

**St. Columba Anglican-United Church Council Meeting
In Person meeting
9190 Granville St. Port Hardy, BC September 19, 2025**

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

Regrets:

Quorum: 4

Judy Fyles called the meeting to order at 10:06 p.m. and Sheila Cook opened the meeting with a prayer.

1. Agenda: **Robert Fyles/Sheila Cook:** That the agenda be adopted as amended with the power to
CARRIED

2. Minutes: **Carolyn McKibbin /Bob Gilbert:** That the minutes of August 15, 2025 be accepted
CARRIED as corrected.

3. Business Arising

- **Grants:** Applied for Mid Island Coop grant for \$3000. Judy reviewed the proposed 2026 budget.

Robert Fyles/Sheila That the proposed 2026 budget be accepted for applying for grants.
CARRIED

- **Computers and Telus Business Connect:** The new computer for the office has arrived but it needs to be set up with software to run office files. Robert and Judy also need this program. One option is Office 2024 which would not be upgraded over the life of the computers and costs \$179. We are currently running Office 2016. Alternatively, there is an option to run Office 365 standard at an annual cost of \$50. Judy will check with Anna Van der Hooft to see which system she recommends. It was suggested that the church pay for Judy Fyles' Office software. Alex has offered to set up a better WiFi booster at the equipment cost. Phone system is installed and working. We didn't need the funds approved for phones as the current ones work with the new system.

Sheila Cook/Carolyn McKibbin That money approved for phones in August be held for technology and software upgrades including paying for Judy Fyles' software.

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- **Will Planning Guide and TLUS:** Ordered copies have been received
- **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
- **Diocesan Online Learning Hub:** Monthly topics from 12-1 PM
- **Orange Shirts:** Heather purchased larger sizes we will ask for \$20 donation but can give out for free if needed
- **Regional Meeting:** Robert and Judy and Sheila will attend on October 4 at St Peters Campbell River

4. New Business:

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- **Keys** A guider lost her keys including an outside key and guides room key. We will issue a new set. We need list of key holders

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New Business cont.

- **Aging well:** Bob will lead on Tuesdays at 1:30-3 PM starting Oct 14.
- **M&S Travel Carbon Offset:** Program offered by M&S where donations can be made to offset carbon emissions associated with travel.
- **40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism:** Online Wed Oct 15 3 PM Pacific for 7 sessions to Nov 26. Free, more resources if you register
- **Stewardship campaign.** Needed for grants. Will run in October. Also discussed making a pew brochure.
- **Camp Spirit 2026** We will offer to be included again. Prefer August dates.
- **Gavin Scott:** Has requested a transfer of membership possibly Oct 14.

5. Reports

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

Treasurer: August: YTD net income \$4796.90

Judy Fyles/Sheila Cook That the August 2025 financial reports be accepted as presented.

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Envelope Secretary:

August	Local \$2809.33	Mission \$539	Special \$415
	Local Donors 14	Mission Donors 7	

Carolyn McKibbin/Bob Gilbert: That the Envelope Secretary's reports for August 2025 be accepted.

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Port Alice: Wednesday Morning group going very well. Contemplative Prayer service went well.

M&P: Setting a date for October.

Christian Life: Focus Qwalayu House Campbell River for Sept and October. Decorating for Thanksgiving. Aging well study. Invite Welcome Connect after Christmas

Outreach Programs: Sheila will contact GMAP for their take on the value of Sunday lunch. Sheila and Robert are having a staff meeting today at 3 PM

Website: Cleaning up website to remove all service recordings and links

PM Region: Gail Miller is coming back as Regional minister

Synod: We Together

Sheila Bob That St Columba pay We Together registration for Robert and Judy

Building: Doors need work, Posts are replaced on kitchen door and basement double door

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6. Correspondence: August-September 2025

Aug15 Sheila, email: from Elizabeth Northcott, North Island regional meeting Oct 4 10- 3 pm St Peter's CR

Aug 18 Diocese, e-news: registration for We Together, post on website; early bird deadline Sept 14, final Nov 3

Aug 19 **UCCan, e-news: MandS offset travel by supporting communities in Kenya addressing climate change (food security, conservation of water and farming practices) in partnership with UCCan and Cdn Foodgrains Bank. Suggestion for a donation related to how long your plane trip is.

Aug 19 Alongside Hope, e-news: Planned giving information and webinars via <https://www.willpower.ca/>

Aug 19 Robert Fyles, email: Incident report re break in on August 17

Aug 25 **United in Learning, e-news: 40 Days of Engagement on Anti-Racism 2025 (online Wed Oct 15 3 PM Pacific for 7 sessions to Nov 26), Free with sessions recorded and available, additional resources available if you register; Stewardship webinars (for churches a getting started webinar and one to make sure they are prepared to accept bequests and estate giving; Free until June 2026 for centennial campaign) (some courses on Stewardship are not free); Free stewardship resources including little cards for the offering plate to say you gave online or via PAR

Aug 26 UCCan, e-news: Season of Creation special days (with links to more info and resources); Peace with Creation theme for 2025

Aug 26 St. Matthias Church, e-news: email system back up after being hacked July 31

Aug 27 Broadview, mail: will be moving to 6 issues a year in fall 2025, price will remain at \$30

Sep 3 Diocese, e-news: Parish annual operations grant deadline is October 31

Sep 4 **Camp Spirit, email: feedback form to complete; top 3 weeks that would be options for next year

Sep 5 **Bob Gilbert, email: received a letter of recommendation from Rev. Mervin Gallant and certificate of Affirmation of Faith from Highlands UC in Edmonton. Set date for formal transfer (in service) and also welcome Derek. [Judy created a certificate instead of buying a package of 12.

Sep 7 **Carol Shaw (ACW), email: Art of the Feminine presentation at St Paul's Nanaimo Oct 23

Sep 8 United in Learning, e-news: Lay leader online training available (next session is on prayers and music) National network interest groups: Church treasurers (new treasurer resources and ongoing webinars; Church tech best practices; Rural ministries town halls; Church property network. Also shared ministry network for BC.

Sep 9 **Meghan Thonger, email: Thanks for sending UCCan assessment information for 2026. Diocesan apportionment will be matched. [\$998.00 each]

Sep 9 **Naomi Racz: email: Deadline for submitting parish highlights to October Ripples is September 25

Sep 12 Broadview, e-news: Why churchgoers should question every text message (or some emails), rising fraudulent requests with "faked" email or text from clergy or leaders.

Sep 13 WDP, news: 2026 focus country is Nigeria, program available soon; Fellowship of the Least Coin donations will no longer be sent through WICC, but directly through the least coin website.

Sep 17 Heather Jones, email: Girl Guides meet Wednesday's 6:00 to 7:30 pm; request rental amount for season September 1, 2025 to August 31, 2026

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Sep 18 **ACCan, e-news: Primate Shane Parker has suggested that all Anglican Churches in Canada display the Survivors' flag. Flags and various signs available from the National Centre for Truth and Reconciliation.

Next Meeting Oct 17, 2025 at 10:00 AM.

Sheila moved adjournment at 1:00 PM

Judy Fyles
Chairman

Robert Fyles
Recorder