

**2020 Annual General Meeting Minutes  
June, 23, 2020 via Zoom**

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chair Grace Halvorson

Present: 31 attending: Rev. Karen Millard, Grace Halvorson, Carlotta Liechti, Bruce Larson, Julie Larson, Jeff Larcombe, Mary Larcombe, Ian Kent, Deb Kent, Hugh Kerr, Elizabeth Kerr, Cindy Roy, Vicki Haberl, Kevin Haberl, Trevor Harris, Patsy Riecker, Marilyn Caldwell, Gary Caldwell, Julie Murakami, Lisa Cameron, Pat Yendal, Arlene Ingraham, Wendy Sellers, Joanna Schwarz, Louise Martin, Walter Huber, Peter Gordon, Barb Stover, Heather Mann, Michelle Ulmer, Rev. George Meier

1. **Opening Prayer/Reflection** – Rev. Karen Millard
2. **Opening Comments** – Grace Halvorson, Rev. George Meier  
Declaration and Congregational Welcome
3. **New members** – Bruce Larson, Julie Larson, Michelle Ulmer inducted into Squamish United Church  
Commitment of Congregation, New Creed, Mission Statement read responsively by Rev. Karen Millard and Congregation (Grace read for congregation as reading en masse by group over Zoom would not work well)
4. **Motion:** Moved by Ian Kent, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Louise Martin that voting privileges be given to all members and adherents in attendance. **Carried.**
5. **Motion:** Moved by Vicki Haberl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Arlene Ingraham that the minutes of the March 10, 2019 Annual General Meeting be adopted. **Carried.**
6. Leadership Team Report:

Vicki, Bruce, and Michelle representing the whole Leadership Team with input by Facilitator Rev. George Meier presented an overview of the work and conclusions of the past 3 months of intense meetings. George noted other congregations took up to 2 years to complete what we have thus far completed in 3 months. Discussion and meetings will be ongoing. Bruce presented a slide show explaining the function of the team. They also shared their purpose statement:

***Creating a spiritual and inclusive environment that empowers children and youth to:***

- ***Realize their value as individuals***
- ***Develop meaningful relationships***
- ***Understand, appreciate and actively engage in the world***

The question was brought up of the youth statement (above) which does not mention the word “God”. Was that intentional? Are we afraid to use the word God? George spoke in detail about our Public Purpose and the church being at the centre of our community – being quietly courageous; listening to what are the needs of the community. The Holy Spirit needs to relocate out to the community or we become irrelevant. How do we “bubble out” into the community? Old model doesn’t work anymore. We experiment with the use of broad language, i.e. spiritual, nurturing.

Another question was, “Is the BC Region on board with this new concept?” Yes, real negotiations are still evolving. Yes, they are intending to work in good faith to make this work for SUC. The document “Incorporated Ministries Guideline” from the United Church of Canada was passed onto the board.

The team wishes to emphasize they don’t have all the answers to this new structure. We are in the early stages and encourages the entire congregation to hear and learn what the future church may look like as we explore this new concept.

The question was asked when will we be separating Rev. Karen’s work between the traditional church work and the new proposed regional outreach work. It was suggested we may be ready by September.

7. **Motion:** Moved by Peter Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Pat Yendal that the Committee Reports except for the Nomination Committee be received. **Carried.**
8. **Motion:** Moved by Bruce Larson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Roy that the 2019 Reviewed accounts as prepared by Smythe LLP be accepted. **Carried.**
9. **Motion:** Moved by Peter Gordon, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Trevor Harris that accountants Smythe LLP be appointed to review SUC accounts for the 2020 upcoming year. **Carried.**
10. **Motion:** Moved by Carlotta Liechti, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Roy that the 2020 Budget as presented be approved. **Carried.**

**Nominations:** 2020 Proposed Board:

Board Chair – Grace Halvorson

Vice Chair

Past Chair

Secretary

Board of Trustees

Treasurer – Bruce Larson

Finance Committee

Worship Committee

Caring Ministry

Ministry & Personnel – Marilyn Caldwell and Cindy Roy

Mission & Service – Barb Stover

Stewardship

UCW Liaison – Val Stainton

Member at Large – Carlotta Liechti

Member at Large – Trevor Harris

11. **Motion:** Moved by Trevor Harris, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Kevin Haberl that the Nominations Committee report be approved. **Carried.**
12. **Looking Ahead:** Fall congregational meeting in September. For discussion: Community of Faith Profile and future budget.
13. **Next Meeting Date:** April 2021
14. **Adjournment:** Moved by Carlotta, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ian. 8:50 PM.
15. **Closing Prayer**