

**THE MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDRED AND ELEVENTH MEETING
 OF THE SYNOD OF ALBERTA AND THE NORTHWEST
 OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
 HELD AT
 CAMP KANNAWIN CHURCH, SYLVAN LAKE, ALBERTA
 OCTOBER 21, 2016**

FIRST SEDERUNT

TIME AND PLACE	At Sylvan Lake, Alberta, and within Camp Kannawin there, on Friday, the twenty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord, two thousand and sixteen, at ten o'clock in the morning, the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest of The Presbyterian Church in Canada convened as per adjournment.
DEVOTIONAL	Devotional led by Colin Penman.
CONSTITUTION OF THE SYNOD	The moderator, Joanne Lee, did by prayer constitute the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the only King and Head of the Church.
ROLL OF SYNOD	<p>The Clerk submitted the Rolls provided by the Clerks of Presbytery as of September 30, 2016.</p> <p>Moved H. Currie seconded K. Munroe that the Rolls provided by the Clerks of Presbytery be the Roll of Synod. CARRIED</p> <p>It was noted that those in attendance as per the sign-in sheets be those listed as in attendance at Synod.</p>
REGRETS	Written regrets as received by: Nancy Cocks, Linda Sonley, Cathy Gale, Allen Aicken (Friday only), Jean Morris, Sandra Cameron Evans, Cheryl Gill, John Chik, Audrey Cole, Hugh Jack, Mary Rozsa de Coquet, Mark Tremblay, Richard Crowe, Tom Brownlee, Jan Hazlett, Che Napoleon, Kobus Genis, Grant Gunnink (Calgary Macleod); Doug Maxwell, Connie Madsen (Central Alberta) David Rodgers, Kenneth W. MacRae, Ariane Wasilow, Jean Bryden, Bill Paterson, Charles McNeil (Edmonton Lakeland) George Malcolm (Peace River)

<p>WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND VISITORS TO THE COURT</p>	<p>The Moderator called for the introduction of members of the Court attending Synod for the first time. Newly in attendance were: Jared Miller, Terry Hagen, Betsy Hamid, Diane Mulder, Devadosan and Lily Sugirtharaj</p>
<p>ATTENDANCE</p>	<p>The following indicated their attendance: <u>Ministers/Diaconal Ministers:</u> Peter Coutts, Dewald Delpport, Clay Kuhn, Jared Miller, Dianne Ollerenshaw (Calgary Macleod); Devadosan Sugirtharaj, Sandra Franklin-Law, Jin Woo Kim, JoAnne Lee (Central Alberta); Harry Currie, Heinrich Grosskopf (Edmonton Lakeland); Terry Hagen (Peace River)</p> <p><u>Elders:</u> Tom Paasuke, Marlene LaMontagne (Calgary Macleod); Catherine Ellis, Bev Reynolds, May Gillis, Anna Olive (Central Alberta); Kenneth Munro, Darleen Springstein, Randy Osgood, Chris Litvinchuk, Shannon Finley, Betsy Hamid (Edmonton Lakeland); Margaret Redekopp, Lorna Price, Sherry McDonald, Edna Tunke (Peace River)</p> <p><u>Appendix:</u> John Rhoad (Central Alberta); Mickey Johnston (Edmonton Lakeland)</p> <p><u>Guests:</u> Winona Haliburton (Calgary Macleod); Pat Anderson, Richard Anderson, Cara Penman (Central Alberta); Bill Litvinchuk, Ann Paterson (Edmonton Lakeland); Ross Lockhart (Westminster/VST)</p>
<p>MINUTES OF THE 109TH SYNOD</p>	<p>The Clerk reported that the minutes of the 109th Synod had been examined by a committee appointed by the 142nd General Assembly and were attested as neatly and correctly kept.</p>
<p>MINUTES OF THE 110TH SYNOD</p>	<p>Moved by D. Delpport seconded by H. Grosskopf that the minutes of the 110th Synod be approved. CARRIED</p>
<p>BUSINESS ARISING</p>	<p><i>Alignment of Presbytery Boundaries</i> Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest reconsider the alignment of Presbytery boundaries and that the Administration Committee begin the conversation. CARRIED</p>

	<p><i>Continuation of Synod Conference</i> Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that this be tabled to the next sederunt. CARRIED</p> <p><i>At a future sederunt, I will move or cause to be moved that Synod meet every two years.</i> Harry Currie</p>
MEMORIAL FOR DECEASED ELDERS AND MINISTERS	<p>Ministers and elders who died during the past year, and included in the memorial prayer: Mary Norma Reeves, Maureen Patricia Jacques, Yvonne Haliburton, Margaret Florence Campbell, Will Schmidt, Stan Bridge (Calgary Macleod)</p> <p>It was noted that Isobel MacRae, a long-time member of First, Edmonton, had recently passed away at the age of 108 years.</p>
MEMORIAL PRAYER	<p>A memorial prayer was offered for the devotion and service of all teaching and ruling elders in the Synod who passed away during the past year.</p>
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE	<p>The Moderator called for the Report of the Administrative Committee. D. Delport presented the report.</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that the report be received and the recommendations considered. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that recommendations 2 and 4 through 10 be adopted. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that recommendation 3 be adopted with the inclusion of Remits and Referrals. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that recommendation 11 be adopted. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that recommendation 12 be adopted. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by D. Delport seconded by J. Miller that the report as a whole be adopted. CARRIED</p>

REPORTS WITHOUT RECOMMENDATION	Moved by M. LaMontagne seconded by H. Currie that the reports from Cursillo, WMS/Synodical, Kairos and the Archivist be received for information. CARRIED
CAMP KANNAWIN AND DIRECTOR	Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that the Camp Kannawin report be received and considered. CARRIED 1. Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that the report and its recommendations be received and considered. CARRIED 2. Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that the Synod increase the camp committee's grant for 2016 to \$90,000 from the current \$80,000. CARRIED 3. Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that the Synod endorse the camp committee's initiative of drawing in expertise from beyond itself to begin the future planning process for Camp Kannawin. CARRIED 4. Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that the Synod ask the presbyteries of Edmonton Lakeland and Calgary McLeod to designate a second presbytery representative to the Camp Kannawin committee. CARRIED 5. Moved H. Grosskopf seconded by M. Gillis that recommendations 5 and 6 be tabled to budget discussion. CARRIED 6. Moved by P. Coutts seconded by H. Currie that at future Synod meetings the Director's report annually report the number of campers and LIT's in attendance for each session, as well as the number of rentals by user groups. CARRIED
INTRODUCTION	On a motion by P. Coutts, Ross Lockhart from VST was welcomed to our Synod meeting.
REGIONAL STAFFING COUNCIL AND DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL MINISTRIES	The report was presented by A. Paterson. Moved by M. LaMontagne seconded J. Kim that the report be received and considered. CARRIED

	<p>Moved by M. LaMontagne seconded J. Kim that the Convener of the Regional Staffing Council on behalf of the Synod of Alberta and the Northwest transmit a request for a Regional Resource Grant of \$61,500 to the Life and Mission Agency for consideration to fund our Director or Regional Ministry and that all required supporting documents (an application form, narrative description, and budget for 2017) be included. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by H. Currie seconded by S. Franklin-Law that the Director of Regional Ministries' housing allowance be changed to \$22,000.</p> <p>Moved by D. Delpont seconded by J. Miller that the previous motion be tabled to budget discussion. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by M. LaMontagne seconded J. Kim that the budget for the Regional Staffing Council for 2017 be set at \$1,000 and that this figure be forwarded to the Synod Treasurer. CARRIED</p> <p>The Director of Regional Ministries, Dianne Ollerenshaw, provided a pictorial overview of her past year's work.</p> <p>Thanks were extended to Dianne for the work she does throughout the province and in particular in Central Alberta and great gratitude was expressed on behalf of Edmonton-Lakeland for all she has done and is doing in Fort MacMurray.</p>
<p>NOMINATING</p>	<p>Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the Nominating report be received and considered.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the above nominations be approved. CARRIED 2. Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the Camp Committee be given power to issue to fill the vacancies on the committee. CARRIED 3. Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the Administration Committee be given power to issue to fill vacancies missed or that arise in the coming year. CARRIED

	4. Moved by H. Currie seconded by C. Kuhn that the report of the Nominating Committee be adopted. CARRIED
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF SYNOD	<p>Recommendation #1: Moved by A. Olive seconded by D. Delpont that Synod appoint a committee of persons with expertise in revenue development to research funding sources and advise Synod of any which may be available to provide either project funding or sustainable funding for Camp or Synod operations. CARRIED</p> <p>Recommendation #2: Moved by A. Olive seconded by D. Delpont the 5-year financial forecast. CARRIED</p> <p>Recommendation #3: Moved by A. Olive seconded by D. Delpont that the present members on the Special Committee be disbanded. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by P. Coutts seconded by M. LaMontagne that if the 2017 General Assembly reduces the grant for Synod Staff then the Administration Committee bring to the 2017 Synod an initial assessment on impact and provide a process to discuss priorities in Synod ministries and their funding. CARRIED</p> <p>Moved by A. Olive seconded by D. Delpont the report as a whole. CARRIED</p>
ORDER OF THE DAY	Rev. Joanne Lee – on behalf of Knox College
NOTICE OF MOTION	<p><i>At a future sederunt I will move or cause to be moved that persons on the appendix who are in active ministry including but not limited to, Presbytery clergy, interim moderators, committee chairs and lay missionaries have their Synod expenses covered, and that this would be effective this Synod 2016.</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Harry Currie</p>
LEAVE TO WITHDRAW	Presented by B. Reynolds: Heinrich Grosskopf, Harry Currie and Darlene Springsteen request to withdraw at 4:00 PM.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	

ADJOURNMENT	On a motion by D. Delport the sederunt was adjourned to be reconvened at 1:30 PM, Friday, October 21, 2016. The Moderator closed the sederunt with prayer and grace.
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