

**St. Columba Anglican-United Church Council Meeting  
In Person meeting  
9190 Granville St. Port Hardy, BC October 17, 2025**

**SCCC/25/30**

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

**Regrets:** none

Quorum: 4

Judy Fyles called the meeting to order at 10:08 p.m. and Bob Gilbert opened the meeting with a prayer.

**1. Agenda:** Heather Jones/Sheila Cook: That the agenda be adopted as amended with the power to add. **CARRIED**

**2. Minutes:** Carolyn McKibbin /Bob Gilbert: That the minutes of September 19, 2025 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

**3. Business Arising**

- **Computers:** Purchased one copy of Office 2024 for Robert, Alex upgraded the Wi-Fi and set up two Wi-Fi log-ins: One for upstairs one for down (guest) with different passwords. New E1 replacement licences are delayed to end of November.
- **Grants.** MSG and PAOG are due soon.  
**Robert Fyles/Sheila Cook:** That we apply to the PMRC Mission Support Grant for \$12,000 **CARRIED**
- Bob Gilbert/Heather Jones:** That we apply to the DoBC Parish Annual Operating Grant for \$16,000 **CARRIED**
- **Piano:** Still need to arrange to move it to St. Columba.
- **Regional Meeting:** Was good. Elizabeth Northcott is retiring soon and will be missed. St. Peter's has a nice labyrinth made with bricks sunk into the ground that can be mowed over. Investigate possibility of making labyrinths for both our churches.
- **Keys** List is being made.
- **Aging well:** Started well in both PH and PA.
- **Stewardship campaign.** Began with an after-church presentation and distribution of pledge sheets. Will need to pursue people to collect forms. Bob will take it up with Port Alice folks.
- **Gavin Scott:** Formally became a member of St. Columba and given a membership card on October 5, 2025.

**4. New Business:**

- **WDP** Robert will attend training Nov 8. It was suggested that returning to more interactive service options would be nice.
- **Ripples:** October 27 deadline. Try to submit something every 3 months or so.

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- **Stove:** The stove died in a shower of sparks on September 25; probably 40 years old. Home Hardware had a replacement for just over \$1000.  
**Sheila Cook/Carolyn McKibbin** That we check with Shoprite, and go with the most cost-effective option. If there is damage to the electrical circuit we will hire a professional to repair. Funds will be taken from the building fund **CARRIED**

## **5. Reports**

**Minister's Reports:** Rev. Sheila Cook report attached. Rev. Bob Gilbert report attached. Bob will follow up on Legacy Giving.

**Treasurer:** September: YTD net income \$ 6058.56

**Judy Fyles/Heather Jones** That the September 2025 financial reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**Envelope Secretary:**

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| September | Local \$1679.33 | Mission \$189    | Special \$635 |
|           | Local Donors 13 | Mission Donors 7 |               |

**Carolyn McKibbin/Sheila Cook** That the Envelope Secretary's reports for September 2025 be accepted. **CARRIED**

**Port Alice:** nothing further

**M&P:** Met October 12. Bob has agreed to continue his appointment in 2026. Discussed pew cards. Meet your council/volunteer feature time at church what keeps the church together. Tracking holiday pay needs to be arranged by MP or Wardens. Ministers will follow up.

**Christian Life:** Focus Qwalayu House Campbell River for Sept and October there should be \$150, then we will go to Gazette Hampers. Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre travel costs will be a focus, it is important to IM training. January February. Aging Well study has started. Thanksgiving decorations were nice.

**Outreach Programs:** Concern about moisture in kitchen and staining of floors. A vent hood over the dishwasher might help with moisture. Source of kitchen floor staining should be investigated

**Website:** Heather was looking at it and found lots of good material. Could raise awareness of what is there by placing a "From Our Website" item if space allows in bulletin.

**PM Region:** First Third is working together with Chinook Winds and Northern Spirit to create programming that they could not do on their own.

**Synod:** nothing to report

**Building:** Doors need work, kitchen fan, washing exterior of church. Trimming back alders etc. Signage to highlight the name of St Columba's for passers by.

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**6. Correspondence:** September- October 2025

Sep 19 Various Diocesan treasurers: Opinions on tracking vacation tracking for priests

Sep 23 \*\*Alongside Hope, email: Christmas cards available, order online or by phone; Judy can do a bulk order if needed \$25 for 12 cards, considered a donation. [info posted]

Sep 24 \*\*UCCan Justice network, e-news: Consider donating to Sandy-Saulteaux Spiritual Centre in Manitoba, to support Indigenous ministry student training (especially remote travel costs). Some churches are doing this for the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary special donation. [form printed]

Sep 25 \*\*Judy Fyles/Council, emails: re stove fire, response required for permission to purchase stove cost just over \$1000.00, motion needed at next meeting

Oct 1 \*\*Alongside Hope, email: World of Gifts guide now available; matching grant for first \$100,000 of gifts purchased [info posted]

Oct 3 Broadview, e-news: Article by Teresa Burnett-Cole "A decade after the TRC, Canadian churches still have some homework <https://broadview.org/trc-churches-10-years/>

Oct 5 First Third Ministry, email: Northern Spirit Regional Council is now joining PMRC and Chinook Winds regions to better provide ministry and services for children, youth and young adults

Oct 7 \*\*Linda Ervin, email: World Day of Prayer training November 8 10:00 AM online. Three ways of offering World Day of Prayer: 1. Traditional all speaking parts, 2. PowerPoint that provides options for speaking parts with all material on the PowerPoint and is closed captioned, including hymns, 3. a 55-minute closed captioned video.

Oct 8 UCCan, email: 2026 salary changes for ministry personnel [Judy updated draft budget for grants]

Oct 9 \*\*Naomi Racz: email: Deadline for submitting parish highlights to November Ripples is October 27 and remember this is to highlight past events, news or just a photo

Oct 15 UCCan, email: Posts for the Round Table, A generous immigrant donor with no wife or children has left most of his estate to Mission and Service: Global Partnership Program

Oct 16 \*\*TLUS, email: TLUS first printing sold out, 2<sup>nd</sup> printing coming soon; Official launch of TLUS at Orleans United Church October 24 4:30 PT <https://www.youtube.com/live/4z5NPrRRmpA> [shared on Facebook]

Oct 16 \*\*Anna VdH, email: Total Support will not be able to update E1 licenses to new ones until mid-November, request if needed right away

Next Meeting Nov. 21, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Carolyn moved adjournment at 12:40 PM

Judy Fyles  
Chairman

Robert Fyles  
Recorder