

Wesley United Church
Special Council Meeting by Zoom
February 3, 2021 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.

Present:

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

R = Regrets P = Partial

1. Call to order. Elaina called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
2. This is a special Council meeting to discuss and consider whether to request an Intentional Interim Ministry from the Region or to issue a call for ministry.
3. Darrell introduced a third option: Appoint someone for 1-3 years with a goal of doing some interim work rather than an intentional interim appointment. That person would not be a trained interim and could be available to be hired at the end of the term (unlike an interim). We would conduct a search process like a permanent ministry but in the advertising we would say it's a 2 year appointment to help us work through our goals. Do we feel we have stuff to work on before going into a permanent relationship?

Elaina suggested we go around the table and let everyone speak. Some were leaning towards a permanent call, some towards Intentional Interim ministry and some were interested in pursuing Darrell's suggested third option.

Darrell clarified that an Intentional Interim minister would not do pastoral care, eg visiting. Their focus is to work on the goals that the congregation has established. United Fresh Start was started by the national church 4-5 years ago. It came here a couple of years ago and trained some facilitators. Darrell is a facilitator. The program has 20 components designed to help a congregation prepare for a new minister.

The consensus was that we were not ready to make a decision tonight. We will continue the discussion at the next Council meeting. Darrell suggested that he could look for someone who has gone through an interim ministry to chat with us at the start of the next Council meeting.

June suggested that this would be a good topic of conversation for the coffee and hangout on Friday

Elaina and Stephanie will discuss tonight's meeting with Dan. Elaina will draft something for the church announcements and run it by Dan and Stephanie.

4. Pastoral Care. Linda reported that Tina asked Trish Gerhart to look after our pastoral care needs but she does not have time. Darrell said that he is willing to help Wesley with pastoral care for the time being.
5. January 24 Church Service. A question was raised whether to remove the January 24th Service from UTube. It was felt that some comments by Cindy in her speculation put Wesley in a negative light. After discussion, it was agreed that the Service should remain.
6. Next meeting February 17, 7:00 pm. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 pm.

Elaina St. Onge, Vice President

Al Goudie, Secretary