, David Allan, Jim Allan, Gary Babichuk, Beverley Baptiste, Ed Berg, Holly Bishop, Pat Bourque, Dale Breitreutz, David Brundage, Karen Bridges, John Burrill, Linda Burt, Dianne Chalmers, Kenneth Chan, Nancy Chegus, Mary Chow, Denise Davis-Taylor, Larry Derkach, Anne Dingwell, Lorne Duffin, Ruthanna Elson, Lois Field, Wayne Flewelling, Wally Fry, Isobel Golightly, Lynda Gow, Delores Hanchurak, Vic Howard, Denise Hugman, Dale Irving, Stuart Jackson, Dirk Jessen, Craig Kerr, Kun Kim, Bob Kimmerly, Joyce Kimmerly, Donald Koots, John Kuzyk, Anne Laird, Jim Lochhhead, Lloyd Lovatt, Graham MacFarlane, Hugh MacGregor, JoAnne Mahood, Lynn Maki, Betty Marlin, Marg May, Don Mayne, Kathryn Moore, Agnes Morgan, Gordon Oaks, Valerie Oden, Vi Oko, Lill Park, Florence Pidruchney, John Punko, Kay Quon, James Ravenscroft, Kathy Reith, Virginia Sauvé, Christine Scoffield, Bob Settle, Doug Settle, Ann Thomas, Susan Waldie, John H. Weinlick, Irene Weleschuk, Dale Wilkie, Shelly Williams, Jo-Ann Wilson Symonds, Jan Winter, John Wright, Margery Wright.

REGRETS

Edith Harnden, Shelagh Parsons, Sally Boyle, Lynne Elliott, Armand Houle, Sharon Irving, Donna Krucik, Carol Loewen, Catherine MacLean, Lynn Maki, Ray Olsen, Shelagh Parsons, Daphne Rogers, Paul Verdin, Larry Wright

VISITORS

Deitlind Bork, Friends of the Lubicon Alberta (FOLA), Teri McTavish. FOLA, Hazel Flewelling, Sherwood Park UC.
This constitutes a quorum.

WORSHIP

The Rev. Scott Agur welcomed presbyters to St. Albert United Church. After the call to worship (Psalm 95, v. 1-4), candles were lit at each table. Nancy Chegus (on guitar) and a pianist provided music including *Like a Rock*, and a Lenten hymn, *In the Weave of Grace*, written by Chegus. Nancy Chegus led the reflection.

WELCOME and CALL TO ORDER

The chair of St. Albert United Church Board welcomed all presbyters and guests to the church for the Board meeting. Presbytery chair, the Rev. Kathy Hogman, asked that visitors be introduced. The Rev. Kathy Hogman constituted the meeting with these words: "In the name of Jesus Christ and the authority of Edmonton Presbytery, I declare this meeting of Edmonton Presbytery to be in session for the work that may properly be brought before it to the glory of God".

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS and CORRESPONDING PRIVILEGES

New members to presbytery and guests were introduced.

MOTION 2007/2008-131: Anne Laird/Doug Settle THAT visitors be granted corresponding privileges at this meeting.

CARRIED

AGENDA

The agenda was reviewed. Items from the following people were added: Marg May – Information about Alberta and North West Conference; Denise Davis-Taylor - Proposal for *Home: A United Church Young Adult Outreach Ministry*

MINUTES

MOTION 2007/2008-132: John Wright/Scott Agur THAT the minutes of the Edmonton Presbytery meeting on Jan 22, 2008 be approved with the following changes: Add Barbara Thornton to the attendance list. Motion 2007/2008-112 was seconded by Delores Hanchurak not Sally Boyle. Delete from page 32 announcement #4, and add "Don Mayne announced the Annual Interfaith Dinner, Feb. 12, 6.30pm, Delta Inn South, 11th floor.

CARRIED

MOTION 2007/2008-133: Stuart Jackson/John Kuzyk THAT the minutes of the Edmonton Presbytery Executive meeting on February 12, 2008 be received for information.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. From John Campbell, Barrister, Feb. 7, 2008, *Certificate of Secretary of Presbytery to Resolution Giving Consent*, that includes a motion passed by Presbytery Executive on Jan. 8, 2008, regarding details of sale of Buchanan Eastwood United Church. (copy in Presbytery Office)
2. From John Campbell, Barrister, Feb. 11, 2008: 1) a form for the Registrar of the North Alberta Land Registration District requesting that a new *Certificate of Title of Buchanan Eastwood United Church* be issued in the name of the trustees of the congregation elected on Oct. 7, 2007. 2) a Statutory Declaration that Jo-Anne Wilson Symonds is the

current minister of Buchanan Eastwood United Church and that the Trustees for the congregation are those listed in the document. (Copies in Presbytery Office)

3. From Lloyd Lovatt, a request for a change of pastoral relationship on July 1, 2008.
4. From Abiel Khalema, Ministry & Employment Policies & Services, Feb. 11, 2008. Updated list of names presented for Admission to the Order of Ministry in the United Church of Canada.
5. Notice of a conference, *Victims of Homicide, Western Canadian Conference*, May 1-2, 2008, Edmonton. More information at www.victimsofhomicide.ca
6. From Nora Saunders, Feb. 15/08, *Remembering the Children*, a four-city presentation in March, 2008, to promote work of the Residential Schools Truth and Reconciliation commission. Information at www.rememberingthechildren.ca.
7. From the UCC, Feb. 18/08, notice that *Marketing News Update* will be discontinued. More information from Suzette Mungal, smungal@united-church.ca.

MESSAGE FROM TOM SAWYER, PRESIDENT OF CONFERENCE

The Rev. Sawyer brought greetings from Alberta and North West Conference. He spoke about historical events beginning with the effect on Christianity resulting from 4th Century Constantine accepting the Christian faith. He spoke about events occurring through the ages that affected Christianity, union in 1925, the United Church resolution in 1988 not to exclude gays and lesbians from ordination. Rev. Sawyer said we are in a new age and cannot go back. We have a leading role to play in society.

GREATER EDMONTON ALLIANCE (GEA) ELECTION QUESTIONS

Michael Walters represented the Greater Edmonton Alliance (GEA), an organization that works to connect, train and organize Edmonton communities across religious, labour, ethnic and neighbourhood lines. He distributed a GEA election brochure, *Share the Gift*, that provided information on four elections issues of concern: affordable housing, environmental stewardship, long term care, and just wages. It challenged voters to consider social justice issues when they vote. It is helping immigrant communities to organize and learn more about their rights, fair wages, and standards of training. Presbytery has given financial support to GEA. More information at www.greateredmontonalliance.com.

LOCAL AND GLOBAL JUSTICE PRESENTATION ON THE LUBICON

Terry McTavish and Eva Bork, representing Friends of the Lubicon, Alberta (FOLA) showed photos and spoke about the challenges facing the Lubicon and how FOLA is helping them. The Lubicon Cree, who did not sign Treaty 8, are fighting a proposed oil pipeline that will go from Fort McMurray across their land, land which the government considers crown land. FOLA is seeking the support of United Church congregations. More information at their website www.lubicon.org

RULES OF ORDER AND DEBATE

Kathy Hogman drew presbyters attention to Bourinot's Rules of Debate and Order (2007 United Church Manual, Appendix III). She asked that presbyters be prepared to debate items on the floor, to ask hard questions, and not to be concerned if they disagree with other's views on a topic. As a court of the church it is our job to take time to discuss items. A presbyter may vote as his/her own conscience indicates and need not refrain from voting if they do not know how their congregation as a whole would vote.

INFORMATION & REMINDERS FROM MARG MAY

81st Meeting of Alberta & North West Conference, May 29 to June 1, 2008, Sherwood Park Millennium Place.

1. Registration forms were distributed at the Presbytery Meeting. Those not picked up will be mailed out. Edmonton Presbytery pays the \$100 Facilities Fee for active Order of Ministry and Lay delegates. Return completed forms to the Edmonton Presbytery office by Tuesday, March 25, 2008. Forms and fees will then be forwarded to the Conference Office.
2. Application packets for Junior and Senior High Youth at Conference are available in the Presbytery Office. Each Presbytery is allowed two junior high and 2 senior high youth delegates. Child Care Request forms are also available in the Presbytery Office.
3. Retired, Retained and Outreach Ministries: Contact the Presbytery Office if you plan to attend Conference 2008 and a signed registration form will be sent to you.
4. If you have registered for Conference and find you are unable to attend, an alternate delegate may be chosen by your congregation. Alternate delegate forms are available at the Presbytery Office.
5. Registrations received after March 25th may be assessed a \$75.00 late fee. If you have registered (with fees paid by Presbytery) and circumstances make it impossible for you to attend, you must inform Kathy Jackson (Conference office 435-3995; kjackson@anwconf.com) by April 14th. If Kathy is not informed, you will be required to reimburse Edmonton Presbytery the \$100 Facilities fee.

6. Volunteer Stewards are needed for Conference duties. Application forms are available from Presbytery office.
7. Billets: Sixty (60) spaces are needed. If you can provide a billet, call Linda Watt or Doug Settle at 464-1421.

Honorary Lay Members: This recognition is for lay members of Edmonton Presbytery who have provided exemplary service for a significant period of time. We encourage you to submit an application form for a person you consider to be deserving of this honour. Application forms are available in the Presbyter Office. Deadline for applications is May 30, 2008, for presentation at the June 24th Presbytery meeting. Submit to Presbytery Office.

Presbytery Meeting Sites 2008/09: We encourage your congregation to invite Edmonton Presbytery to hold their monthly meeting in your church. Available dates are: September/08, January/09, April/09, May/09 and June/09. Thank you for these bookings: October/08 – Chinese; November/08 – Ebenezer; February/09 – Ottewell.

CHAIR'S REPORT ON MISSION PRIORITIES OF EDMONTON PRESBYTERY FROM JANUARY/08 MEETING

Chair Kathy Hogman outlined the three areas in which Presbytery works:

- 1) Ecclesiastical area which includes work of committees such as Ministry Support and the Transition Team
- 2) Outreach area which includes committees such as Local and Global Justice, Outreach ministries, InterChurch and InterFaith
- 3) Congregational support which includes committees such as Finance, Property and Development, Congregational Program Support.

She wants the ad hoc Presbytery Effectiveness Committee to look at the work done by various committees in these three areas and consider how Presbytery can be more effective.

MISSION AND SERVICE FUND REPORT

David Allan reported on United Church donations to the Mission & Service fund in 2007. The budgeted goal was \$30,500,000 and donations came to \$29,976,796. The 2007 objective set for Edmonton Presbytery (\$555,000) was exceeded as gifts to M&S totaled \$580,000. The national goal for 2008 is \$31,500,000. This amount would readily be met if everyone who donates to the M&S gave an additional \$11 in the coming year. David Allan reminded congregations that their 2008 M&D objectives are due by March 31, 2008

PROPOSAL FOR A UNITED CHURCH YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH MINISTRY

Denise Davis Taylor and Karen Bridges presented a proposal for *Home: A United Church Young Adult Outreach Ministry*. The idea for the proposal came from the New Possibilities Report, Winter 2007. It recommends an investigation of new ways for young adults to worship. They noted that Edmonton Presbytery committed \$150,000 over a 5-year period to support youth ministries in congregations. A short term interim proposal was put forward: A weekly series of *Experiments in Faith, Justice, and Creativity* that would be held from 3 to 5 pm on Sunday afternoons during April, May and June, 2008. They proposed hiring a person on contract to facilitate, promote and organize the 3-month weekly series at 15 hours/week, for a total of \$1500/month. Total cost of interim project was estimated at \$5,500.00. A number of questions were asked: What would the three-year project cost? What expenses might come from the Presbytery Projects Fund? (response – salary for worship leader, music person and honorarium for student minister). To whom would these three people be responsible? Garneau United and Knox Metropolitan United have given approval in principle for the project.

MOTION 2007/2008-134: Denise Davis Taylor/Karen Bridges THAT Edmonton Presbytery approve in principle the project *Home: A United Church Young Adult Outreach Ministry*. **CARRIED**

MOTION 2007/2008-135: Denise Davis Taylor/Karen Bridges THAT the organizers of this project seek funding from all levels of the church for the project, *Home: A United Church Young Adult Outreach Ministry*. **CARRIED**

MOTION 2007/2008-136: Denise Davis Taylor/Karen Bridges THAT Edmonton Presbytery approve in principle the weekly series of *Experiments in Faith, Justice, and Creativity* for April, May and June, 2008. **CARRIED**

MOTION 2007/2008-137: Denise Davis Taylor/Karen Bridges THAT Edmonton Presbytery approve the seeking of funding for the pilot project of *Experiments in Faith, Justice, and Creativity*. **CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Kay Quon suggested that Edmonton Presbytery have a table display at Conference. Brochures with information about various initiatives or ministries associated with Edmonton Presbytery could be on display.

2. Wayne Flewelling asked for people who would be willing to billet those attending Conference from out-of-town. He also mentioned the need for stewards (see Information and Reminders from Marg May, items 6 & 7)
3. Shelley Williams invited presbyters to attend the Bissell Centre's Annual General Meeting on April 24, 2008, and a fundraiser, the Bissell Centre dinner and silent auction, May 1, 2008, at Palace Banquets. Call the Bissell Centre for more information.
4. The Pathways Centre is presenting a two day conference with Dr. Sallie McFague called Greening Our Spirits at Robertson Wesley United Church, May 2nd (6-9pm) and May 3rd (8.30-4pm). More information www.pathways-centre.org or call Lynn Elliott at 428-6299.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE SURVEY RESULTS

Anne Dingwell said a summary of the Communications Survey was in the pastoral charge folders for presbyters to take back to their congregation. A brochure is being drafted for presbyters that includes useful information such as meeting dates and locations.

REPORT ON NEGOTIATIONS WITH KIRK UNITED CHURCH FOR RELOCATION OF PRESBYTERY OFFICES

Presbytery chair, Kathy Hogman, ruled that MOTION 2007/2008-123 was out of order. This motion stated that Edmonton Presbytery would postpone definitely to Feb. 23, 2008, motion 2007/2008-122 (a motion that stated that Edmonton Presbytery cease negotiations with Kirk United Church). Ed Berg reviewed a *Memorandum of Understanding between Kirk United Church and Edmonton Presbytery*, a floor plan of the current Kirk main floor space, and a comparison of rental parameters of Westbrook Centre (current Presbytery offices) and Kirk United Church. A number of questions were asked: Was the frequency and timing of meetings considered and would the Kirk meeting areas likely be available when needed? (Response – yes). Was the *Memorandum of Understanding* completed before the Out of Order ruling took place on motion 2007/2008-122? (response – yes, except for a bit of clarification.). If Edmonton Presbytery needs extra storage space, can Kirk provide it? (yes). Is there room for common space? (yes).

MOTION 2007/2008-138: Ed Berg/Virginia Sauvé THAT Edmonton Presbytery approve a lease agreement with Kirk United in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding between Kirk United Church and Edmonton Presbytery*.

MOTION 2007/2008-139: Larry Derkach/Lynda Gow THAT Presbytery move to a Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

The minutes of the Committee of the Whole meeting are found in **APPENDIX 1**.

MOTION 2007/2008-140: Scott Agur/John Kuzyk THAT Edmonton Presbytery exit the Committee of the Whole.

CARRIED

MOTION 2007/2008-138: Ed Berg/Virginia Sauvé THAT Edmonton Presbytery approve a lease agreement with Kirk United in accordance with the *Memorandum of Understanding between Kirk United Church and Edmonton Presbytery*.

CARRIED

A lease with Kirk United will be prepared and signed. Ed Berg will give notice to the Westbrook Centre landlord.

MINISTRY SUPPORT

Stuart Jackson indicated that the Ministry Support Committee discussed at their February meeting: 1) how to offer training for oversight visitors, 2) the possibility of an annual workshop for Ministry and Personnel committees, and 3) terms of office for members of the Ministry Support committee. Two conveners are needed in the next few months.

Pastoral Relations:

MOTION 2007/2008-141: Stuart Jackson/Don Mayne THAT Edmonton Presbytery establish a Joint Needs Assessment Committee at Strathearn United Church.

CARRIED

Pastoral Oversight: Wally Fry thanked those who had completed site visit reports in 2007. He asked that outstanding 2007 reports be submitted as soon as possible.

Education and Students:

MOTION 2007/2008-142: Lynda Gow/Stuart Jackson THAT Edmonton Presbytery recognize Larry Derkach as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for 2008.

CARRIED

MOTION 2007/2008-143: Lynda Gow/Stuart Jackson THAT Edmonton Presbytery recognize Anne Dingwell as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for 2008.

CARRIED

MOTION 2007/2008-144: Lynda Gow/Stuart Jackson THAT Edmonton Presbytery recognize Carol Loewen as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader for 2008. **CARRIED**

Lynda Gow spoke about Kenneth Chan. He has completed the discernment process and required interviews. Kenneth has an M.Div degree and has completed an internship at Taylor University. His credentials have been approved by the national church.

MOTION 2007/2008-145: Lynda Gow/Stuart Jackson THAT Edmonton Presbytery recommend to Conference that Kenneth Chan be recognized as a Designated Lay Minister without condition. **CARRIED**

Chaplain's Report:

Betty Marlin brought forward the names of a number of people that she asked presbyters to keep in their minds and hearts. She asked us to remember ministers and partners who are going through transitions or have recently lost a loved one. The ministry offered by Presbytery Chaplains, Betty Marlin and Ken Morris, is deeply appreciated. Since both are away at various times of the year, several alternate chaplains are needed. Jo Ann Wilson Symonds will do Presbytery chaplaincy work while Betty is absent in March and April, 2008. Aubrey Edworthy will keep in contact with people by phone.

MOTION 2007/2008-146: Stuart Jackson/Betty Marlin THAT Edmonton Presbytery name Aubrey Edworthy as a Chaplain for the Presbytery. **CARRIED**

PRESBYTERY HANDBOOK

Wayne Flewelling, Marg May and Katharine Moore reviewed the Presbytery Handbook. Marg May noted that the Transition Team spent many hours preparing this revised Handbook. Handbooks are assigned to each congregation according to the number of Order of Ministry and Lay delegates and are the property of the congregation. When a Lay delegate is replaced, it is expected that the Handbook will be passed on to their successor. Most were picked up at the February Presbytery meeting. If your congregation was not represented, please call the Presbytery Office to arrange for pick up there. They will not be mailed out. If your congregation's Ministry Committee needs additional copies, please contact Marg May at 454-9226.

EXECUTIVE ACTING ON BEHALF

MOTION 2007/2008-147: Jim Lockhead/Marg May THAT Edmonton Presbytery Executive be empowered to act on behalf of Presbytery. **CARRIED**

THEOLOGICAL REFLECTION AND CLOSING PRAYER

The meeting closed with all Presbyters reading the Presbytery Mission statement printed in the Presbytery Handbook.

ADJOURNMENT

Kathy Hogman declared the meeting finished at 3.05pm.

NEXT PRESBYTERY MEETING

Tuesday, April 22, 2008
7.00 to 9.30pm
Riverbend United Church
14907 – 45 Ave.
Edmonton

Rev. Kathy Hogman, Chair

Nancy Kerr, Secretary

APPENDIX 1.

EDMONTON PRESBYTERY MEETING
THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

FEBRUARY 23, 2008
ST. ALBERT UNITED CHURCH

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

Kathy Hogman was named chair of the Committee of the Whole meeting. Nancy Kerr was named secretary.

The discussion concerned details of the proposed move of the Presbytery offices from a building in Westbrook Centre to Kirk United Church. The following questions were posed: How will offices in the Kirk space be assigned? (Response – Let staff determine office locations). Are there enough offices in the Kirk space? There will be an extra person to accommodate because of the animator and administrator. (Response – two persons often share an office, especially if they are working part time). What are the ethical implications of a move to Kirk United? Several people spoke in favour of the move. Was the move to Kirk United Church approved by the Property and Finance committee? (Response – no.) Were the Presbytery staff asked their opinion about the possible move to Kirk United Church? (Response – yes. Not in favour).