



MINUTES OF
THE TRANSITIONAL COUNCIL OF
JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH
The United Church of Canada

January 21, 2020
JUBILEE UNITED CHURCH
BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA

Vision: Together we are Called by God to be One by
Mission: Living Faith - Knowing Love - Voicing Hope
Ministry Priorities: Worship | Belonging | Service | Learning
Values: Honest Respectful Relationships | Joy, Laughter, Fun, Hospitality
Inclusiveness | Adaptability | Worship

PRESENT: Rev. Graham Brownmiller (Lead Minister), Colin Brown (Associate Minister), Bill Medland (Chair), Linda Wray, Ken Tunnicliffe and Debra Legge
Regrets: Sara Coyne and Lorna Gross

OPENING PRAYER The meeting began with prayer at 6:30 pm.

RESPECTFUL COMMUNICATION GUIDELINES Council members reviewed and agreed to follow the Guidelines for Respectful Communication.

BIBLE STUDY Rev. Graham Brownmiller led us in a bible study.

CONSENT AGENDA (a) that the Minutes of the Transitional Council meeting of November 26, 2019 be adopted as distributed;
(b) that Jubilee United Church co-sponsor with the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster the application for Refugee Sponsorship of Hayat & Yousef Almaclidi.

Motion: To accept the Consent Agenda item motion as presented.

Moved by: Ken Tunnicliffe **Seconded by:** Linda Wray **CARRIED**

FINANCIAL REPORT Linda Wray has begun working on the 2020 budget and once completed Linda will circulate the 2020 budget to Council members by email. An ad hoc meeting will be held to approve the budget so it can be included in the annual report.

Linda Wray presented the financial update to December 31, 2019.

Motion: To accept the financial report to December 31, 2019 as presented

Moved by: Linda Wray **Seconded by:** Ken Tunnicliffe **CARRIED**

OTHER BUSINESS**a. CMG: Learning**

The Core Ministry for Learning met last week; Pamela Evans has offered to coordinate the Core Ministry. During the meeting we spoke about the areas of learning that happen in the church: Sunday School, Youth Group, Bible Study, Lenten Lunches and other adult studies. We agreed that children enjoy participating in worship and we will continue to encourage that, the youth group will continue to challenge the congregation about our environmental impact, and bible study will continue as it has – utilizing a variety of ways to engage the bible.

Lenten Program

We also spoke about Lenten Lunches and have decided to try a new format this year. We will do an evening program beginning with gathering from 5:30 – 6:00, a meal from 6:00 – 6:45, worship from 6:45 – 7:15 and a speaker series from 7:30 – 8:00 (ish). The theme will be “How Then Shall I Live” and that will be suggested to worship as a theme for the Lenten Season as well. We considered the budget for 2020. Estimated cost is \$5 per person for the meal offered. Invitations have been sent to potential speakers. Cost of having speakers – suggested \$200 per week. Council suggested \$100 per speaker. It was also suggested that a GGC group may be able to provide the meal and do the dishes for a donation toward their upcoming camp. **ACTION:** Graham will look into this with Carla Wilks

There will be a hotdog fundraiser on February 9th following worship.

b. VST Sunday

The Rev. Dr. Richard Topping, VST’s Principal is joining us for worship on VST Sunday, February 2nd. He will preach and provide information about VST.

c. BC Native Ministries

The Pacific Mountain Region’s Native Ministries Council is meeting the weekend of March 13 – 15, 2020 and has asked if Jubilee will host them for worship on Sunday morning. The Region will host a lunch for the congregation and Native Ministries Council following worship.

d. CMG: Worship

The Core Ministry for Worship meets later this week.

Palm/Passion Sunday

Linnea Good will be in the area on Palm/Passion Sunday (April 5th) and is willing to come and be part of worship; both some music and preaching. Rev. Graham will be taking this to CMG: Worship later this week.

e. Justin Harvey

Justin Harvey’s health has drastically improved. Rehabilitation is a slower process than he originally hoped, leaving him quite weak the day after. He is experiencing a lot of muscle pain throughout the day as his upper torso is knitted back together. Currently he would be unable to meet any of the requirements of this job, but he is hoping that a return to work will come shortly. Justin’s GP is impressed with his progress so far. He has completed his Building Management Course with a 99% grade. He is eager to return to work.

f. Annual Congregational Meeting

Has been set for Sunday, March 1st following worship. Report deadlines to the office is February 10, 2020. In order to have the report out by February 16 which is two weeks before the meeting.

Nominations

A nominations group needs to be convened. We need 2 (to 6) members of Council and at least 1 for Ministry & Personnel. The committee should probably consider the Development Team as well. Rev. Graham is not allowed to be on the Nominations Committee, but he can be consulted by them. Bill and Ken will be the nominations committee to work on filling these positions.

Program

Three years we have been known as the Transitional Council. There are still issues with this governance as some folks do not understand what the Transitional Council does. As the governance model continues to unfold, perhaps the Transitional Council needs to be renamed. We should consider: Management Team, Council Executive, Governance Executive, Governing Body, etc. - something that will describe better what the Transitional Council is for.

The same complaints continue to be made about the governance model. Most people are frustrated because it is permissive giving, and they don't recognize that they have freedom to do the ministry they wish to do. The following have been heard that "too few people know the needs / opportunities / challenges at JUC - or just don't care." How do we communicate the needs of the congregation? There are a few people who do a lot of work. Small pieces of work that belong to CMGs and are left to the CMGs to be dealt with, they don't feel as though the Council is helping them enough.

Recommendation for the new name will be Executive Team. This will be brought forward to the AGM. It is suggested that a "Communications Group" be created. The following questions were asked: Is the Belonging Core Ministry too big? Are there too many items in the CMG? If there are two coordinators, should those two people split the responsibility and name which of the groups under the CMG they wish to relate to? Why do people have problems with how things are run in JUC? How can we answer their questions? How can we get them involved or informed? Are we as welcoming as we think we are?

It was suggested that members of the current council sit at different tables to facilitate the discussion of last year's results of the "I Wonder" questions.

g. Camp Spirit

We have been approached by Camp Spirit to see if we would be willing to partner in Camp Spirit during the summer. It would either be during the first week (July 6-10) or last week (August 24-28) of the summer. The requirements of this partnership include a \$1,500 program donation, a site coordinator, some community involvement through the week, and a cook (who will be reimbursed and offered an honorarium). Campers pay \$150 per week.

MOTION: that Jubilee United Church pursue partnering with Camp Spirit, including the partner fee of \$1,500

Moved by: Debra Legge

Seconded: Linda Wray

CARRIED

h. General Council Explorer

We have been asked to consider partnering as a host to a Summer Student Explorer through the General Council Office. This would be a young adult (19-25) who might be considering ministry at some point in their future. They would be with us for three months and experience what ministry might look like in a congregation. We would be given \$1,000 for expenses though accommodation, food and travel to and from the site (bus pass) might be greater and it would be expected that we would cover the difference. Travel for the explorer to come to Burnaby would be paid by a national travel pool. Again, the Region may be willing to contribute some cost towards this program.

MOTION: That Jubilee United Church apply to participate in the General Council Explorer program and cover the costs of the program to approximately \$2,500.

Moved: Debra Legge

Seconded: Ken Tunnicliffe

CARRIED

i. Rumble on Gray report was submitted. The date this year will be September 19, 2020.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 6:30 pm

Bill Medland, Chair

Debra Legge, Secretary

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