

**WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH**  
**MINUTES OF CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**  
**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2018**

**Attendance:** Laura Rousseau, Eleanor Geib, Kirk Windsor, Paul Chard, Diane Riordan, Debbie McLeod, Norm Snyder, Allan McKay, Marion McKay, Alan Wilson, Kathy Wilson, Florence Baker, Morag Bergthorsen, Barbara Wynes, Frank Wynes, Bill Corkum, Marilyn Anderson Corkum, Don Masters, June Masters, Dan Wiwchar, Ruth Wiwchar, Wendy Moroz, Cheryl McNabb Davis, Earl Gould, Joyce Gould, Kathy McPhail, Ron Baily, Barb Magarrell, Kent Magarrell, John Erskine, Carol Wilkie, Lee-Ann Blasé, Carole Hunter, Jane Epp, Mary Fultz, Keith Love, Arlene Hints, Ann Love, Diether Peschkan, Gordon Toombs, Paul Galbraith, Bettina Nyman, George Nyman, Garry Reid, Dorothy Reid, Nancy Williamson, Nancy Doern-White, Jean Doern, Doris Woodward, Dorcas Windsor, Shirley Watts, Kim O'Grady, Judy Brown

1. **Introduction:** Eunice Pratt opened the meeting at 12:05 and gave a brief introduction on the purpose of today's meeting and spoke briefly about the Governance model.
2. **Opening Prayer:** Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd led an opening prayer.
3. **Motion Regarding Voting:**

**Motion:** That all members and adherents in attendance shall have voting privileges at this Special Congregational Meeting.

**Moved by:** Cheryl McNabb-Davis      **Seconded by:** Norm Snyder

**CARRIED**

4. **Approval of Agenda:**

**Motion:** That the agenda be approved as distributed.

**Moved by:** Keith Love      **Seconded by:** Kirk Windsor

**CARRIED**

5. **Motion Regarding New Governance Model:**

**Motion:** That the Westworth United Church Congregation adopt the New Governance Model as outlined in the Westworth United Church Council Manual 2018 understanding that adjustments may be made on an "as needed basis" to better reflect the needs and work of the church, and that once accepted by the congregation will be submitted to Presbytery for approval.

**Moved by:** Cheryl McNabb Davis      **Seconded by:** Barb Magarrell

**CARRIED**

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**6. Discussion item:**

Description and discussion of Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd's upcoming sabbatical, and planning that is underway for her absence. Presented by Paul Chard and Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd.

Paul Chard presented the background for the sabbatical and introduced some of the plans underway for coverage during that time.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd presented her plans for her project during her sabbatical time. She will be visiting and speaking to churches who are perceived as being thriving churches. As this is of interest to the United Church as a whole, she has been given a grant to assist in her project. She also told us of some of the ways she would disseminate her experiences.

Loraine MacKenzie Shepherd also spoke about the coverage that is being put in place for the time of her absence. This is being overseen by Ministry & Personnel, and Worship Teams.

Eunice Pratt expressed thanks to Rev. Earl Gould who will be doing a great deal of the coverage during the time of Loraine's absence.

Question from Alan Mackay about whether she will be visiting Westworth. At the retreat yesterday, we were pleased that Westworth met most of the criteria for a thriving church.

- 7. Closing comment:** Thanks to the Governance committee for all their work on the new Manual and model.

**8. Motion for Adjournment:**

**Motion:** That this Special Council Meeting of Westworth United Church be adjourned.

**Moved by:** Marion MacKay

**Seconded by:** Ron Bailey

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Eunice Pratt, Chair of the Board

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Alma Acheson, Secretary

