

Wesley United Church
Special Council Meeting by Zoom
December 21, 2020 7:00 pm

Wesley United Church, located on Treaty 4 land, is an Affirming Ministry of Jesus Christ, nurturing spiritual exploration and growth. We advocate for justice and social action. We love and care for ourselves and our neighbours throughout the world.

Minutes

Present:

	Name	Position on Council
	Dan Holbrow	President
	Stephanie Dove	Past President
		Vice-President
	Al Goudie	Secretary
	Jim Chernick	Treasurer
R	June Blau	Admin & Finance Division Coordinator
	Frances Goudie	Christian Education Division Coordinator
	Linda Paul	Pastoral Care Division Coordinator
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	Tessa Whyte	Ministry & Personnel Division Coordinator
		Worship Division Coordinator
	Darrell Reine	Regional Council Liason

R = Regrets P = Partial

1. Call to order – President Dan called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

This is a special Council meeting to discuss the request by Rev. Cindy Bourgeois for a change in pastoral relations with Wesley United Church.

2. Approval of agenda

Motion 2020-68: That the agenda be approved as amended. M/S Al Goudie/Linda Paul – carried.

3. Motion to approve Cindy's request to vacate her position by 1 February.

President Dan emphasized that this request is strictly for personal reasons. Cindy is aware of the tight timeline but she has her reasons and we should trust that this is right for Cindy. Tessa as M & P chair will speak to Cindy to offer our support.

Motion 2020-69: That Council approves with regret the request by Rev. Cindy Bourgeois for a change in pastoral relations with Wesley United Church effective January 31, 2021. M/S Jim Chernick/Tessa Whyte – carried.

4. Next steps. Darrell Reine said that if Wesley's Faith Profile is complete we can start the search process immediately. We probably should update our financial profile. We will need to find a search committee to start the work in January. There is no need for interim ministry. Tracy Murton is the contact from the Region. We will need to inform the congregation. Dan will write an email to the congregation, to go out next Monday. Dan will advise Cindy right away of the decision by Council. As for Pulpit supply, Darrell suggested possibly Christa Eidsness or Danna Armstrong. Perhaps we can look for someone who could commit for 3 months during the search period. Tessa is on the Worship committee. She will call a meeting.
5. Adjournment at 8:05 pm.

Dan Holbrow, President

Al Goudie, Secretary