

**St. Columba Anglican-United Church Council Meeting
In Person meeting
9190 Granville St. Port Hardy, BC August 15, 2025**

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Present: Judy Fyles (Chair), Robert Fyles (recorder), Bob Gilbert, Carolyn McKibbin, Rev. Sheila Cook

Regrets: Heather Jones

Quorum: 4

Judy Fyles called the meeting to order at 10:07 p.m. and Sheila Cook opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Agenda: Carolyn McKibbin/Bob Gilbert: That the agenda be adopted as amended with the power to add. **CARRIED**

2. Minutes: Bob Gilbert/Carolyn McKibbin: That the minutes of June 26, 2025 be accepted as corrected. **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising

- **Computers:** New computer is here and is partially set up. It still needs a Microsoft account. One option is the \$4.10 per month alternatively Need to use diocesan email addresses. Alex will wire in a proper booster once the Telus phone system is set up. We will need computer records retention policy and other policies.
- **Grants:** Applied for a tech grant for ½ the computer cost. Need to pass a budget for grant applications in September. Sheila Robert and Judy will meet September 12 at 10 AM to work on budget. Will apply for IM grant from Anglican foundation in October
- **Council Member:** No one has stepped up for vacant position. New volunteers Gavin and Derek came to church and have been helping with the sanctuary. Will need Safe Church and CRC's if they want to continue.
- **Will Planning Guide and TLUS:** We have received these copies but we need more Will Planning books. Order 10 more books and Sheila and Bob would like spiral bound copies of TLUS and Sheila would like a pew copy as well. Judy will order.
- **Possible Piano:** The piano from the Baptist church would be an improvement. Need to arrange to move it to St. Columba. Sheila says Tom and Brennan could do it on a weekend.

4. New Business:

- **Telus Business Connect:** Phone system is changing from copper to VOIP. Will need to buy phone(s).

Sheila Cook/Bob Gilbert: That we purchase one corded and one handheld phone for \$500. **CARRIED**

- **PicRights Copyright Fine:** Pictures from Alongside Hope etc. on the website generated a fine of \$995 paid by the Bishops fund. Suggested that we make a donation. Will be removing pictures from these types of web posts.

- **Diocesan Online Learning Hub:** Judy and Robert have signed up for several Zoom sessions, Council members should check them out and register if interested.

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New Business cont.

- **Leading Together:** United Church workshops for lay and ordained leaders meeting in Victoria Sept. 19-20. No One can attend.
- **Nourish North Network:** New name for UW Food hub, Megan Fee is now the coordinator. Grant for this year is \$6900 which has been received.
- **Faith Tide Ripples:** Local 150 word articles with one picture about new activities can be submitted monthly.
- **Orange Shirts** Need to purchase more Adult L, XL, XXL.
- **Health Inspection.** Robert met with Florian Bauer virtually and received a new permit which is posted
- **Fall Fair:** Is in Port McNeill and we will not rent a booth this year.
- **Regional Gathering:** Advertise in church and encourage council members. Oct 4 10AM to 3 PM. Looking for NI delegation Judy, Robert, Carolyn and Sheila can attend.

5. Reports

Minister's Reports: Rev. Sheila Cook report attached. Rev. Bob Gilbert report attached. First Aid?

Treasurer: June: YTD net income \$5,523.31
July: YTD net income \$6,806.01

Judy Fyles/Sheila Cook That the June and July 2025 financial reports be accepted as presented.
CARRIED

Envelope Secretary:

June	Local \$2298.33 Local Donors 15	Mission \$244 Mission Donors 6	Special \$490
July	Local \$1939.33 Local Donors 13	Mission \$94 Mission Donors 5	Special \$265

Carolyn McKibbin/Bob Gilbert: That the Envelope Secretary's reports for June and July 2025 be accepted.
CARRIED

Port Alice: Irene Stewart had her 85th birthday. Wednesdays are going well and a connection to the community.

M&P: Will meet when Heather is available.

Christian Life: Bob is planning an Aging Well workshop weekly during the fall. Ask around for interest. Focus till September Orange Shirt Day.

Services:

- Creation Time Sept 7. Sheila ACC, Sept 14 Bob UCC, Sept 21 Robert AMP using the Episcopal resource package.

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Christian Life cont.

- Sept 28 Bob USW should be TRC based. Oct 5 Robert USW Oct 12 Bob UCC (world wide communion) Oct 19 Bob USW Sheila Oct 26 ACC
- Nov 29 set up Nativity Scene

Outreach Programs: Heather is keeping up with the agency but would like to step back from Sanctuary. Anna can't do Saturdays. Budget for Sanctuary is over. Thoughts were discussed but not resolved. Sheila will contact GMAP for their take on the value of Sunday lunch.

Website: Cleaning up website to remove PixRights issue and all service recordings.

PM Region: New Moderator Kimberley Heith

Synod: nothing new

Building: Wash and wax floor and vacuum after Camp Spirit, paint steps, more to come

6. Correspondence: June-August 2025

Jun 25 Broadview, e-news: An article in a series on the publication's historical articles (Christian Guardian, etc.) on "Indian Missions" over the last 150 years.

Jun 30 Alongside Hope, email: Resilience Fund reached their \$250,000 goal and the full amount was matched.

Jul 2++ **Anna van der Hooft and PicRights: emails: Notice of copyright infringements for a number of photos (4 for fundraising photos from Cathedral (April)\$250 /PWRDF (old) and 1 unknown origin photo \$3600 on one of our pages. Original total bill for \$3850; Bishop Anna authorized the final bill of \$995 from her discretionary fund; Anna vdH gently suggested that a small donation from the church back to that fund would be appreciated. All offending and many other photos and items have now been removed from our website

Jul 2 **Diocese, e-news: news and summary of General Synod (post on website); Election of Shane Parker as Primate; Season of creation info including Feast of the Creator September 1 or other date in season; Emancipation Sunday last Sunday in July

Jul 2 **Diocese, e-news: New learning hub details and topics for the next year, mostly geared for office admin, but topics also include safe church, insurance etc. details on the website

Jul 2 PMRC, e-news: Ecumenical Shared Ministry toolkit has been updated with new resources <https://pceumenism.ca/esm-toolkit/>

Jul 7 Karen Hill, email: Diocesan parish email compromised. Phishing attempt sent asking for parish contact list. Lists should not be kept in the cloud (Dropbox or OneDrive)

Jul 9 TLUS, email: New hymnbooks delivered; One License is now integrated to TLUS; downloadable lead line will be added as completed; VU and MV integrated listings will be added gradually until completed in the fall; discounts will be done upon renewal

Jul 11 Brendon Neilson, email: St. Michael's Residential School abuse allegations, refer all questions to Bishop Anna

Jul 11 **Various, email: Possible to have nice piano from Baptist Church via Shawn Gough. Need helpers to move; check with Roldan about organs and ability to deal with excess pianos and organs.

Jul 14 **Michelle Slater, email: Pacific Mountain/Chinook Winds Leading Together conference (free) for lay leaders and ministry personnel September 19-20 in Victoria.

Jul 14 Florian Bauer, email: Island Health inspection report for kitchen. Only 1 item of note (chlorine test strips for bleach on counter tops) to be added to routine; Also changed designation to restaurant.

Jul 15 **Robert Fyles: email: to all those who work and volunteer in our outreach food program about new procedures with bleach and signoff of daily weekly cleaning.

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Jul 15 UCCan, e-news: Alvin Dixon 4th memorial run/walk August 01/25 \$ to bursary for Indigenous students; MandS Kenya fund for climate change donate extra to help offset your air travel.

Jul 15 Bob, email: ideas about a fall study

Jul 22 **Telus, emails: Complete the contract to move to Business Connect Voice+ digital telephone \$63 (down from \$66/mo. We are responsible for compatible equipment, conduit and connections (as needed); can forward call to cell phones; Alex is willing to support after installation.

Jul 22 Gilmore Publications, email: Canadian (Anglican) 2026 wall calendars available for purchase now (celebrating 120 years of publication)

Jul 22 **Anna van der Hooft, email: confirming payment to PicRights, settlement of copyright infringement

Jul 23 UCCan Indigenous Justice, e-news: Orange Shirt Sunday (Sept 28) resources updated and available; Sept 30 national events will be broadcast on various channels including CBC and YouTube

Jul 23 Broadview, e-news: Article on the history of "Community of Concern" who were against the UCCan 1988 vote to allow ordination of openly gay/lesbian ministers

Jul 23 Anna vd Hooft, emails: E1 license change confirmation: will pay for 2 standard licenses \$48 each/yr (Robert & Judy) and the rest will have free web based basic access.

Jul 24+ St. Matthias/Anna etc., email: St. Matthias admin email was hacked. Sent a document link that was infected to all admin emails in Diocese.

Jul 25 **Caitlin Hartnett, email (via Robert): New food hub name Nourish North Network - A'ekakilaxan's Gukwalut. External communications please ensure our Hub is a United Way BC Regional Community Food Hub. New local food hub coordinator is Megan Fee agfoodconnections@kwakiutl.bc.ca.

Aug 5 **Naomi Racz, email: "Ripples" parish highlights will be a regular section of Faith Tides and will have a separate section on the Faith Tides website. Deadline is August 25 for September issue. 1 photo and max 150 words per issue from any parish.

Aug 7 **Karen Hill, email: Safe Church posters need correction because of the new website update. Sent new small posters and QR code; attached small posters and new large ones are available in the synod office.

Aug 7 Alongside Hope, email: Matching grant to provide Solar Suitcases in Mozambique and Madagascar.

Aug 7 Anglican e-news: Highlights from Sacred Circle (CCAB folks and Sheila went) <https://www.anglican.ca/im/sacredcircles/sc2025/>

Aug 9 **Broadview/UCCan, email: New Moderator Rev. Kimberly Heath; historic 2SLGBTQ+ apology & worship service

Aug 12 **Brenda Fleeton, email: Booth rental info at the fall fair in Port McNeill Sept 6&7

Next Meeting Sept 19, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Bob moved adjournment at 1:30 PM

Judy Fyles
Chairman

Robert Fyles
Recorder