

The Presbyterian Church in Canada
The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod
Alberta, Canada

Regular Meeting November 7, 2017

Gathering in God's Name

- Called to Order & Constitution** At Bassano, Alberta and within Knox Presbyterian Church there, the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod met in regular session on Tuesday, November 7, 2017, at 1:20 p.m.
- The Moderator pro tem, Ms Mary Rozsa de Coquet, constituted the meeting with prayer. The court was reminded that we are meeting on treaty land.
- Roll** Present with the Moderator were the ministers of Word and Sacrament: Peter Baek, Bertalan Bocskorás, Peter Coutts, Kobus Genis, Grant Gunnink, Hugh Jack, Jared Miller, Jean Morris, Dianne Ollerenshaw; and Mark Tremblay; and ruling elders: Sandra Cameron Evans, Okechukwu Chukwu, (*Valleyview*), Bill Cocks, Richard Crowe, Tom Paasuke, Teddy Picket, Sandi Churchill (*Alternate Varsity Acres*)
- Regrets** Regrets were received from Minister of Word and Sacrament: Dewald Delport, Janice Hazlett, Clayton Kuhn and ruling elders: John Chik, Audrey Cole, Cathy Gale, and Karen Robbins.
- Appendix** Regrets were received from Ministers from the Appendix: Tom Brownlee, Nancy Cocks, and Ena Van Zoeren.
- Regrets were received from Phil Gaiser (*Treasurer*).
- Also present: Judie Coleman (*secretary, alternate St. Andrew's*), Marlene LaMontagne (*WMS*).
- Courtesies** The Moderator welcomed Roberto De Sandoli (*Young Adult Ministry Coordinator at Grace*), Cheryl Gill (*Valleyview*), and John Cormack (*Bassano*)
- Docket** The Clerk presented the docket for the day:
There were no Stated Hours.
- Changes to the Docket:
After Mission and Strategy report add Draft Overture re CTA 57
Before Administration report add Clergy and Congregational Care
After Centennial Interim-Moderator report add Grace Presbytery Representative report
After Grace Presbytery report add St. John's, Medicine Hat Interim-Moderator report
- It was agreed that the hours of meeting be 1:00 p.m. to the conclusion of business with a break for refreshments at 3:00 p.m.

MOVED by B. Cocks seconded by B. Bocskorás, that the docket be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

Being the Body of Christ

Business
Arising

Business Arising

Report on
Petition 1 from
Knox Calgary

The Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod Report of the Committee on Petition 1 from Knox Church, Calgary November 7, 2017

A committee named by the Moderator consisting of Hugh Jack, Nancy Cocks, Audrey Cole, and Jean Morris submits the following report. Our report is based on the specific terms of reference that we were given by the presbytery. We met with the ruling elders of Knox Church and Valleyview Church on separate occasions. The respective ministers were not present at these meetings in accordance with our request. The committee did not enter into a discussion with either of the two Sessions concerning the theology or biblical interpretation of human sexuality. These matters were outside of our terms of reference.

We were asked to seek answers to the two questions posed by the petitioners:

Did the Church Session of Valleyview Community Church approve the use of the address of the church building for the purposes of the group introducing itself as PSALT?

The answer we were given to that question was no.

Did the members of the Church Session of Valleyview Community Church approve and know of the contents of the letter sent to all Clerks of Session within the Presbyterian Church in Canada?

The answer we were given to that question was no. The elders told us that the letter from PSALT never came before their Session. The committee thought that Rev. Grant Gunnink should be contacted and asked why the PSALT letter did not come before the Session. He was contacted by phone. His answer was that he did not feel that it was important to do so.

We were asked to review the minutes of Valleyview Session in order to determine if the Session knowingly sanctioned correspondence from PSALT.

We reviewed the relevant minutes, that is, from January to December of 2016. We found no evidence in the minutes that Valleyview Session knowingly sanctioned correspondence from PSALT. In fact, we found no evidence of any correspondence of any nature coming before the Session during that time period. **We were asked to check if other Sessions sent a complaint to Valleyview Church.**

To our knowledge, the answer to that question is no.

We were asked to check with the Clerks of Assembly if they have received any complaints regarding the matter.

Stephen Kendall, Principal Clerk, replied: *“There were a small number of calls to our office at the time the letter was released, mostly with questions about whether the letter had anything to do with the national office or the two committees studying the matter. Our advice at that time was that no Session was under any obligation to receive or consider the matter.”*

Our final task was to determine an answer to the prayer of the petition and to present any other recommendations the committee believes to be helpful.

The prayer of the Petition is that the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod direct the Session of Valleyview Church to send an apology to every Church Session within the Presbyterian Church in Canada to address Knox’s grievance.

When Stephen Kendall was asked if the PSALT letter undermined the work the PCC is already doing on human sexuality and if there was any law of the church that prohibited the sending of such a letter to every Session in Canada, he replied:

“We are not convinced that the General Assembly’s decisions for study and report mean that other approaches cannot be taken. At face value, a letter that advocates one position over another and is spread widely across the church seems counter to how we would expect as a church to proceed, but at the same time, provided it is in respectful language, it does not seem to us as likely to be a censurable action.”

Stephen Kendall also said, *“We believe that it is within the jurisdiction of the presbytery to discern whether the actions of one session contravene the expectations of the presbytery for appropriate behaviour.”*

Since Valleyview Session knew nothing of either the contents or the sending of the PSALT letter, we do not feel it is appropriate to ask the Valleyview Session to send an apology to every Church Session in Canada. Since only Rev. Grant Gunnink knew of the letter, we asked ourselves if it would be appropriate to ask him to send an apology. Taking into consideration that the Principal Clerk of Assembly believes that the sending of the letter is not a censurable action, we do not feel it is appropriate to ask Rev. Grant Gunnink to do so. We should also remind ourselves that no Session was under any obligation to receive the letter.

However, the sending of such a letter, although it follows the letter of the law, it does not follow the spirit of the law, and since it is within the presbytery’s jurisdiction, as the Principal Clerk reminded us, to discern whether the actions of one Session contravene the expectations of appropriate behaviour, and for the purpose of clarity, we make the following Notice of Motion:

Notice of Motion

At a future meeting of presbytery, I will move or cause to be moved that any member of Presbytery or any Session within the bounds of the Presbytery that wishes to send a letter to all Sessions within the Presbyterian Church

in Canada must first ask for the permission of the Presbytery at one of its meetings, and that this requirement be added to the Standing Orders of Presbytery.

We feel this addition to the Standing Orders is necessary because we must make it clear to the Sessions within our bounds that no Session should be seen to be interfering with the work of another Session. It is the presbytery's role to direct the work of Sessions within its bounds, not the role of another Session.

We have two recommendations and some final comments.

Since we noticed that there is no evidence in the minutes of any correspondence coming before Valleyview Session, we recommend:

Recommendation 1: MOVED by H. Jack, seconded by J. Morris that all correspondence relevant to the life and work of Valleyview Community Church be directed to the Clerk of Session, be brought before the Session by the Clerk, and itemized in the Session minutes.

CARRIED

Since we noticed in the Valleyview Session minutes that there is no regular report from Presbytery, and since the Session should be made aware of the business of Presbytery, and since a report from Presbytery would have been one means of making the Session aware of the PSALT letter and the concerns around it, we recommend:

Recommendation 2: MOVED by H. Jack, seconded by J. Morris that Valleyview Session include a Presbytery report on its meeting agenda.

CARRIED

Some comments:

It is good for all of us to remember that the Moderator is a part of Session. The Moderator and the Session are one. When the Moderator considers acting independently of a decision of the whole Session, he or she must consider whether those actions would imply consent of or support from the Session. If so, the Session as a whole should be consulted before the Moderator acts. Where circumstances make prior consultation impossible, the Session should be informed of the Moderator's action and reasons for it so that the Session can offer its comment and record its full position on the matter in the minutes.

The committee noted in conversation with both Sessions that their understanding of the issue at hand differs significantly. Knox Session takes very seriously the matter of due process and acted to express their concern over what they view as a breach of proper order. Valleyview Session sees the matter as a disagreement over the contents of the letter. It is important for us all to remember that in The Presbyterian Church in Canada following due process is taken seriously. Observing protocols in communication is one way of doing things "decently and in order" (I Corinthians 14:40)

Comments by Mark Tremblay:

The Clerk of Assembly is right to point out that the single act of sending a letter may not be censurable. However, did the committee consider the logical

question, under what circumstances, might sending a letter be censurable? It does not appear that it was considered. What is lacking in the report is a consideration of context and perception to help the presbytery consider whether there are censurable actions.

While there cannot be a general rule that any letter being sent to another Church Session is never appropriate, one has to consider how it is accepted and perceived. When the letter has been questioned on account of the apparent interference, which is a censurable act, then that context and perception is what has to be considered. The Clerk of Assembly is also right to affirm that, whether or not it is a censurable act, must be decided by the presbytery. The matter is not for him to decide, nor can the matter be dismissed by noting, that the Principal Clerk is not convinced that the action is censurable. Is the Principal Clerk contradicting himself, or reminding the committee that the presbytery must decide?

The grievance of the Knox Session was the presence of the Valleyview Church's address on the letter and the perception of interference by that Session on other Sessions. Interference is a censurable act. The Valleyview Session understood that, and they agreed with the perception, and apologized to the Knox Session and thanked them for bringing it to their attention. They understood the perception. It is not a letter alone, but the letter combined with the address that caused the grievance and, potentially, makes this a censurable act.

The committee comments that the church session did not know of the letter or its contents. This is what the Church session has said in correspondence to the Knox Session. What did the Valleyview Session do after they found out about this? After they thanked the Knox Session for bringing it to their attention, what have they done to address the matter? The committee's report would lead one to believe that nothing was done.

The committee thinks no further action is required. The committee states that the Church Session has no guilt in this matter. Ignorance stands as a perfect excuse! The only apology needed is to the Church session who sought remonstrance for the letter is warranted. What kind of justice promotes the idea that you can do whatever you want as long as you don't get caught or you only have to apologize to the one who took offence? No comment or suggestion is afforded the Valleyview Session to help deal with a situation like this in the future.

The committee raised the idea of censure. It is a puzzling situation that a minister would write a letter to go to every session within The Presbyterian Church in Canada and not bring it to the session where he was the moderator. It was important enough to send it to the whole church but not important enough to tell the session of the letter or that he was using the church's mailing address. This was not an accident. The Rev. Grant Guinnink has told this court it was his action and the Church Session knew nothing about it. He told the committee that he did not bring it to the Session because he didn't think it was important enough to do so.

The committee then dismisses whether this is a censurable act. Again, it seems to have done so without considering the context or perception. However, the committee's comments enable a reader to think that the actions are being

censured.

The report does not read like an answer a petition. It offers no comments and/ or recommendations for the petitioners. It does not recommend that this is the answer to the petition.

Tremblay Motion: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw that the Rev. Grant Gunnink be admonished for his action in writing a letter and using the address of Valleyview Church without their prior consent, and that he be required to do the following disciplinary actions:

- That he apologize to the Church Session of Valleyview Church for using the church address on correspondence that had nothing to do with that Church's business and for creating a situation where they had to explain his actions.
- That he apologize to the Session of Knox for sending a letter using the address of Valleyview Church that made it appear that another Session were interfering in their business.

Motion was **DEFEATED**

Standing Orders Standing Orders

Regional Ministries (minutes pg 120/17)

Notice of Motion: J. Miller will move or cause to be moved that the following be added to the Standing Orders "that with the constitution of the court, the Moderator remind us that we are meeting on Treaty land."

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Clergy and Congregational Care (minutes pg 111/17)

Motion: MOVED by J. Morris, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw that the Terms of Reference for the Riverside Endowment Fund be added to the Appendix of the Standing Orders of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.

CARRIED

Mission and Strategy (minutes pg 95/17)

Motion: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by J. Morris that the Spring meeting of presbytery be moved from meeting in May to June.

CARRIED

Actions of the Moderator

The Moderator had no report.

Sept 19, 2017

The minutes of the regular meeting held on, September 19, 2017 were presented. MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by H. Jack, that the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

Oct 5, 2017

The minutes of the special meeting held on, October 5, 2017 were presented. MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by B. Cocks, that the minutes be adopted.

CARRIED

Correspondence The Clerk presented the correspondence.

Recommendation: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by J. Morris, that the correspondence be dealt with as indicated below.

CARRIEDReceive for Information

File #	Correspondence
17-057	From C. Inksetter, received Sept 11 – Candidate Declined – email to presbytery Sept 19.
17-058	From S. Fesyk, received Sept 11 – G. Gunnink 10 Year Anniversary – email to presbytery Sept 18.
17-059	From G. Gunnink, received Sept 12 – Preaching People’s Jobs – email to presbytery Sept 18.
17-061	From H. Hilder, received Sept 14 – Transitional Leadership Event – email to presbytery Sept 18.
17-065	From J. Henderson, received Sept 18 – Learning Opportunity – email to presbytery Sept 19.
17-066	From M. Scheidt, received Sept 19 – Presbyterians Sharing Report – distributed to presbytery Sept 19.
17-068	From PCC, received Sept 19 – Webinars re: Sexuality Overtures – email to presbytery Sept 23.
17-069	From C. Kuhn, received Sept 20 – Future of General Presbyter Position – email to presbytery Sept 23.
17-071	From P. Coutts, received Sept 21 – Invitation to Presbytery to Experience Stephen Ministry – email to presbytery Sept 23.
17-072	From M. Repchuck, received Sept 22 – 500 th Anniversary of The Reformation – email to presbytery Sept 28.
17-073	From W. Haliburton, received Sept 28 – Synod 2017 – email to presbytery Sept 28.
17-076	From Knox Development Assoc., received Oct 3 – Student and Colleges Sunday – email to presbytery Oct 11.
17-077	From M. Leung, received Oct 3 – Changes to the Roll-Sept – email to presbytery Oct 11.
17-080	From J. Henderson, received Oct 6 – The Charles H. MacDonald – email to presbytery Oct 11.
17-081	From W. Haliburton, received Oct 7 – Synod 2017 Start Time – email to presbytery Oct 11.
17-085	From D. Ollerenshaw, received Oct 11 – Invitation to Congregations in Synod to meet Rob Shropshire and attend “Kindness without Borders” – email to presbytery Oct 11.
17-086	From M. Scheidt, received Oct 12 – Presbyterians Sharing report to September 30/17 – email to presbytery Oct 28.
17-087	From B. Fotheringham, received Oct 12 – Letter of Standing for The Rev. V. Vaus – email to presbytery Oct 28.
17-091	From W. Haliburton, received Oct 16 – Synod Reports 2017 – email to presbytery Oct 17.
17-092	From W. Haliburton, received Oct 16 – More Synod Reports –

	email to presbytery Oct 17.
17-093	From W. Haliburton, received Oct 17 – Another Synod Report – email to presbytery Oct 18.
17-094	From W. Haliburton, received Oct 19 – Synod Nominating Report – email to presbytery Oct 19.
17-099	From Knox Presbyterian Church Office, received Oct 24 – Community Hubs by Design – email to presbytery Oct 29.
17-100	From PWS&D, received Oct 26 – PWS&D October E-Newsletter – email to presbytery Oct 29.

Refer to Administrative Committee

17-095	From R. Brown, received Oct 20 – Knox-Host for Synod 2018.
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Refer to Clergy and Congregational Care

Refer to the Clerk

17-060	From T. Hamilton, received Sept 14 – 2017 Acts and Proceedings CD Roms.
17-062	From W. Haliburton, received Sept 16 – Memorial Prayer.
17-063	From Clerks of Assembly, received Sept 18 – Actions of the 2017 General Assembly for attention of presbyteries.
17-067	From P. Coutts, received Sept 19 – VAPC Commissioner.
17-074	From H. Jack, received Sept 28 – Backup Elder.
17-075	From B. Summers, received Oct 3 – Talking Points from the Life and Mission Agency.
17-078	From D. Bonar, received Oct 3 – Centennial Commissioner.
17-079	From C. Macmillan, received Oct 6 – Notice to Clerks.
17-082	From P. Coutts, received Oct 6 – Call Documents.
17-084	From P. Coutts, received Oct 11 – Call Documents.
17-088	From E. van Zoeren, received Oct 13 – Centennial.
17-089	From D. Ollerenshaw, received Oct 13 – Question about Presbytery Marriage Record book.
17-090	From C. Smith, received Oct 15 – Grace Fire Drill Completed.
17-096	From P. Coutts, received Oct 20 – Request for License to Marry.
17-097	From T. Hamilton, received Oct 23 – Moderator of General Assembly-Nominations.
17-098	From E. van Zoeren, received Oct 23 – Question About Candidate Preaching for a Call.

Refer to Treasurer

17-064	From J. Crowdis, received Sept 18 – Website Costs 2017.
17-070	From P. Coutts, received Sept 20 – Budget Suggestion.
17-083	From J. Crowdis, received Oct 10 – Reimbursement for Website renewal.

Refer to Treasurer

17-044	From D. Veenstra, received July 20 – GA Accommodation and Meals Invoice – email to Phil July 20.
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Discerning the Future of our Presbytery

Prayer

The Moderator led us in a Prayer of Invocation.

Enthusiasms

Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding the Ministries of the Presbytery

- Calvin is offering its second Alpha course and it is going well
- Calvin celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation
- The WMS Presbyterians Gathering event is June 9, 2018 at St. Andrew's Calgary with the Rev. Nancy Cocks as guest speaker.

Remits and Study Papers 2017 GA

Remits and Study Papers from the 2017 General Assembly

As moved by Presbytery, the team of S. Cameron Evans (Clerk pro tem), A. Cole (Moderator), K. Genis, P. Coutts and R. Crowe met to review Remits and Studies. The following is their report.

****PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU LIKE TO SEE THE DETAILS REGARDING THE REMITS AND STUDY PAPERS PLEASE GO TO <http://presbyterian.ca/gao/2017referrals/>**

AND DOWNLOAD THESE DOCUMENTS FROM THERE.

Study and Report

This year there are seven Study and Report documents with due dates of January 31, 2018.

Physician Assisted Suicide

This document asks for comments.

The Team felt that this document could impact the pastoral role of clergy and elders. They recommended that Mission and Strategy make the document "Physician Assisted Suicide" the basis for the Theological Reflection at the November 7th Presbytery meeting, considering, in part, the professional implications for clergy as well as producing a response for the Committee on Church Doctrine. The document would be provided to Presbyters in advance for them to consider.

Provision for Equalizing Ministers

This document asks for study and reporting back to the Clerks of Assembly.

The Team supports this report. As there are an increasing number of congregations without clergy, this allows adequate representation. Interim Moderators, in their role of providing leadership to a congregation, are an appropriate choice.

Censure Definitions

This report and proposed revisions to the Book of Forms asks for study and reporting back to the Clerks of Assembly.

The Team supports the revisions in this report as they bring consistency and clarity, however feel the term “excommunication” should remain within the options. While it is difficult to monitor, there are extreme situations where the well being of the congregation must be preserved. “Communion” with the congregation and at table are so meaningful and central that excommunication (administered with meekness, kindness and tenderness) is a true punishment, intending to be such a grievous burden on the person that they are compelled to repent, allowing them to be reconciled with their faith community.

There are rare occasions in which a communicant member can become such a significant disruptive force in the congregation that it is decided to “solemnly cast the offender out of the communion of the church” (from the definition of excommunication, BoF 374). We are aware of two incidents in The PCC’s recent past in which an ecclesial trial led to congregational members being excommunicated. While excommunication can effect this, we also note that “Removal from Membership” (BoF 371) is also a censure which effects the same outcome.

The Church and People Who are Transgender or Intersex

This report is provided for study by congregations, ministers, chaplains, elders and youth leaders.

The Team encourages churches to make this report available on their websites. They encourage congregations, ministers, chaplains, elders and youth leaders to study it as it addresses areas of confusion and misinformation.

Sexuality Overtures (Additional Motion, Recommendation No. 4 and Recommendation No. 5)

These documents were provided for study, reflection, report and response.

The Team recommended that the Moderator and Clerk work with Mission and Strategy to schedule a Special Meeting to deal with these overtures using the attached process, developed by P. Coutts. This approach, intended to produce constructive discussions and assess the range of views, will help us determine where we are as a Presbytery, recognizing the diversity of views. It is an opportunity for procedural justice where people will be allowed to participate and be heard;

The culmination would be the completion of the Committee on Church Doctrine Survey. Note: Presbytery will make our congregations aware of the survey <https://form.jotform.com/72747538873977>.

RECOMMENDATION 1: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans seconded by R. Crowe that the above be the comments from the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.
CARRIED

that was circulated prior to the meeting.

Motion to receive

MOVED P. Coutts, seconded by B. Cocks, that the reports be received and their recommendations considered.

CARRIED

Mission and Strategy

MISSION AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE *Mark Tremblay (Convenor)*

The committee met and discussed the following:

Retreat

Explorations continue regarding what the Spring Retreat might look like. The recommendation that the Spring meeting of presbytery be moved from meeting in May to June was approved under Business Arising.

Directions from Presbytery

The presbytery directed M&S to prepare wording for an Overture to the General Assembly regarding CTA 57. In consultation with Justice Ministries, the overture will be presented at the meeting.

The Rev. J. Miller was invited to attend the M&S meeting at the last presbytery meeting. Two days before the committee meeting he reported a scheduling conflict and was unable to attend. We received a report, and the committee looks forward to talking with him about the Ministry plan south of Fish Creek.

Considering another direction from the presbytery and two requests from the Administration Committee, the committee did not have time to consider the four-fold direction.

Requests from the Administration Committee

In response to a request from the Admin Committee, it was agreed that the theological reflection period at the November meeting will be on Physician Assisted Suicide.

The Admin Committee has asked the M&S Committee to schedule a special meeting of presbytery to deal with the Sexuality Overtures using a process developed by Rev. Dr. P. Coutts. The process attempts to create a means to quantify the presbytery's opinion regarding the documents as it relates to the three ways forward presented by the CDC. The Committee looked at the process and has modified it slightly, reducing the three-phased approach to two.

It is very important that presbyters read the documents in preparation for the meeting. The process will begin with a fifteen-minute presentation of each of the options outlined in the CDC report by a spokesperson for that option. The M&S committee requests that interested presbyters who wish to be a spokesperson identify for which option they would like to speak.

Recommendation: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by B. Cocks that the

presbytery of Calgary-Macleod hold a special meeting Tuesday 9 January 2018 at Knox Presbyterian Church at 2:00 pm.

CARRIED

Draft Overture
CTA57

Draft Overture re CTA 57

Whereas, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission affirmed that Indigenous Peoples desire healing and reconciliation

Whereas, the final report outlined the framework for reconciliation and placed 94 Calls to Action to all Canadians as individuals and participants in organizations and governments.

Whereas, Call to Action # 57 says, "We call upon federal, provincial, territorial, and municipal governments to provide education to public servants on the history of Aboriginal peoples, including the history and legacy of residential schools, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Treaties and Aboriginal rights, Indigenous law, and Aboriginal–Crown relations. This will require skills-based training in intercultural competency, conflict resolution, human rights, and anti-racism."

Whereas, the report also states, "Progress on reconciliation at all levels of both government and civil society organizations needs vigilant attention and measurement to determine improvements," and, "These new frameworks and commitments will not succeed without more understanding and sensitivity among those who will administer them."

Whereas, the Government of Canada has publicly supported the implementation of all the Calls to Action, and reconciliation generally,

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has confessed its role in the operation of Residential Schools.

Whereas, The Presbyterian Church in Canada's confession makes a commitment, "With God's guidance our Church will seek opportunities to walk with Aboriginal peoples to find healing and wholeness together as God's people.

Therefore, the presbytery of Calgary-Macleod humbly overtures the venerable General Assembly to write the Federal, Provincial and Territorial Governments and the Canadian Federation of Municipalities to voice our support for the implementation of Call to Action 57 and ask for an explanation of the process developed or to be developed by the Government and how and whether the Canadian Federation of Municipalities will be working with municipalities and to encourage sessions, congregations and individuals to write to their municipally elected officials (mayor, councilor) to ask how they are helping to educate all public servants to fulfill Call to Action 57, or to do otherwise as the General Assembly, in its wisdom, deems best.

Tremblay Motion: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by J. Miller that the overture be sent to church offices.

CARRIED

- Prayer** The Moderator led us in Prayers for the Future of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod.
- Break** The court took a 20-minute break for refreshments.

Reports on the Ministries of our Presbytery

Clergy and
Congregational
Care

CLERGY AND CONGREGATIONAL CARE- *Clay Kuhn (Convenor)*
Report presented by Peter Coutts

- 1) Students
Roberto De Sandoli: We are currently arranging a time for Roberto's Examination for Ordination in late November or early December. The Presbytery will be informed of the date so that any Presbyter may attend.
- 2) Minister's Transferring to PCC
The committee has received letters from Rev. Sarah Fanning (United Church of Canada) and Rev. Eniko Bocskoras (Reformed Church in Hungary) requesting that the Presbytery endorse their application to become Ministers of Word and Sacrament in the PCC. The committee will interview both in November and bring recommendations to the February 2018 meeting of Presbytery.
- 3) Review of General Presbyter Position
In response to our survey sent out after the September Presbytery meeting, we received responses from 5 sessions and two presbyters. All the responses were positive, and no major changes were suggested to the current job description. We also considered other feedback the committee (including the former Pastoral Effectiveness Committee) received from various reviews of the positions since its inception.

Recommendation 1: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by J. Miller that the Presbytery proceed to fill the position of General Presbyter.

CARRIED

Recommendation 2: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by J. Miller that a search committee for a General Presbyter be named by the Moderator.

CARRIED

4) Riverside Endowment Fund (REF)

At the September Presbytery meeting, we gave notice of motion for the following motion: that the Terms of Reference for the Riverside Endowment Fund be added to the Appendix of the Standing orders of the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod. This was dealt with under Business Arising

5) Presbytery Visitations

The following will be the Presbytery Visitation team for this year:

Knox Bassano and Gem: Rev. Peter Coutts and Richard Crowe
St. Paul's, Banff: Rev. Dianne Ollerenshaw and Sandra Cameron Evans
St. Andrew's, Calgary: Rev. Hugh Jack, Mary Rosa de Coquet

The visitation teams are asked to submit their reports to the Clergy and Congregational Care Committee by 1 May 2018

6) Next Meeting: At the call of the Convener.

Presbytery
Workshop
Feb 3, 2018

Coutts Motion: MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by J. Miller that a presbytery workshop day be held on Saturday, February 3, 2018, with Dr. Darrell Guder as its speaker.

CARRIED

Administration

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE *Mary Rozsa de Coquet (Convener)*
Nominations for General Assembly Moderator, Committees and Agencies

No names were received for submission.

Gladys Black Memorial Fund

No applications were received for the fund.

Correspondence

The letter to the Prime Minister, Leaders of the Opposition Parties and Senate Leaders regarding the apparent lack of awareness of Senator Lynn Beyak on the history of Aboriginal Peoples and calling for her resignation, has been written.

Synod 2018

Knox Calgary will be hosting Synod in 2018.

Audit/Professional Review

Recommendation 1: MOVED by R. Crowe, seconded by B. Bocskorás that Presbytery conduct a Financial Review exchange with St Giles and St. Andrew's, and Valleyview if they so choose.

CARRIED

Presbytery Meals

Recommendation 2: MOVED by R. Crowe, seconded by B. Bocskorás that Presbyters who commit to attending a Presbytery meal but do not show up, will be invoiced for the requested donation.

CARRIED

Interim
Moderators /
Presbytery
Representatives

INTERIM MODERATORS' & PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE REPORTS

Centennial
Calgary

Interim Moderator's Report: Centennial Presbyterian Church, Calgary – Ena van Zoeren

Centennial congregation had the Rev. Jin Woo Kim preach for the call on Sunday Oct 29. He and his wife, Joyce, arrived on Friday afternoon and enjoyed a tour of the area, lunch and supper meetings with the Board and the Session, met with a real estate agent and enjoyed an International Potluck with the congregation. Following the potluck Jin Woo responded to questions from the congregation. On Sunday he led worship in the morning service and again in the afternoon Anyuak Ministry. He was well received. Following the services the congregation met and agreed to extend a call to the Rev. Jin Woo Kim. All present signed the call and concurrence documents and

it is hoped that the final signatures will be gathered by the Session Meeting on November 7.

We request that the Presbytery arrange a meeting to be held in Centennial as soon as possible in November to process this call.

Thank you.

The requested meeting will be arranged when the Moderator and Clerk return from holidays.

Grace Calgary Presbytery Representative Report: Grace Presbyterian Church, Calgary – Mark Tremblay

The Search process at Grace Church is progressing. A candidate has been invited to preach for the call on November 26th. There may be a need for an emergent meeting of presbytery in December.

The Position Description for the Associate Minister of Engagement and Service has been finalized and posted. The committee awaits applications. The Search Committee for the Associate Minister Children and Youth will meet for the first time on November 12.

As of October 1, Grace is now operating under a different Governance Structure that has been the result two year process. The Board of Managers has been dissolved and its business is now part of the Church Session. Further, the size of the Church Session has been reduced and the committees have been expanded to reflect its strategic direction.

See Appendix A for a graphic representation of the new structure that Grace Church implemented on Oct 1.

Recommendation: MOVED by M. Tremblay, seconded by P. Coutts that the presbytery of Calgary-Macleod receive for information the new governance structure of Grace Church and commend the Church Session for its work in discerning a new strategic direction and its courage in implementing it.

CARRIED

St. Andrew's Calgary Presbytery Representatives Report: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary – Dianne Ollerenshaw, Jean Morris

As Presbytery Representatives we continue to work with the Session of St. Andrew's, Calgary and have attended the following meetings:

September 12	Ministry Resource and Accountability Team with J. Hazlett & J. Miller, 6:30 pm
September 12	Ministry Resource and Accountability Team with Model Review Team, 7:30 pm
September 26	Ministry Resource and Accountability Team with J. Hazlett & J. Miller
October 16	Meeting with Jan Hazlett
October 17	St. Andrew's Session
October 25	Meeting with Jared Miller

On September 5, 2017, an emergent Session meeting was held and two motions were adopted that affected the search for a new minister. It was agreed that the Session revise the ministry model to reflect a tier ministry with a lead minister and two associate ministers. It was also agreed that a committee be struck consisting of the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team and the Ministry Model Review Team to review and revise the position name and description for the present Minister, Vision and Direction to reflect a lead position, and make accompanying adjustments to the two associate position descriptions as required.

The Ministry Resource and Accountability Team and the Ministry Model Review Team has met in person and worked by email, consulting with the current ministers.

On October 17, 2017 the Session reviewed all three new position descriptions (Lead Minister, Associate Minister, Congregational Care, and Associate Minister, Family Ministry). The Session adopted the revised ministry position descriptions and agreed to have a congregational meeting on November 5, 4:00 pm for members to review and approve the new position descriptions which will change the call to the current ministers, The Reverend Jan Hazlett, Minister, Congregational Care, and The Reverend Jared Millar, Minister, Family Ministry, as well as the position of Minister, Vision and Direction to Lead Minister. This is a change from a peer to a tier ministry model, with a Lead Minister and two associate ministers: Associate Minister, Congregational Care and Associate Minister, Family Ministry. The Session hopes that these changes will help St. Andrew's be successful in its search for a new minister. Anticipating the congregation will approve the revised position descriptions the Presbytery Representatives have now submitted the position descriptions for the perusal of presbytery.

LEAD MINISTER

Direction

"St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God." (Vision statement, adopted 1995) In 2012 the congregation also accepted A Vision for Mission which includes these statements, "St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity.... Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbour." The work of the Lead Minister is to be aligned with these statements.

Accountability

Accountable to Presbytery for ministerial conduct (Book of Forms 249) and to Session for performance of ministerial duties with the support of the Ministry Resource & Accountability Team. The Lead Minister shall have an annual performance review directed by the Ministry Resource & Accountability Team.

Purpose

To lead the ministerial team at St. Andrew's with particular focus on the vision and direction, strategic planning, oversight of operations and leadership of worship and preaching.

Relationships

Relates to the Session as primary moderator, with support from the other ministers, to the ministerial team as leader, to the congregation as Minister of Word and

Sacraments, to the Stewardship and Planning Team as an advisor and to the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as directed by The Book of Forms and ordination vows.

Responsibilities

The Lead Minister shall:

Common Responsibilities

- Seek to grow in grace and understanding of the gospel and make time for spiritual growth and study.
- Be an active and contributing member of the ministerial team in the development of new programs, ministries and activities which will enhance the life and ministry of St. Andrew's.
- Share in crisis care and ongoing pastoral counselling in consultation with the Associate Minister, Congregational Care.

Specific Responsibilities

- Lead the planning of worship and assume primary responsibility for preaching, sharing leadership with sacraments.
- Be responsible for leading the development and renewal of the vision and direction of St. Andrew's in consultation with the ministerial team and Session.
- Be responsible for the internal and external communication at St. Andrew's in consultation with the ministerial team and Session.
- Determine, in conjunction with the rest of the ministerial team, the division of labour which will serve the needs of the congregation most effectively and present this to Session for approval.
- Provide leadership and support to the following teams: Worship, Stewardship & Planning, Personnel, Communion and Welcome & Fellowship.
- Lead the development of 3-5 year plan for the continued growth and vitality of St. Andrew's and an annual ministry plan for all 3 ministerial positions for approval by Session.
- Provide direct supervision for Director of Music and Office Manager.
- Schedule regular meetings for the ministerial team, the staff or joint meetings of both for encouraging effectiveness as a team.
- Fulfill such other duties as may become necessary in the developing life of the congregation.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER, CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Direction

'St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God.' (Vision statement, adopted 1995) In 2012 the congregation also accepted A Vision for Mission which includes these statements, "St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity....Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbour." The work of the Associate Minister, Congregational Care is to be aligned with these statements.

Accountability

Accountable to Presbytery for ministerial conduct (Book of Forms 249) and to the Lead Minister and Session for performance of ministerial duties with the support of the Ministry Resource & Accountability Team. The Associate Minister, Congregational

Care shall have an annual performance review directed by the Lead Minister.

Purpose

To provide primary leadership for the development and delivery of Pastoral Care and Christian Education for all members and adherents of St. Andrews.

Relationships

Relates to Session as voting member unless moderating, to the ministerial team as a partner in ministry, to the congregation as Minister of Word and Sacraments, and to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as directed by The Book of Forms and ordination vows.

Responsibilities

The Associate Minister, Congregational Care, shall:

Common Responsibilities

- Seek to grow in grace and understanding of the gospel and make time for spiritual growth and study.
- Share in the worship and preaching ministry as determined by the Lead Minister.
- Be an active and contributing member of the ministerial team in the development of new programs, ministries and activities which will enhance the life and ministry of St. Andrew's.

Specific Responsibilities

- Lead the planning and delivery of Pastoral Care at St. Andrews including the facilitating of the recruitment and training of pastoral care providers.
- Lead the planning and delivery of Christian Education at St. Andrews.
- Engage in collaborative planning for youth and family ministry in areas of overlap between the roles of Associate Minister, Family Ministry and Associate Minister, Congregational Care.
- Provide leadership and support to the following teams: Pastoral Care and its attendant teams, Christian Education and Leading with Care.
- Provide leadership and support for the Side by Side program.
- Prepare an annual ministry plan including annual objectives and goals for approval by the Lead Minister and Session.
- Fulfill such other duties as may become necessary in the developing life of the congregation.

ASSOCIATE MINISTER, FAMILY MINISTRY

Direction

'St. Andrew's is a vital growing Church, embracing change and discovery as it seeks opportunities to serve God.' (Vision statement, adopted 1995) In 2012 the congregation also accepted A Vision for Mission which includes these statements, "St. Andrew's is an intentional missional congregation in which mission is core to our purpose and identity.... Mission for us is our response to Christ's call to love our neighbour." The work of the Associate Minister, Family Ministry is to be aligned with these statements.

Accountability

Accountable to Presbytery for ministerial conduct (Book of Forms 249) and to the Lead Minister and Session for performance of ministerial duties with the support of the Ministry Resource & Accountability Team. The Associate Minister, Family Ministry shall

have an annual performance review directed by the Lead Minister.

Purpose

To provide primary leadership in the ministry of youth, young adults and young families at St. Andrew's, in the development of mission beyond St. Andrew's and in the development of a ministry South of Fish Creek.

Relationships

Relates to Session as voting member unless moderating, to the ministerial team as a partner in ministry, to the congregation as Minister of Word and Sacraments, and to Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly as directed by The Book of Forms and ordination vows.

Responsibilities

The Associate Minister, Family Ministry shall:

Common Responsibilities

- Seek to grow in grace and understanding of the gospel and make time for spiritual growth and study.
- Share in the worship and preaching ministry as determined by the Lead Minister.
- Be an active and contributing member of the ministerial team in the development of new programs, ministries and activities which will enhance the life and ministry of St. Andrew's.
- Share in crisis care and ongoing pastoral counselling in consultation with the Associate Minister, Congregational Care

Specific Responsibilities

- Provide organizational leadership to build Christian community in youth, young adults and young families that fosters a sense of belonging, mutual care, fellowship and intentional integration into the life of St. Andrew's.
- Engage in collaborative planning for youth and family ministry in areas of overlap between the roles of Associate Minister, Family Ministry and Associate Minister, Congregational Care.
- Foster growth in faith, discipleship and development of the whole person among youth, young adults and young families.
- Act as point person on the ministerial team in the development of ministry of St. Andrew's in south Calgary (growing to 2/3 of the Associate Minister, Family Minister's time).
- Provide leadership and support for the following teams: Family Ministry and Mission.
- Prepare an annual ministry plan including annual objectives and goals for approval by the Lead Minister and Session.
- Fulfill such other duties as may become necessary in the developing life of the congregation.

Recommendation: MOVED by D. Ollerenshaw seconded by J. Morris that the Presbytery approve the revised position descriptions of the tier ministry model at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Calgary.

CARRIED

November 6, 2017

The Presbytery Representatives met with The Reverend Jan Hazlett on October 16,

2017. At that time Jan verbally made a Work Absence Request and agreed to follow up with a medical certificate. A Work Absence Certificate due to illness was forwarded to the Clerk of Presbytery. In this document Ms. Hazlett's physician stated that the Work Absence will commence on Friday, November 10, 2017, for three months and that Ms. Hazlett will be reassessed monthly.

Motion: MOVED by D. Ollerenshaw, seconded by J. Morris that the request for Work Absence due to illness be granted for three months commencing Friday, November 10, 2017.

CARRIED

The Presbytery Representatives have met with The Reverend Jared Miller, Debby Dorcas, Clerk of Session and Linda Haines, Convenor of the Ministry Resource and Accountability Team, to create action plans for the next three months

Dianne Ollerenshaw is the appointed pastoral liaison with Jan Hazlett.

**St. John's
Medicine Hat**

St. John's Medicine Hat – Peter Coutts

Coutts Motion: MOVED by P. Coutts, seconded by B. Cocks that the presbytery of Calgary-Macleod meet on December 3, 2017 at St. Johns Presbyterian Church Medicine Hat, at 4:00 p.m. for a service of induction for Rev. Jeffrey Lackie into that charge.

CARRIED

**Ministry
Partnerships**

Reports on Our Ministry Partnerships

The Presbyterian Church in Canada

PWS&D – See Director of Regional Ministries Report

WMS – Marlene LaMontagne -No Report Received

Synod of Alberta and the Northwest

United/Presbyterian Campus Ministry – *Dianne Ollerenshaw, Sandra Cameron Evans*
-No Report Received

**Regional
Ministries**

Director of Regional Ministries – Dianne Ollerenshaw

1.0 Lunch with presbyters. Space is booked for Earl's at Westhills Shopping Centre (140 Stewart Green SW) for **Thursday, November 16 at 12:30 p.m.** Presbyters are invited to come out for a meal with no formal agenda. Having lunch together will provide an opportunity to be encouraged and grow in friendship. If you can make room in your schedule please join in and enjoy the benefits of community and receiving personal support. Please RSVP to Dianne to ensure we have enough seating.

1.1 Interested in being part of a small group made up of presbyters for prayer and support? You are invited to a book group that will meet monthly, initially virtually

through <https://zoom.us/> and the group may plan face-to-face meetings. We will agree on a book and work our way through the chapters, as well as pray for one another. If you would like to be part of this venture, please contact Dianne. One suggestion for reading is *Fishing Tips: How Curiosity Transformed a Community of Faith* by John Pentland. This book shares the story of how Hillhurst United Church, Calgary, threw their nets on the other side of “convention” and implemented change through growing, inspiring and engaging the wider community. Lessons learned by the congregation and leaders are shared and offer practical and transferable ideas for church leaders seeking renewal and transformation.

2.0 PWS&D Responds to the Rohingya Crisis: Faced with terrifying violence in Myanmar, over 500,000 Rohingya Muslims have fled from their homes and sought refuge in Bangladesh. The Rohingya will walk for days only to settle in miserable shelter conditions with little food, medical or sanitation services. Join with PWS&D in supporting urgent relief efforts for Rohingya refugees. With partners at Canadian Foodgrains Bank, PWS&D will help supply food rations to 18,000 beneficiaries living in camps. Responding with members of the ACT Alliance, PWS&D will meet needs for non-food items, shelter, sanitation services and psychosocial assistance. You can make a donation through your church, by mailing a cheque, [donating online](#) or calling 1-800-619-7301 x291. Please mark all donations “Rohingya crisis.”

2.1 Advent and Lent liturgies, bulletin covers, and posters are available now for the 2017/2018 season. Place your order through the [online order form](#), by calling Church Customer Service at 1-800-263-2664 or emailing custserv@parasource.com.

2.2 PWS&D new Powerpoint is now available providing a general overview of its programs, with speaking notes, beautiful images and real stories from people whose lives have been touched by the generosity of Presbyterians. Visit: <http://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2017/09/19/share-the-work-of-pwsd-with-powerpoint-2/>

2.3 Sunday School Challenge: Looking for a mission project supported by the offerings of children and youth in your Church School? Consider “Farming for the Future” project. <http://presbyterian.ca/pwsd/2017/08/15/sunday-school-challenge-farming-for-the-future/>. In the western highlands of Guatemala, hunger is a daily concern among Indigenous Maya-Mam people. Climate change and deforestation have led to low crop yields. Discrimination and poverty make it difficult for women and men to start farms or buy food for their families. PWS&D is responding with Canadian Foodgrains Bank and local partner AMMID to help 300 farmers learn new organic farming practices that will increase crop yields, enrich diets and improve their families’ nutrition. Advocacy with municipal bodies will ensure that food security is a priority. Indigenous land rights and women’s empowerment will also be addressed. By taking the Sunday School Challenge, your gifts will help families in Guatemala have nourishing food for today and for the future!

\$25 provides seeds for a family garden plot
\$57 buys avocado, peach and plum trees for a family
\$230 helps one family farm for the future

To accompany the Sunday School Challenge, PWS&D has a **new educational resource** called *Growing Hope Around the World*. It contains five educational activities that can be done in one session or divided among a few classes. It will help

teach children (Grades 1-3) about hunger in other parts of the world and the ways PWS&D works to restore food security in vulnerable communities. It will also remind youth about the importance of sharing our gifts with those in need. You may download the Sunday School Challenge flyer and Educational Resource, or order a printed copy by contacting Anna Muir ([amuir \[at\] presbyterian \[dot\] ca](mailto:amuir@presbyterian.ca), 1-800-619-7301 ext. 293).

3.0 Christian Education: Remember there are one-time grants available to individuals working in the field of Christian education within the PCC to encourage participation in Canada Youth, Youth Ministry Training track and The Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE). To learn more about the grant application, visit <https://form.jotform.com/63546251479968> The Association of Presbyterian Christian Educators (APCE) annual event will be held in Louisville, KY, January 31 to February 3, 2018. The theme is *Deep & Wide Boundless Hospitality*. Visit the website to learn more about workshops and plenaries <http://www.apcenet.org/2018-annual-event-louisville>

4.0 KAIROS Resource: Epiphany Worship Resource, *Gifts for Another Way*

This resource includes reflections from newcomers and Indigenous peoples in our midst and remembers the gifts of the Magi and the many other gifts offered in the Epiphany scriptures. Based on the Year B Readings for the entire Season of Epiphany, 2018 this resource has 8 theological reflections corresponding to the weeks and special dates of the Epiphany season. Also included are prayers and a children's feature, as well as a full ecumenical service outline. This resource helps remind us to be communities that take a different route, avoiding the imperial king and embracing a way of justice and peace. It will be available the week of November 20th at <https://www.kairoscanada.org/>

Almost two years after The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released its final report in December 2015, The Presbyterian Church in Canada continues to engage with and respond to the 94 Calls to Action. We also uphold the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People* as a framework for reconciliation. As one of the church parties to the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement, The Presbyterian Church in Canada has been involved in initiatives of healing and reconciliation, including the promotion of Indigenous rights, and is committed to continue the involvement in partnership with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples.

5.0 Indigenous Gathering Place, Calgary (Moh'kinsstis)

In March 2014, at the seventh national Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada held in Edmonton, A Year of Reconciliation was proclaimed by Mayor Iveson on behalf of the City of Edmonton and Mayor Nenshi on behalf of the City of Calgary. Reaching out to see how the City of Calgary was implementing plans to live out the declaration, I was invited to join a Reconciliation Dialogue Workshop held at Fort Calgary with facilitators, Chief Dr. Robert Joseph and his daughter, Karen Joseph, of Reconciliation Canada. The expected outcome of this workshop was to bring diverse participants together to build mutually beneficial relationships and explore pathways to reconciliation including the development of concrete action plans.

That day I found myself in a small group brainstorming about possible action. Of the many ideas shared, the group came to consensus that we would be interested in walking together to create an Indigenous Gathering Place. In June of the same year we began our meetings which were held in Sunrise Native Addiction Services. Some

of the hopes of this grassroots team was to create a place for ceremony, culture, language, education, and celebrate identity. We didn't want to duplicate services of social agencies. Our desire was to build a safe and sacred place on holy ground that would support all nations.

It took us over a year to figure out what are the questions we need to bring to Indigenous Elders to help us know the way forward. We started holding our meetings at the Aboriginal Friendship Centre in Calgary. Gradually the circle became bigger and in time we sought the wisdom and guidance of Elders, Reg and Rose Crowshoe who helped navigate the waters of our dream. They brought us together on several occasions with elders serving in the area to discern values and process forward. On June 29, 2016 and August 23, 2017 the team gathered to raise a tipi, share a meal and pipe ceremony to affirm our actions as a collective dedicated to the Indigenous Gathering Place.

This past year we had the opportunity to engage students at the University of Calgary. Dr. Brian Sinclair, a member of our grassroots team, teaches in the University of Calgary's Faculty of Environmental Design. For the winter term, he gave his graduate students the assignment to explore and create a design for a MohKinsTsis Indigenous Gathering House to be located at Fort Calgary. On April 19 the students gave their final presentations with actual models and an explanation of their designs. A few elders were present along with some of our grassroots team. It was a wonderful day dreaming about an actual Indigenous Gathering Place by the Elbow and Bow rivers. Seeing the creativity of the students provided great encouragement and motivation for the local team.

In the spring of 2017 we received a grant from the Calgary Foundation to create a business plan. Elder Crowshoe led the way for us to create safe ethical space so that those of oral traditional Indigenous practices could discuss and share with folk of western written practices. We wrestled with the concept, "How do we create a business plan that has values based on the seven sacred teachings of respect, courage, love, truth, humility, honesty and wisdom yet provides the background, concept and requirements that funders seek? The process we have followed over months, has been a journey of new understanding where we have intentionally honoured our different cultures.

On October 2, we gathered for a pipe ceremony to validate our new Business Plan and on October 11 we had our first Annual General Meeting to create a not-for-profit society and initiate a governance structure. Both events were necessary to honour and bring together our different cultures. A Board was nominated that will lead the process forward to engage the community further, looking at land possibilities, sustainability, and building plans. We have received a small grant from the Calgary Homeless Foundation to help us continue this journey.

In the final report of The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada released in December 2015 there are 94 Calls to Action.

Call to Action 14 states:

We call upon the federal government to enact an Aboriginal Languages Act that incorporates the following principles:

- i. Aboriginal languages are a fundamental and valued element of Canadian

- culture and society, and there is an urgency to preserve them.
- ii. Aboriginal language rights are reinforced by the Treaties.
 - iii. The federal government has a responsibility to provide sufficient funds for Aboriginal-language revitalization and preservation.
 - iv. The preservation, revitalization, and strengthening of Aboriginal languages and cultures are best managed by Aboriginal people and communities.
 - v. Funding for Aboriginal language initiatives must reflect the diversity of Aboriginal languages.

Call to Action 21 states:

We call upon the federal government to provide sustainable funding for existing and new Aboriginal healing centres to address the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual harms caused by residential schools, and to ensure that the funding of healing centres in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories is a priority.

The vision of an Indigenous Gathering Place aligns with the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, Article 2, 3, 7, 8, 11, 12, 13, 24, 25, 26, and 31.

In the 1994 Confession of The Presbyterian Church in Canada our church promised that “With God’s guidance our Church will seek opportunities to walk with Aboriginal peoples to find healing and wholeness together as God’s people.” It is a privilege to be walking locally with leaders in the community to build an Indigenous Gathering Place in Moh’kinsstis, Calgary, and I look forward to reaching out to the presbytery and the greater community as we see the planning of this safe sacred place go forward.

Camp Kannawin – *Cara Penman, Camp Director* – No Report Received

KAIROS – See Director of Regional Ministries Report

Calgary Council
of Churches

Calgary Council of Churches – *Kobus Genis*

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity – January 18 – 25, 2018

Calgary
Interfaith
Council

Calgary Interfaith Council – *Mark Tremblay*

After months of working on a Tool Kit that can be shared with the wider community, the Hubs Collaborative of Vibrant Communities Calgary, of which the Calgary Interfaith Council is a member, has completed its mandate. On November 21, the Hubs Design Tool Kit will be released to the Calgary Community. The event will take place at Knox Presbyterian Church and a limited number of Tickets are available on Eventbrite.

Chair of Christian Thought Advisory Committee – *Vacant*

Metro Alliance for the Common Good (MacG) – *Dianne Ollerenshaw* -No Report
Received

Indigenous Gathering Place– See Director of Regional Ministries Report

University of Lethbridge Chaplaincy –*Vacant*

Enthusiasms

Enthusiasms and Concerns Regarding our Partnerships

- Campus ministry program guide will be available online
- Tim Nethercott is planning a Sabbatical in the spring of 2018

Officers

PRESBYTERY OFFICERS

Clerk's Report

Clerk's Report – Dewald Delport/Sandra Cameron Evans

Changes to the Roll

Address: Diane Beach
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Medicine Hat, AB T1C 0E6

General Assembly Commissioners for 2018

As per the Presbytery Rotation (adopted May, 2016) the following people have agreed to be commissioners to the 144th General Assembly:

Recommendation 1: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by T. Paasuke that clergy commissioners to the 144th General Assembly be: B. Bocskoras, P. Baek and B. Clendening.

Backup commissioner: D. Delport.

CARRIED

Gunnink Motion: MOVED by G. Gunnink seconded by B. Cocks that the Clerk and Moderator correspond with Rev. Clendening to encourage him to engage with Presbytery since he has been selected as a Clergy Commissioner.

CARRIED

Recommendation 2: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by J. Morris that clergy elder commissioners to the 144th General Assembly be: Judith Ferguson (Medicine Hat), C. Gale (Varsity Acres) and B. MacKinnon (Centennial).

Backup Commissioners: K. Robbins (St. Andrew's, Lethbridge), Rusty Kirby (St. Paul's, Banff), Robert Tarr (Calvin).

CARRIED

Police Checks on file for Active Clergy

PRCs are mandatory for all high-risk ministries in The Presbyterian Church in Canada. Since the work/ministry of active clergy always includes times of one-on-one counseling/visiting, all active clergy must have a Police Records Check at the time of a new call or change of position and/or every five years. The responsibilities of elders vary from congregation to congregation. But, if an elder routinely visits people one-on-one, she/he should also have a PRC.

Leading with Care Policy, page 28.

One Police Check is required:

Mark Tremblay – September

Treasurer's Report

Treasure's Report – *Philip Gaiser*

Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod

Comparative Balance Sheet

	As at 09/30/2017	As at 09/30/2016
ASSET		
Current Assets		
Chequing Bank Account	16,617.66	3,466.78
Total Cash	16,617.66	3,466.78
Investments - RBC Black Acct	10,128.70	0
Investments-Scotia McLeod	152,373.00	153,638.00
Investments - RBC	311,781.62	313,048.67
Accounts Receivable	15,561.88	5,788.81
Total Current Assets	<u>506,462.86</u>	<u>486,070.96</u>
TOTAL ASSET	<u>506,462.86</u>	<u>486,070.96</u>
LIABILITY		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable	1,079.50	0.00
Accounts Payable Promotion	3,032.68	3,032.68
PWS&D Flood funds	-8.47	-8.47
Pension Payable	-610.46	-152.49
Insurance Payable	55.52	68.90
GST Paid on Purchases	-150.19	-7.82
GST	-150.19	-7.82
Prepaid Dues	3,103.35	3,455.81
Clerk's Conference	1,125.00	1,125.00
Youth Conferences	723.35	723.35
Youth Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	<u>10,350.28</u>	<u>10,236.96</u>
TOTAL LIABILITY	<u>10,350.28</u>	<u>10,236.96</u>
EQUITY		
Owners Equity		
Retained Earnings - Previous Year	481,583.63	479,994.04
Current Earnings	14,528.95	-4,160.04
Total Owners Equity	<u>496,112.58</u>	<u>475,834.00</u>
TOTAL EQUITY	<u>496,112.58</u>	<u>475,834.00</u>
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	<u>506,462.86</u>	<u>486,070.96</u>

	Actual 01/01/2017 to 09/30/2017	Actual 01/01/2016 to 09/30/2016
REVENUE		
Revenue		
Dues	134,839.27	133,513.47
Revenue	<u>134,839.27</u>	<u>133,513.47</u>
Other Revenue		
Investment Interest	5,886.47	244.20
Investment Income - Scotia McLeod	2,563.71	1,389.00
Canada Youth	0.00	21,017.76
Retreat	0.00	700.00
Miscellaneous Revenue	137.16	137.16
Unrealized Gains	-5,966.83	6,262.73
Total Other Revenue	<u>2,620.51</u>	<u>29,750.85</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>137,459.78</u>	<u>163,264.32</u>
EXPENSE		
Missions		
University of Calgary Grants	6,750.00	6,750.00
University of Lethbridge Grants	2,250.00	1,500.00
Medicine Hat College	750.00	750.00
GPC	0.00	7,015.75
New Ministries Initiatives	0.00	10,000.00
Riverside fund initiatives	1,000.00	0.00
Missions Total	<u>10,750.00</u>	<u>26,015.75</u>
Youth		
Youth Conferences	0.00	23,683.50
Youth Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>23,683.50</u>
Pastoral Effectiveness		
Continuing Ed Allowance	0.00	600.00
Pastoral Effectiveness Total	<u>0.00</u>	<u>600.00</u>
Payroll Expenses		
General Presbyter	17,500.02	26,250.03
EI Expense	399.36	690.84
CPP Expense	779.64	1,169.46
PCC Medical & Dental Ins	3,259.50	3,210.00
PCC Pension	2,475.99	2,709.81
Payroll Charges	243.48	354.72

Total Payroll Expense	24,657.99	34,384.86
General & Administrative Expenses		
Website	525.00	755.30
Presbytery Retreat	3,031.14	4,688.27
Synod Dues	74,456.25	65,896.08
General Assembly Meals	890.00	0.00
Clerk - Secretarial	292.50	397.57
Clerk - Honorarium	2,458.86	2,460.00
Travel	2,750.40	4,338.50
Postage	31.39	13.55
GST Non Recoverable	0.00	507.02
Insurance	1,347.90	1,384.72
Bank Charges	26.90	33.47
Office Supplies	257.50	260.77
Calvin Hungarian PC	1,000.00	1,000.00
Telephone	455.00	455.00
Clerk's Conference	0.00	550.00
Total General & Admin. Expenses	87,522.84	82,740.25
TOTAL EXPENSE	122,930.83	167,424.36
NET INCOME	14,528.95	-4,160.04

**Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod
Budget - 2017**

Account Name	2018 Budget	2017 Budget
Revenue		
Dues	172,967	182,603
Investment Interest	6,500	6,500
Total Revenue	179,467	189,103
Expenses		
Missions		
University of Calgary Grants	9,000	9,000
University of Lethbridge Grants	3,000	3,000
Medicine Hat College	1,500	1,500
Calvin Moving expenses	8,000	
Youth		
Youth Fall Retreat	1,500	1,500
Canada Youth	2,500	1,000

Pastoral Effectiveness

Continuing Ed Allowance	700	700
Workshops	500	600
Psychological testing	825	825
Clerks conference	1,500	1,500
Survey License	300	0

Chaplaincy

General Presbyter	27,000	46,800
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General and Administrative Expenses

Chair of Christian Thought	1500	1500
Website	1,300	1,300
Presbytery Retreat	4,000	3,000
Synod Dues	99,000	99,275
General Assembly Meals	1,300	1,300
Administrators' Workshop	500	500
Clerk - Secretarial	700	700
Clerk - Honorarium	3,200	3,200
Treasurer	600	600
Travel	6,000	6,000
Insurance	1,700	1,700
Bank Charges	40	40
Office Supplies	300	300
Contingencies & Reserve	3,000	3,000

Total Expense	179,465	189,140
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Net Income	2	-37
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Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod
Presbytery Dues Allocation

4.48%

4.64%

Congregation	2016 Base	2018 Calculated	2017 Calculated	Change	per	per
					month	month
					2018	2017
St. Paul's, Banff	83,822	3,757	3,548	209	313.08	295.64
Knox, Bassano	106,216	4,761	5,907	-1,146	396.72	492.21
Gem	14,911	668	662	6	55.69	55.20
Calvin Hungarian	95,495	4,280	3,970	310	356.67	330.85
Centennial	139,190	6,238	8,280	-2,041	519.87	689.97
Grace	1,013,745	45,436	41,500	3,937	3,786.34	3,458.29
Knox, Calgary	257,470	11,540	13,614	-2,075	961.65	1,134.54
St. Andrews, Calgary	655,874	29,396	27,923	1,474	2,449.69	2,326.89
St. Giles	205,562	9,213	11,983	-2,770	767.77	998.58
Valleyview	229,063	10,267	10,347	-81	855.55	862.28
Varsity Acres	343,371	15,390	16,297	-907	1,282.49	1,358.09
Westminster	259,915	11,649	14,756	-3,106	970.78	1,229.63
St. Andrews, Lethbridge	232,085	10,402	10,644	-242	866.84	887.00
St. John's, Medicine Hat	222,419	9,969	10,265	-296	830.73	855.41

					0.00	0.00
Total	3,859,138	172,967	179,695	-6,728	14,413.88	14,974.59

The Royal Bank needs clarification of our bank signing authorities. Therefore I would like to request the following motion:

Recommendation: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by R. Crowe that the Presbytery of Calgary-Macleod confirm the following signing authorities on the account 1175462

Dewald Delport, Clerk
Philip Gaiser, Treasurer
Grant Gunnink

All other signing authorities should be removed.

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by R. Crowe that the financial statements as at September 30, 2017 be adopted.

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by S. Cameron Evans, seconded by R. Crowe that the 2018 budget be approved as presented.

CARRIED

Motion: MOVED by J. Miller, seconded by D. Ollerenshaw that the reports be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

We pray for God's Presence

Prayer The Moderator led us in Prayers of Intercession and in Prayers for each other.

Time and Place A special meeting of the Presbytery will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 3, 2017 at St. John's Presbyterian Church Medicine Hat, for a service of induction for Rev. Jeffrey Lackie into that charge.

A special meeting of the Presbytery will take place at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Calgary to deal with the Sexuality Overtures. Documents were sent out with the November reports.

A Presbytery workshop day will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018 with Dr. Darrell Guder as its speaker.

The next regular meeting of the Presbytery will take place at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 at Westminster, Calgary.

Adjourn to serve MOVED by B. Cocks, seconded by M. Tremblay that the Court be adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

CARRIED

WE GO OUT IN GOD'S NAME

Benediction The Court was dismissed with the pronouncing of the Benediction.

Moderator pro tem

Presbytery Clerk pro tem