

**St. Columba Anglican-United Church Council Meeting
In Person meeting
9190 Granville St. Port Hardy, BC April 25, 2025**

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Present: Judy Fyles (Chair), Robert Fyles (recorder), Bob Gilbert, Carolyn McKibbin

Regrets: Heather Jones, Rev. Sheila Cook

Quorum: 4

Judy Fyles called the meeting to order at 10:17 a.m. and Bob Gilbert opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

2. Minutes: Carolyn McKibbin/Bob Gilbert: That the minutes of March 14, 2025 be accepted as printed. **CARRIED**

3. Business Arising

- **World Day of Prayer:** Went well with 11 people
- **Worship Meeting:** Planned June July and August on April 25, 2025 before council meeting
- **Ecumenical Society:** Society is in good standing and fees were paid
- **Windows 10:** Haven't talked to Alex yet
- **Worship Request:** Jessica Hedberg from Port McNeil will try June 1 but need to arrange music. Judy will ask Amy Nold
- **Donation Software:** Is working OK and still under 25. Robert will sign on as a second user.
- **Grants:** NSG probably didn't happen. Robert spoke to Rotary and they will consider it at their business meeting. Cora Nelson also asked for information for K & K Electric. Cora also suggested Mid Island Coop Community grants. AFC smaller grants are issued quarterly
- **Council Member:** Still looking for a council member and a M & P member.
- **Warden and Treasurer Day** Robert Judy and Heather all attended in Nanaimo. Judy met a person from Trinity Anglican Lutheran SM and connected her to the SM group. We haven't put together a report yet

4. New Business:

- **Stewardship Campaign:** Need this for grants. Judy suggested September. Use narrative budget and graph of givings and set a weekly goal so people know how we are doing.
- **Faith Tides:** Signs of New Life. Bob reported on L& F in PA Robert reported on new ministers for PH
- **Invite Welcome Connect:** Is available as an online course. Heather will report next month.

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- **UCC 100th anniversary.** Information and donation envelopes to UCF came
- **A Place at the Table:** Take off on Da Vinci's Last Supper from the United Church. Inclusive theme with diverse people in the picture. Conscious-ness raising. Judy will link it on website.
- **Alongside Hope Resilience Fund.** Response to USAID cutbacks. Suggested for June focus.
- **How to Vote:** United Church resource with non partisan ethical consideration about voting. Judy posted on Facebook
- **Planned Power Outage:** May 25 8AM to 7 PM. Church can go ahead with hymn books and bulletin. Sunday lunch will be sandwiches

5. Reports

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

Robert Fyles/Carolyn McKibbin That the MMIWG focus be \$200 and sent out soon.

Treasurer: March: YTD net income \$9893.35. We have lots of money in the account.

Bob Gilbert/ Robert Fyles That the treasurer research and set up GIC's up to \$20,000 as well as sending \$5,000 to the Consolidated Trust Fund. **CARRIED**

Judy Fyles/Carolyn McKibbin: That the March 2025 financial reports be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

Envelope Secretary:

March	Local \$3331.33 Local Donors 16	Mission \$414 Mission Donors 6	Special \$200
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Carolyn McKibbin/Bob Gilbert: That the Envelope Secretary's report for March 2025 be accepted. **CARRIED**

Port Alice: Bishop Anna and Jenny Replogle were well received on Good Friday and the congregation and visitors worshiped with the Fr. David and the Roman Catholics. Holy week services went well, averaging 5 people.

M&P: Irene Stewart will do the online training.

Christian Life: Worship scheduled for June- August. Focus is now Camp Spirit. Focus for April and May will be MMIWG day in May for \$200. Next will be Alongside Hope Resilience Fund. Lenten Study was a little heavy. Bob is thinking of doing a contemplative prayer once a month in Port Alice. Think about an Advent study or book study in the fall.

Loaves and Fishes: Supply is hit and miss. Currently there is a shortage of bread and meat. Bob will look into collecting in Port Alice for Port Hardy.

Website: Judy will help Bob set up Facebook for Port Alice. Phishing scam warning from PMRC

PM Region: Bob is registered for PMRC AGM.

Synod: Nominees for Primate have been announced including Archbishop Chris Harper

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Building: Clean up on April 5. Lawn mower is being repaired. Robert needs to work finding someone to do the roof and gutters

6. Correspondence: March April 2025

Feb 28 **PMRC, e-news: Facebook Live videos will now be deleted after 30 days, can download old ones until end of May 2025

Mar 14 ** Friends of UCC Foundation, email: 100th anniversary info Vision TV broadcast June 10/25 6:00 PM PDT; notice of mailing donation envelopes for optional donations for various foundation funds.

Received package in the mail March 24

Mar 14 PMRC, e-news: Treena Duncan recipient of a King Charles III Coronation Medal for her leadership work in the United Church of Canada but also in leadership in Celiac Canada

Mar 18 UCC, e-news: Moderator's book talk with Jody Wilson-Raybould about her book *True Reconciliation: How to be a Force for Change*, with core practices of Learn, Understand, and Act Thursday, April 25, 2025 from 6:30-8:00 p.m. ET, sign up via CHURCHx, free.

Mar 21 **First Third Ministry, e-news: Camp Spirit online registration is open; paper copies or 1-800 registration also available

Mar 25 UCC Round the table, email: UCC Round the Table blog invited UCC folks to write 100 Words of Hope, as found in the blog list at <https://united-church.ca/blogs/round-table>

Mar 26 Alongside Hope, e-news: Launch of new Resilience Fund to counteract US cutting aid. Worst affected countries are Tanzania, Kenya, Mozambique, Democratic Republic of the Congo and Haiti.

Mar 27 UCC, e-news: Living into Right Relations newsletter: Info on finding of the two bodies in the landfill in Winnipeg and ID of 3rd women possibly in a different landfill; May 5 Red Dress Day & MMIWG2S; May 15 Moosehide Campaign Day

Mar 28 Threshold Housing, email: Celebrating 35 years of providing transitional and supported housing in greater Victoria for youth and now one apartment for a young family; purchase of large house in Oak Bay

Mar 31 **Heather/Diocese, email: Invite, Welcome, Connect is now an online presented on demand course

Apr 1 **AFC e-news: Anglican Foundation highlight some of their grant recipients: Community Ministries Fund examples are given; RFP Community Ministries partnerships (new or expanded) is the focus for the fall regular category A, B or C; July 1 regular grant deadline for Diverse Infrastructure; Community Ministries; Indigenous Ministries categories are possible

Apr 2 PMRC and Treena Duncan, emails: new batch of phishing scams purportedly from Treena Duncan requesting gift cards; hover to check email (generally @gmail.com); call or separately email, don't reply; report to email provider (gmail.com)

Apr 3 Diocese, news: News post for websites for the four nominations for the office of Primate

Apr 7 **Bob Gilbert, email: info on M&P training for Irene (and new St Columba person?) as well as updated info for Heather

Apr 8 Naomi Racz, email: Naomi at Faith Tides is planning a "signs of new life" edition and requesting each parish submit something.

Apr 9 **Immigrant Welcome Centre, email: Cultural sharing potluck at Civic Centre in Port Hardy; staff will be in Port Hardy every Friday at the NIEFS office 7160 Ruport St

Apr 10 Lisa Munro, email: Camp Spirit graphics, poster and paper registration forms; youth crew and all camp registration is open; deadline for youth crew registration is May 1

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Apr 10 Shantal Hetlinger, email: letter from Bishop Anna regarding parish property development in Duncan and Victoria, request to post on our website

Apr 11 **Broadview, e-news: Broadview (and other church organizations) are leaving X (formerly Twitter) and moving to Bluesky [@broadviewmedia.bsky.social](https://broadviewmedia.bsky.social) or just dropping though Anglican Church of Canada is still on X

Apr 11 **UCCan, e-news: Earth Week resources and events; 100th Anniversary celebrations (including Comox Valley); Moments is Time: Sermons from The United Church of Canada 1910-2020 book and May 4 in person and online event

Apr 14 **UCCan, email: United Church launch of "A Place at the Table" (website and social media) reimagines Da Vinci's Last Supper as a representation of our faith community: one committed to welcoming people of all backgrounds, identities and experiences. This email is specifically addressed to UCCan clergy and leaders.

Apr 14 **Our Place, e-news: Features Debra Bell (Kwakwaka'wakw from Alert Bay) who is so glad to be part of the 55+ group at Our Place. Also received a paper copy of the newsletter.

Apr 15 UCCan, e-news: Moderator's Easter message; Election resources on United Church Faith and Politics page; more 100 Words of Hope

Apr 15 **Alongside Hope, email: Touched by the terrible human impact of these funding cuts, a generous donor has offered to match all donations made to the Resilience Fund by June 30, 2025, up to \$250,000

Apr 16 Marina Lecian, email: Request to Marina to update Church Hub with new ADP (UCCan payroll) code, has now been completed

Apr 17 Cathy Cryder, email: Camping Sunday Camp Spirit bursary donation envelopes and posters (hey we already donated!)

Apr 17 **BC Hydro, email: Planned power outage Sunday May 25 8 AM to 7 PM

Apr 18 UCCan, email: Round the Table bog post Rev. Sharon Ballantyne invites us to explore how we all have a place at the table.

Apr 21 Bob Gilbert, email: Report on activities at St. John's for Faith Tide [chose one item and the rest will go on the website]

Apr 24 Cora Nelson, email: Follow-up to grant request to Rotary Cora noticed Mid-Island Co-op has grants to charities <https://www.midislandco-op.crs/sites/midisland/local/detail/community-support-fund>

Next Meeting May 16, 2025 at 10:00 AM.
Carolyn moved adjournment at 12:49 PM

Judy Fyles
Chairman

Robert Fyles
Recorder