

## SUMMARY OF THE SEPTEMBER PRESBYTERY MEETING IN CHIPMAN

The Woolastook Presbytery met at the United Church in Chipman on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. Committees met at 10:00am and the Court was called to order at 11:00am by the chair, Rev. Meredith Fraser.

After the opening formalities, including correspondence that had to be dealt with, the matter of Remits was introduced. A Remit, is according to the Manual, a request to Presbyteries or Pastoral Charges regarding a proposed change to the Basis of Union. For this meeting, there were 2 Remits, one regarding election of Lay Representatives to Presbytery and the other suggesting a consistent use of wording in the section regarding representation to Presbytery. A ballot was taken on the Remits and the Court voted in favour of both Remits.

After a lunch break, Meredith Fraser, Elaine White and Amanda Francis gave a light hearted report, verbally and by use of power point, of the happenings at General Council. This was followed by Sungmin Jung who presented a theological reflection of his views of General Council and the Church.

Committee reports were presented. Church in Action asked for support for 3 motions. One of which was a follow up to the Provincial government regarding snow plowing of church yards; another a support of the Conference motion of legislated bans against uranium exploration and mining. The secretary was asked to write to the Government asking it to support such a legislated ban. The third motion was directed to Presbytery asking it to assemble a catalogue of the activities of churches of Presbytery that reach out beyond the physical walls of the church building. Pastoral Relations introduced a number of motions for appointments, JNAC's etc. Full details are in the minutes. Barb Kelly gave a short report on Stewardship. Barb will be given time on the agenda at the November meeting to share with the Court her experiences at the National Stewardship meeting she attended.

An announcement was made concerning forthcoming Covenanting Services. The service in Plaster Rock, for Rev. Steven Longmoore, will be held on Sunday October 18<sup>th</sup>; and at Faith Memorial, for Nancy Corrigan DM on Sunday October 25<sup>th</sup>; A service of covenanting will be held for Wally Ellis in Stanley on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**REMINDER THE NEXT MEETING OF WOOLASTOOK PRESBYTERY WILL BE HELD AT WILMOT UNITED CHURCH ON THURSDAY NOVEMBER 26TH.**