

St. Paul's United Church of Canada
 Joint Pastoral Charge Meeting
 April 8, 2014

- Call to Order** Chairperson Melissa Fiest, called the meeting to order at 8:03 pm in Room 202 at St. Paul's United Church, Estevan, SK.
- Attendance** Melissa Fiest, Kaye Hemus, Astrid Friesen, Linda Holden, Pastor Brenna Nickel, Robert Andrist, Marilyn McCutcheon, Don Kindopp, Wendy Suchan, Val Voth, Dorothy Fuchs, Roy Brinkworth, Barry Harris, Margaret Baniulis, Faye Harris, Lynn Kindopp
- Devotion** Pastor Brenna Nickel invited everyone to introduce themselves and share joys they had then concluded with a prayer.
- Agenda** **Motion: Robert Andrist/Wendy Suchan**
 The agenda and submitted reports be approved.
 CARRIED
 See Appendix A, page 3.
- Minutes** **Motion: Rob Andrist/Wendy Suchan**
 The minutes of the last Joint Pastoral Charge Meeting of May 15, 2013 be approved. CARRIED
- Treasurer's Report** **Faye Harris/Astrid Friesen**
 The Treasurer's report for the Joint Pastoral Charge be accepted. CARRIED
- Presbytery Report** Don Kindopp reported on the Presbytery Meeting held Saturday, April 5, 2014 at Ogema, SK.
 See Appendix B, page 4
- Comprehensive Review – Fishing on the Other Side* Pastor Brenna Nickel was a member of this Task Force Group. She reported that some 600 facilitated conversations with communities of faith occurred. Don Kindopp showed a presentation of the preliminary model of the proposed changes to the United Church structure. The proposal is scheduled to be presented to General Council in 2015. Further information is available at
http://www.united-church.ca/files/general-council/gc41/comp-review/crtg_fishing.pdf

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Presbytery Youth and Children's Joint Service Set for May 11, 2014 with St. Paul's hosting. Service time is 11:00 am with pot luck to follow.

New Business

Chogoria Mission Opportunity: Pastor Brenna Nickel presented a mission project in support of a Chogoria, Kenya medical camp and girl's health. Items being collected include medicines, vitamins and feminine items. Items will be taken to Chogoria by First Presbyterian persons on their mission trip this summer.

Cash donations may be made for Trip Supplies or for purchasing desks/chairs for their school.

Consensus was that we should support this Mission Opportunity.

New Ideas for Charge Finances Faye Harris spoke to this topic. Portals decided to discuss further at their own Board meeting following this Joint meeting.

Joint Church Service July 6, 2014 at North Portal, SK

Adjournment Wendy Suchan/Linda Holden. CARRIED

Melissa Fiest, Chair

Lynn Kindopp, Recording Secretary

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Appendix A – Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Devotion
3. Approval of the Agenda
4. Approval of Previous Meeting's Minutes
5. Business Arising from Previous Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report
7. Presbytery Representative Report
 - 7.1. Comprehensive Review – “Fishing on the Other Side”
8. New Business
 - 8.1. New Ideas for Charge Finances
9. Adjournment

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Appendix B
 Presbytery Report

**Twin Valleys Presbytery Notes: April 5, 2014 at Ogema United Church,
 Ogema, SK**

These notes are for the use of Twin Valleys Presbytery Congregational representatives to help in making congregational reports (Communications Committee)

Worship

Opening: Sylvia Fitzgerald.

The money-changers in the Temple questioned the force Jesus used to upset their comfortable commerce. Is this not happening today as the church is confronted by the need to change?

Closing: Rob Reed

Recalling changes that have happened in his life, encouragement for the church to move ahead as a place of nurture and action inspired by the Spirit of Christ.

Comprehensive Review Process

As mandated by the 41st General Council, an on-going visioning of the future of the United Church is asking Presbyters their opinion on four key areas of discussion:
 (<http://www.united-church.ca/communications/news/general/140206>)

a) Property

Community should be able to decide what happens to its property. There should be another body of second opinion. Paperwork must be streamlined.

b) Oversight of communities of faith

Question of accountability and how this would be appointed. Lay people need a voice – how would this be established, especially as a support to minister?

c) Oversight of ministers

Important to separate the oversight and discipline of ministers (“College”) from the support and advocacy (“Association”). Membership in the Association should be automatic with financial support, but use of it up to each minister.

d) Connectional space

Need to build networks, but how big and how open? Must free up time and energy for mission and ministry. How would this be funded?

General Reports

Treasurer's Report (to Apr.5, 2014)

Bank balance = \$3,826.05
 Receivable from charges = \$31,765.75
 Receipts to date = \$26,768.15
 Cash expenses = \$44,265.69
 Net outflow = \$17,497.54

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Pastoral Relations

Intercultural Education all-day event
Wednesday May 28, 2014 in Arcola,
SK. Adele Halliday from General
Council will present on what it means
to be an intercultural church.

Children & Youth Ministry

- Intergenerational worship in
May, 2014 and June, 2014.
- Summer programming in July,
2014.
- Rendez-Vous (youth event) in
Winnipeg in August, 2104.

Things to note

- Attendance: 33 delegates
present: 18 lay, 11 clergy, 4
visitors
- Resignation of Ryan
Monkman as Children &
Youth Coordinator effective
August 31, 2014.

**Upcoming 2014 Presbytery
Meetings**

September 26, 2014 in Kipling, SK
November 21 – 22, 2014 in
Weyburn, SK with youth event
April 17, 2015 in Wolseley, SK