10 18 2026 Minutes Brechin United Church Congregational Meeting

1. Call to Order at 11:03 a.m.
   Chairperson: Darlene Darby
   Recording Secretary: Eileen Carolan

2. Attendance: 84
   Quorum – minimum 10 (The UCC Manual, B.5.5)

3. Voting Privileges:

Motion to allow adherents to vote.
Moved: Marilyn Huffman **Seconded:** Christine Robertson **Carried.**

4. Gloria Le Gal, Doug Cochrane and Darlene Darby met with Unity Vancouver Island minister Rev. Thomas DeSchutter. Unity has accepted the following lease pending final approvals.
   - The term of the lease is December 1 2026 to November 30 2028.
   - The 3 extra hours of "free" sanctuary rental will be determined based on availability.

Moved by Mary Boyd and **seconded** by Keith Allen that the Unity Spiritual Centre lease rate increase by 5% for the term of the lease and an additional 3 hours of free sanctuary time be added once each calendar year. **Carried.**

5. Clarification of current Trustees for Canada Revenue Agency

WHEREAS:
The Treasurer has brought to the attention of the Council of BRECHIN UNITED CHURCH (the "Church"), that through inadvertence, the listed names of the Trustees "Owners" for the Congregation, as they appear in the Canada Revenue Agency account for the Church are in need of updating, and satisfactory evidence in the form of minutes of such removals and appointments must be provided.

A. Section G.3.3.3 of the United Church of Canada Manual 2026, in part, sets out the following:
   "G.3.3.3 Automatic Trustee Membership
   One of the following people is automatically a trustee because of their position:
   a) the member (or one of the members) of the order of ministry who has been called or appointed to the pastoral charge; ..."
B. Katherine Ann Brittain, a member of the order of ministry, was called to the pastoral charge of the Church on February 1, 2025, and in accordance with Section G.3.3.3.a, was automatically a Trustee of the Church, because of her position.
C. Council believes it is in the best interest of the Congregation that the listed names of the Trustees "Owners" for the Congregation, as they appear in the Canada Revenue Agency account for the Church be rectified.

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THEREFORE:
The following person be removed as an Owner from the Church Canada Revenue Agency account:
Randall Manikel

The following person(s), having served their original term, be removed as Trustees:
Sheila Duncan
Lloyd Russell
Beverley Thomas
Kathleen Torhjelm

The following person(s), having consented to act, be appointed as Trustees for the Term or remainder of the Term set out herein:
Lloyd Robert Russell – Term - 2025 02 09 to 2027 02 08
Kathleen Winona Torhjelm – Term - 2025 02 09 to 2027 02 08
Judith Anne Wiebe – Term - 2025 02 09 to 2027 02 08
Robert Henry Stredulinsky – Term - 2026 02 23 to 2028 02 22

For clarity, the following person(s) are the Trustees of the Church on the Effective Date:
Lloyd Robert Russell
Kathleen Winona Torhjelm
Judith Anne Wiebe
Robert Henry Stredulinsky
Katherine Ann Brittain – Term - Indefinite

Moved by Terri Donaldson **seconded** by Keith Allen that the foregoing removal/appointment of Owner/Trustees be approved. **Carried**.

6. As the stated business of the congregational meeting has been completed, meeting declared closed at 11:15.

Motion to adjourn the meeting. **Moved** by Pauline Johnson

Signature of Chairperson: Signature of Recording Secretary:

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