

**Minutes of the Third General Meeting
Pacific Mountain Regional Council
The United Church of Canada
WHOVA and Zoom
June 11-13, 2021**

First Session, 1:00 P.M. Friday June 11, 2021

Authority	Pursuant to the authority of the second General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada (2020), the third General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council convened on the online platform Zoom™ and was declared open to conduct the business properly before it by President Blair Odney. A quorum was present. Zoom™ is an online platform which allow members to communicate with one another at the same time.
Indigenous Relations Acknowledgement	Acknowledging that the buildings and ministries of The United Church of Canada from coast to coast to coast are on the traditional territories of Indigenous Peoples, Elder Ray Jones from the Gitxan Nation welcomed members of The Pacific Mountain Regional Council to the lands that host the Region. Members of the Council acknowledged the relationship with the Indigenous Peoples where they were located.
Opening Worship	Katherine Brittain introduced the worship team, Ibi Chuan, Pamela Evans and Jake Highfield, and musicians, Rhythm Unite. Worship for the weekend is focused on John 10:10. She described how worship is planned to unfold through the meeting.
Moderator Message	The Right Rev. Richard Bott, 43rd Moderator, spoke to the Council via video to express gratitude for the resilience of members of the United Church through the COVID-19 pandemic. He shared about the Strategic Vision process that the General Council Executive is attending to, and about the 44th General Council meeting.
Introductions	President Blair Odney welcomed those present to the Regional Council Gathering. He introduced the Business Committee and members of the Regional Council Executive, particularly Treena Duncan, Executive Minister, Bob Fillier, Chair of Business, Allan Buckingham, Technology Coordinator, and Tressa Brotsky, Communications specialist. The President welcomed the Moderator, the General Secretary, and former Moderator, Dr. Marion Best. The President invited Treena Duncan to introduce members of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council staff. Treena spoke about some of the staff changes which have occurred and future plans for the staff team. The President offered information about the meeting process and agenda. He invited members to recognize the challenges of online meetings and to partake in self-care as needed. He advised that there are chaplains available throughout the meeting if needed.
President's Address	The President, Blair Odney, addressed the Regional Council. The way that The United Church of Canada proclaims the grace of Christ is vital to healthy Canadian communities. The gospel of Jesus Christ, lived out in the living body of the healthy church, is significant to the spiritual renewal for all people.

The President addressed the news of the children who were murdered at the Tk'emlúps to Secwépemc (Kamloops) Indian Residential School. He reflected on a reading of Richard Wagamese's book "Embers" and the importance of listening three times: listening, hearing and feeling. He shared his own history of learning about Residential School.

He also reflected on the connection between colonization and climate change and the power and importance of stories and the reality of the stories we tell about ourselves.

The President finished by reminding us that Christ meets us where we are, and loves us; even in the mess. Christ meets us in the myths and truths colliding and we stand to take a different first step. That is where life is found in its abundance. That is the promise of Hope and Abundance that will lead us through the hard times.

Retirees

The first of several videos recognizing retirees was shown. Throughout the weekend the following retirees were recognized: Rev. Stuart Appenheimer (OM:79), Rev. Bill Cantelon (OM:77), Rev. Minne Hornidge (OM:05), Rev. Ken Jones (OM:85), Rev. Maggie Watts-Hammond (OM:06).

The retirees were invited to reflect on the theme of "Hope and Abundance" and to share a story in which they experienced unexpected, abundant life during their ministry.

The President offered a blessing to each retiree after their videos were shown.

Business

Bob Fillier, Chair of Business, introduced the Business Committee Motions and highlighted a few of the particular motions.

Business Committee Motions

M/S/C (B. Fillier/K. Brittain) that:

1. *The Roll of the 3rd General Meeting of Pacific Mountain Regional Council shall consist of those members of Pacific Mountain Regional Council who register prior to 12:00 p.m., Friday June 11, 2021. (The Manual 2021 C.1.1 and C.1.2.) Those arriving after that time shall not be included on the Roll.*
2. *Quorum will be set at a minimum of 20 members which must include at least one ministry personnel and one lay member, not including Corresponding members. (The Manual 2021 C.4.3)*
3. *The Bounds of The Pacific Mountain Regional Council shall be the Zoom™ digital meeting room assigned and shared with registered members; the Whova™ digital meeting space created for this meeting and any telephone connections established.*
4. *The agenda as posted on www.pacificmountain.ca and within the Whova™ platform be the order of business, subject to those changes that are recommended by the Business Committee. Revisions will be announced, and an update posted on both platforms.*
5. *The President shall have the authority to recess the Regional Council when business, as ordered, is completed, until the next order of the day.*
6. *Graham Brownmiller be named as the recording secretary for the 3rd General Meeting of the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.*
7. *The minutes of the 2nd General Meeting of The Pacific Mountain Regional Council held October 16 – 18 2021 over Whova™, be received for information.*
8. *The Plenary portions of the agenda will be recorded within the Zoom™ platform and made available on The Pacific Mountain Regional Council website.*

9. *The Business Committee for this General Meeting shall be Mauricio Araujo, Katherine Brittain, Tressa Brotsky, Allan Buckingham, Jenny Carter, Anna Chambers, Treena Duncan (Executive Secretary), Bob Fillier (Chair), Blair Odney (President).*
10. *In order to facilitate the formulation of motions and discussion of matters raised in business, the President may, at their discretion, suspend the ordinary rules of parliamentary debate and engage in a different process. All final decisions of the council shall follow the rules of debate and order as summarized in the Appendix of The Manual (2021) or Bourinot's Rules of Order.*
11. *At the discretion of the President, speakers can be limited to two minutes each.*
12. *Voting shall be carried out by members using the Whova™ electronic platform where the online meeting will be hosted. Only eligible voting members logged into the Whova™ platform will receive a request to input their vote once a vote has been called by the President. In the case of technical issues during voting, the President can choose to accept votes sent in by email from voting members when submitted under the same email used for registration.*
13. *All motions having significant budget implications for the Region (defined as \$2,000 or over) shall be considered "in principle only" and, if adopted, be referred to the Executive for consideration within adopted budgetary constraints.*
14. *In accordance with Section C.1.2(b) of The Manual 2021, Regional Executive Minister Treena Duncan and former Moderator Marion Best be named as members of Pacific Mountain Regional Council with full voting privileges.*
15. *Corresponding Privileges be granted to the Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, Vicki Nelson, General Council deployed staff, all other invited guests, registered visitors, and staff (other than those who are full voting members of The Region) with voice, yet no voting privileges.*
16. *The threshold for any successful vote to become an Affirming Ministry be set at 75% of those eligible to vote.*
17. *The Chairperson of the Business Committee will present proposals. The President will invite prayerful discernment and discussion on the wisdom of the proposal. A speaker from the body making the proposal will be permitted to speak to it. When the President discerns that the sense of the meeting is such that it is ready to hear a motion on the proposal, the President will invite the Chairperson to put the motion. Once the motion has been moved and seconded, Rules of Debate and Order shall be followed.*
18. *Proposals directed to the General Meeting must be received by the Business Committee prior to 9:00 p.m. Friday, June 11, 2021. The Business Committee may recommend editing or clarification before the Proposal comes to the floor. Proposals dealing with matters not noted on the agenda shall be dealt with in an order as determined by the Business Committee. Like proposals may be grouped together at the discretion of the Business Committee.*
19. *If Pacific Mountain Regional Council does not agree with a proposal where the General Council is the court of action, it will not be sent on to General Council unless a separate motion to transmit with non-concurrence is made and passed.*

20. *In the case of limited time for business, items will be dealt with in the following order: Proposals to The General Council, Proposals to Pacific Mountain Regional Council, Reports requiring a decision of the Regional Council, Reports for Information.*
21. *The procedural and prayer microphone shall be the chat box. For a procedural point of order members of the council are to use "Point of Order" at the start of their statement. For a prayer request, members of the council are asked to us "Prayer" at the start of their request.*
22. *All unfinished business, including non-General Council proposals, shall be referred to the Regional Council Executive.*
23. *Verbal and written reports be accepted as presented.*
24. *Nominations for Commissioners to the 44th General Council be received by the regional office before 9 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2021.*
25. *Nominations for President-Elect be affirmed as having closed on June 4, 2021.*
26. *Items of New Business shall be given to the Business Committee before 12:30 pm on Saturday, June 12, 2021.*
27. *The Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive will have the authority to elect additional Commissioners to the 44th General Council (2022), if necessary, to fulfill the slate of fourteen (14) Regional Council-elected Commissioners, as set by the General Council.*
28. *Nominations for Regional Council Executive be received by the Regional Office before 9 a.m. on Friday June 11, 2021.*
29. *The President be permitted to appoint members to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive, in consultation with the Nominations Committee, to fill any vacancies on the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive between General Meetings. Any appointment will be subject to election by the next General Meeting of Pacific Mountain Regional Council.*
30. *Requests to withdraw from the meeting shall be submitted to, considered, and granted by the Business Committee. Members leaving before 5:30pm on Saturday, June 12th without the consent of the Business Committee shall not be entitled to have travel expenses paid.*
31. *Payment of member expenses shall be made as specified in the travel claim form. Late claims submitted after June 30, 2021, shall not be paid.*

Proposals

Bob Fillier introduced proposals and how we would deal with them. There are two types of proposals: ones for General Council and ones for Pacific Mountain Regional Council. Those directed to the Regional Council that cannot be dealt with during this meeting will be sent to the Executive.

Proposal 21-01 "A Living Commitment to the KAIROS Palestine "Cry for Hope"

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Simmonds) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada affirm the recent declarations by various human rights groups that the actions of the Government of Israel conform to the definition of an apartheid state; and

that The United Church of Canada join the international campaign of Boycott, Divest, and Sanction against the Government of Israel until such time as it respects international laws and the equal rights of all people living in Israel and Palestine; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Proposal 21-02 “A Task Group on Pension Equity for United Church Pension Plan Members”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Simmonds) that

the 44th General Council of The United Church of Canada commission a Task Group to explore and make recommendations leading towards an equitable distribution of benefits (pension amount) amongst United Church of Canada Pension Plan members, and report to the 45th General Council for implementation and action; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

**Nominations -
President-Elect**

Past-President Jay Olson interviewed one (1) candidate for President-Elect, Deborah Richards. Deborah is a lay person from Northwood United Church and is currently finishing up a term on the General Council Executive. She shared about her call to serve the church as a call to Christian Discipleship.

M/S/C (G. Brownmiller / B. Filler) that

Deborah Richards be acclaimed as President-Elect of Pacific Mountain Regional Council to be installed as President at the 4th General Meeting in Prince George.

Affirming Region

Bob Fillier, as co-chair of the Affirming Working Group, shared some history and information about the process of moving toward becoming an Affirming Ministry. Bob introduced Pam Rocker who reminded the Region that if the Region votes in favour of becoming Affirming, it does not mean that every community of faith in the Region become affirming ministries. Pam explained some of the commitments that would be required of the Regional Council and its staff.

Franklyn James, a member of the Working Group, testified to the Council about his personal and life experience and why he believes in the work of becoming Affirming.

Laura Hermakin, co-chair, spoke about the Regional Affirm Statement. The Council spent some time in small groups reflecting on the questions: “what feeds your soul in the draft statement?” and “what would make the statement even stronger?” Some reflections were shared and the Council was reminded that we would return to this conversation.

Proposals**Proposal 21-03** “Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt”

There were some questions about the proposal and it was advised that it be referred to the Business Committee to be brought back before the end of the meeting.

M/S/C (K. Simmonds / D. Moors) to defer definitely until Saturday, June 12th.

**Theme: Cameron
Trimble**

One of the gifts of COVID has been the ability to meet and work with people who we may not typically have the opportunity to. Because of this, Treena Duncan was excited to introduce one of our theme speakers, The Rev. Cameron Trimble, Executive Director and CEO of Convergence (formerly the Centre for Progressive Renewal).

Cameron reflect on ministry at this time in our life as a church with reference to Abundance and Hope.

**Announcements &
Adjournment**

Following some brief announcements, the Council adjourned for dinner.

Second Session, 7:00 p.m. Friday June 11, 2021

Gathering

The Council gathered online prior to the opening of the session.

Prayer

Ibi Chuan led the Council in prayer.

Theme: Nadia Bolz-Weber and Cameron Trimble

Treena Duncan introduced Nadia Bolz-Weber. Nadia reflected on ministry at this time in our church in terms of Abundance and Hope. In sharing she wondered about the future of the church and what it might look like. Regardless of what happens to the institution of church, people will still gather, share meals, and tell stories. There is much abundance in our faith story, but it is a story of a God who created out of nothing and that “nothing is God’s favourite material to work with.”

Cameron Trimble joined Nadia and they continued to engage in a dialogue on the theme of Hope and Abundance. They invited the Council to ask questions to which they engaged and responded.

Worship

The Worship Team led evening worship. Sarah Prestwich, one of the First Third Ministry Animators, shared her story of collecting quilt squares from youth around the Region to create a Pacific Mountain Regional Council Youth Quilt.

Announcements & Adjournment

Following a few announcements, the gathering adjourned for the evening.

Third Session, 9:00 a.m. Saturday June 12, 2021

Gathering

The Council gathered online prior to the opening of the session. Members of the Council were invited to acknowledge the relationship with the Indigenous Peoples where they were located.

Nominations

As there have not been many nominations for the Regional Council Executive (under 30) position or General Council 44 Commissioners, the business committee extended the nominations deadline.

M/S/C (B. Fillier / G. Brownmiller) that

the deadline for nominations to the Pacific Mountain Regional Council Executive and General Council 44 Commissioners be extended to noon, June 12th, 2021.

Worship

The Worship team led the Council in worship including song, scripture and reflection on the theme of Abundance. In worship the Council honoured the lives of those who have died since the last Regional Council gathering: Rev. Dr. Alan Reynolds, Rev. James (Jim) Elliot, Rev. Frank Hanlan Ward, Rev. Gordon Oliver Cann, Rev. Peter Lemmer, Rev. Dr. George Hermanson, Rev. Barry Renton Thomas, Rev. Robert John Shank, and Rev. John (Jack) Hooper.

Indigenous Acknowledgment

The President invited members to acknowledge where they live and the relationship with the Indigenous folks in the area.

Prayers

Additional Prayers were named for the communities of McBride and Naramata, currently experiencing some trauma.

General Council

The President introduced The Rev. Michael Blair, General Secretary, General Council. Michael spoke about the lens with which he comes to the work of General Secretary. While the church may be in decline as an institution, Michael challenged us to remember that God is not finished with us yet, God is still at work among us.

Executive Accountability

Michael shared some of the changes in staff at the General Council Office and some of the focus for the coming years.

President Blair Odney spoke to the written Executive Accountability Report. He shared that the Executive discerned three mission/ministry priorities to which the region will focus its attention and allocate resources. Having those foci does not eliminate other necessary and core work as mandated by The United Church of Canada, however it does encourage decisions to be filtered through the lens of these priorities.

The Ministry Priorities named are: (1) Identity: Reconciling, Affirming, Anti-Racist; (2) Healthy Communities of Faith; and (3) First Third Ministry.

The President reported that following an amalgamation decision by Rundle Memorial United Church in Banff and Canmore United Church, national church oversight of Banff returns to the Chinook Winds Regional Council. He reported on Strategic Planning and succession planning for the Executive.

Proposals

Bob Fillier introduced two proposals in response to the discovery of the unmarked graves of two hundred and fifteen (215) children at the Tk'emlúps te Secwépemc (Kamloops) Indian Residential School. After a prayer from Elder Jim Angus, the Council broke into small groups for reflection together, some of which were shared back to the gathering. We will return to these proposals later in the meeting.

Affirming Discussion

Laura Hermakin spoke again about the work of becoming an Affirming Region. Lauren Kirkey shared testimony about the importance of knowing affirmation. Laura asked the Council to refer to the Proposed Affirming Ministry Regional Statement, which is a living document needed in order to be accredited by Affirm United.

M/S/C (L. Hermakin / B. Fillier) that

the Pacific Mountain Regional Council affirm the priority of continuing to become an Affirming Regional Council, endorse the Affirming Ministry Regional Statement, direct the Executive and Regional Executive Minister to complete the process of accreditation with Affirm United, and plan a public, intentional and explicit celebration for the 2022 General Meeting.

Having set the threshold for the affirm vote at seventy-five percent (75%), it was passed with ninety-seven percent (97%).

General Council Deployed Staff - Stewardship & Gifts

The President introduced deployed General Council staff Vicki Nelson who serves the Western Regions of the United Church of Canada as Stewardship & Gifts Officer.

Vicki encouraged members of the Council to participate in the Called to be the Church program and to "Ask. Acknowledge. Thank."

General Council Deployed Staff - Office of Vocation

The President introduced deployed General Council staff The Rev. Brenda Fawkes, the Office of Vocation Minister serving Mountain Candidacy Board, Pacific Mountain Regional Council and Chinook Winds Regional Council.

Brenda expressed appreciation and concern for the Ministry Personnel in this Region. She offered praise to the members of the Mountain Candidacy Board.

Brenda introduced the candidates who will be received into ministry during the Celebration of Ministry: Andria Irwin and Joanne Scofield to be ordained, and Rev. Jaylynn Byassee to be admitted.

Treena Duncan offered thanks to Brenda Fawkes, and offered blessings on the work she does. Brenda is a gift to the Region who does her work with grace, constantly connected to the Spirit, purpose, and mission.

Adjournment

The Council adjourned for lunch.

Fourth Session, 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 12, 2020

Gathering

The Council gathered online prior to the opening of the session.

Proposals

We returned to the two proposals that were considered earlier in the day. After further discussion, and prior to voting, The Rev. John Snow offered prayer.

Proposal 21-04 “Making it Right: Alberni Indian Residential Schools (AIRS) Bringing Lost Children Home”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / M. Hornidge) that

the General Council undertake the following action to further address the harm caused by its Alberni Indian Residential School:

- 1. offer to conduct a forensic archaeological search of AIRS in order to locate any bodies of children buried on the site in unmarked graves;*
- 2. offer to exhume, identify, and repatriate, as requested, the bodies of any children buried on the AIRS site to their home, or for appropriate commemoration ceremonies, and markers;*
- 3. offer to safely remove and dispose of the remaining AIRS buildings from the territory;*
- 4. develop a plan and funding model for a Healing Centre on the former AIRS site;*
- 5. develop a plan to engage in deep listening to the Indigenous Elders in the territories of the other United Church of Canada residential schools to determine actions to offer in each context; and*

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Comments made will be transmitted with the Proposal to the General Council.

Proposal 21-05 “Making it Right: Alberni Indian Residential Schools (AIRS) Bringing Lost Children Home”

M/S/C (B. Fillier / M. Hornidge) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council (PMRC) direct the Regional Council Executive to commit the appropriate fiscal and staffing resources over the next 4 budget cycles to:

- 1. offer to conduct a forensic archaeological search of AIRS in order to locate any bodies of children buried on the site in unmarked graves;*
- 2. offer to exhume, identify, and repatriate, as requested, the bodies of any children buried on the AIRS site to their home, or for appropriate commemoration ceremonies, and markers, including trauma care for those who undertake this work;*
- 3. develop a strategy within PMRC to host and share the stories of Residential School survivors that incorporates deep listening and relationship building, to be implemented by 2023;*

4. *state reconciliation ministry as a priority for the Pacific Mountain Regional Council;*
5. *proactively advocate for church bodies and government to implement the TRC Calls to Action;*
6. *commit to raising one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to help ensure that a Healing Centre is built on the AIRS site; and*
7. *advocate at all levels that the government of Canada take their legal and moral obligation seriously.*

The Council named several the saints, living and in the cloud of witnesses, who have gone before us in the work of reconciliation.

deferred **Proposal 21-03** "Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt"

M/S/C (B. Fillier / S. Nixon) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council develop, as part of its justice ministry, a strategy and resources within PMRC to advocate for the forgiveness of refugee travel loans and the inequity they cause.

Proposal 21-07 "Jubilee in a Land Now Their Own: forgiveness of refugee travel debt"

M/S/C (B. Fillier / S. Nixon) that

the Pacific Mountain Regional Council request that the General Council of The United Church of Canada advocate for the forgiveness of travel loan repayment required of refugees moving to Canada; and

that the General Council facilitate the development of a national network for refugee ministry that enables communities of faith and refugee ministries across the country to connect for education, advocacy, and support; and

that Pacific Mountain Regional Council transmit with concurrence to General Council 44 (2022).

Proposal 21-06 "Active Bystander Witness Training"

M/S (B. Fillier / L. Megley-Best) that

Pacific Mountain Regional Council develop and offer an online educational program that can be held in each individual congregation that will teach individuals and our communities of faith skills for which to intervene in situations where we encounter racist or hateful behaviour or speech.

M/S/C (D. Moors / B. Fillier)

that Proposal 21-06 be forwarded to the Regional Executive Minister for consideration.

Nominations - 44th General Council Commissioners

Graham Brownmiller, Chair of Nominations, expressed appreciation for the members who submitted nominations throughout the morning. There were twelve (12) nominations received, meeting the number that was needed. The expressions fulfilled the criteria that have been expressed by the Region as important. He met with past Presidents Jay Olson and Cari Copeman-Haynes, and together they affirm the nominations received are of the Spirit. Blair Odney will attend *ex-officio* (*The Manual 2021, D.1.1.d*)

M/S/C (J. Olson / C. Copeman-Haynes) that

the following slate be elected as commissioners to the 44th General Council, and that the PMRC Executive be authorized to elect alternates as needed.

Kirstin Autio

Joseph Kyser

Cheryl Bear

Katherine Paton

Katherine Brittain

Keith Simmonds

Emily Cooke

Ruth Stebbing

Albert Fowler

Keri Wehlander

Laura Hermakin

Deborah Richards

Minnie Hornidge

and an unnamed Youth Forum Pilgrim

Graham announced that there were no nominations for the PMRC Executive and Nominations will work with the President and Executive to appoint someone to be ratified at the next General Meeting.

Theme: Cameron Trimble

Cameron Trimble continued to speak to the importance of Hope in our future. She spoke about how we perceive stories, but that we are a storied people who tell them to help tap into the deeper wisdom and knowing that is held within them. The Council broke into small groups to reflect on the questions of: what is our probable future if we change nothing and continue on the obvious course? What is our desired future? What insights do you gain from seeing the gap?

After hearing some of the reflections from small groups, Cameron invited us to reflect on the ways that our ministries are being invited to change, particularly in the space between probable and desirable futures.

The President offered thanks to Cameron Trimble for her time with us.

Enabling Motion

M/S/C (B. Fillier / K. Brittain) that:

- 1. The Regional Executive Minister be authorized to edit reports and minutes for the Record of Proceedings of this meeting.*
- 2. The Regional Council Executive be authorized to transact all business of the Regional Council until the next General Meeting of the Region Regional, except those matters prohibited by the Constitution and Bylaws of The United Church of Canada.*
- 3. All remaining ballots be destroyed – including the digital results.*
- 4. All digital records of public chat/comment boxes within Zoom™ and Whova™ will be appended to the record of proceedings.*
- 5. The meeting adjourn following the completion of business as ordered and the benediction received concluding the Celebration of Ministry service, June 13, 2021.*

Gratitude

The President offered gratitude on behalf of the Regional Council to those who helped this General Meeting happen: special thanks to Cameron Trimble and Nadia Bolz-Weber; the Moderator and General Secretary for being present with us, Vicki Nelson and Brenda Fawkes, the Regional Council Executive and in particular Bob Fillier, Laura Hermakin, Katherine Brittain, Ibi Chuan, and Anna Chambers who took on particular roles for this gathering; those who planned worship, Pamela Evans, Jake Highfield, Will Sparks, and Rhythm United, and those who offered background support: Allan Buckingham, Graham Brownmiller, Pam Rocker, Jim Angus, Will Sparks, and Regional Council Staff: in particular Tressa Brotsky, Mauricio Araujo, John Snow, Allison Rennie and Brenda Wolff. The President welcomed Deborah Richards to the role of President-Elect and thanked Jay Olson for her term as President and Past-President. Lastly, he offered thanks to Executive Minister, Treena Duncan for all she is and all she holds on our behalf.

Treena thanked Blair for his gracious leadership, naming the privilege and honour to serve with him; the Regional Council is grateful for his service.

Worship

Franklyn James and Sandy Hwang from the Affirming Region team led closing worship. Music, prayer and reflection on Abundance led us from this gathering into our continued ministries.

Adjournment

The President adjourned the meeting with a commission and benediction.

Fifth Session, Sunday June 13, 2021**Optional Worship**

The Regional Council provided a worship service for communities of faith to stream for Sunday morning. This Celebration of Ministry worship saw the ordination of two (2) ministers and the admission of one (1). The Rev. Nadia Bolz-Weber preached a sermon on Luke 10:10-35.



Pacific Mountain Regional Council

Rev. Blair Odney, President

Ms. Treena Duncan, Executive Minister

First Session, 1:00 pm PDT Friday, June 11th, 2021 (note times are recorded in MDT)

15:13:14 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Amen. Thank you Blair.
 15:13:17 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : amen
 15:13:20 From Winston Lanyon : Amen
 15:13:24 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Amen!
 15:13:25 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : aamen
 15:13:27 From Ibi Chuan : Thank you, Blair
 15:13:31 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Blair. Amen
 15:13:41 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : amen
 15:13:42 From Jennifer Ferguson : Well said Blair
 15:13:45 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Love you Blair.
 15:13:51 From Gail Miller : Beautiful message Blair, thank you.
 15:13:52 From Diane(she/her), Kamloops UC : Thank you Blair, can we get a copy of your address?
 15:14:02 From Dianne Collery : Again, thank you Blair.
 15:14:12 From Beth Bourke : Thank you Blair! would love to have a copy of your message
 15:14:29 From Jane Dawson : Powerful words.
 15:14:30 From Nam Ok Yoo : Thank you Blair for your message!
 15:14:34 From Treena Duncan : we will post Blair's message on the website
 15:14:46 From Beth Bourke : thanks Treena
 15:14:48 From Scott Swanson : Thank you, Blair. Your words are much appreciated.
 15:15:16 From Marianne Dekker : Thank you Blair!
 15:16:35 From Sally McShane : Thank you Blair.
 15:16:45 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : such a good and faithful man!
 15:17:01 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Thank you for your faithful ministry Stuart!
 15:17:14 From Graham (he/him) : Bless you, Stuart!
 15:17:17 From Dawna English : Blessings on the next stage of your ministry Stuart.
 15:17:21 From Michelle Slater : Bless you Stuart for your gentleness, faithfulness, courage and love.
 15:17:54 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Blessings on your next adventure, Stuart!
 15:17:54 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you, Stuart. You are such a lovely man. God bless you in your retirement. <8
 15:18:00 From Cheryl Perry (she/her) : Thank you for your spirit of humility to be guided by God always--especially when you were nervous!
 15:18:17 From Jan Bihl : Bless you Stuart!
 15:18:34 From Sally McShane : Stuart you are so lovely in the Spirit. What a gift you have been.
 15:18:56 From Treena Duncan : thank you, Stuart for your ministry amoung us
 15:19:32 From Lori Megley-Best : Stuart, you are a light to our denomination. Thank you for your service, your shared faith and for the connections I had with you over the years. You have been a blessing. Blessings on your next path.
 15:21:25 From Simone Carrodus : Hit escape means where??
 15:21:44 From Treena Duncan : on your keyboard ESC key
 15:21:44 From Anna Paton : on your laptop or computer keyboard
 15:21:47 From Andrea+ she/her : Alan Buckingham ROCKS
 15:21:53 From Kimiko Karpoff (she, her) : or alt tab to your search bar
 15:22:05 From Simone Carrodus : where on my screen?
 15:22:15 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Hi folks you can find proposals here:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>
 15:22:22 From Joyce Wagland : Can't find where to go
 15:22:22 From Maria : I don't see poll
 15:22:36 From Elise Feltrin : yes it was in my email
 15:22:37 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : I did receive an email
 15:22:44 From Val Neilson she/her : mine came by email
 15:22:46 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : which might be my WHOVA notifications, I'm not sure
 15:22:47 From Ivy Thomas : I got mine via email

15:22:50 From David Cathcart : It came to me via a notification
 15:22:50 From Jay Olson (she/her) : can,Äôt see my poll
 15:23:08 From Val Neilson she/her : email is helpful
 15:23:11 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : Poll is on Whova NOT Zoom
 15:23:17 From Katherine Brittain : I got the email and the notification in Whova
 15:23:18 From Winston Lanyon : Look for the 'Polls' page under the 'Resources' category in the Whova page list.
 15:23:23 From Leenane,Äôs iPad : Vote early and vote often
 15:23:40 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Leenane,Äôs making faces again ;)
 15:23:43 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : HI folks you can find proposals here:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>
 15:23:47 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Leenane is!
 15:24:02 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : lol
 15:24:56 From Alan Brown, Comox United : Getting an error message at the proposals page:
 Resource Limit Is Reached
 The website is temporarily unable to service your request as it exceeded resource limit. Please try again later.
 15:25:12 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Same rror
 15:25:13 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : *error
 15:25:18 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Same here.
 15:25:18 From Anna Paton : same error
 15:25:20 From Heather Clarke (she/her/hers) : me too error message - over the limit
 15:25:38 From Minnie Hornidge : same
 15:25:42 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : if the proposals are PDFs, is it possible to send as attachments in the chat?
 15:26:34 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : or post them to Whova in some fashion?
 15:26:37 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : The website is temporarily unable to service your request as it exceeded resource limit. Please try again later.
 15:27:37 From Ross Trinity United, PoCo : Are these in our reports booklet?
 15:27:39 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Sorry where on Whova are these?
 15:27:49 From Graham (he/him) : Seems like we all just crashed the system ;)
 15:27:58 From Michelle Slater : these proposals are all the link Bob referred to above
 15:28:13 From Michelle Slater : <https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>
 15:28:15 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : which is not currently working
 15:28:49 From Michelle Slater : oh sorry it worked for me~
 15:28:52 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Didn't the national church adopt the BDS principles at GC41 in Ottawa in 2012? I was there and voted for it.
 15:28:56 From Vicki Nelson (she/her) : Amazing. Way to Pacific Mountain
 15:29:03 From Simone Carrodus : the last line of the second para still seems to lack a word. Maybe ,Äúrespecting,Äù?
 15:29:18 From Marc Coulombe : The Agenda Booklet can be downloaded directly from:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2021/wp-content/uploads/GM-2021-PMRC-Agenda-and-Reports-V7.pdf>
 15:29:19 From Treena Duncan : @Vicki. Hilarious !!
 15:30:08 From Marianna Harris : I think it is international law and the equal rights. Marianna
 15:30:28 From Graham (he/him) : Yes, the double ,Äúthe the,Äù should be ,Äúand the"
 15:31:08 From Marianna Harris : No that is not true.
 15:32:08 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : thank you for clarifying that Keith. My memory is foggy
 15:32:40 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : good point of clarification
 15:36:13 From Winston Lanyon : What page are the proposals on in the pdf?
 15:36:33 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : HI folks you can find proposals here:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>
 15:36:36 From Heather Clarke (she/her/hers) : I can,Äôt find the proposals either

15:36:38 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : separate PDFs:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2021/wp-content/uploads/Keith-Simmonds-A-Living-Commitment-to-the-KAIROS-Palestine-Cry-for-Hope-2.pdf> , for this one

15:36:39 From Dave Moors he/him : still wondering where the proposals are in pdf form?

15:36:42 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : <https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2021/wp-content/uploads/GM-2021-PMRC-Agenda-and-Reports-V7.pdf>

15:36:53 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : the proposals do not appear to be part of the agenda and reports document

15:38:10 From Judith Clark : on dvreen I sm reading two identical paragraphs.

15:38:16 From Treena Duncan : no they are separate from the R&A book

15:39:08 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Are you sending an email again? That was the only way I accessed the first one.

15:39:30 From Maureen (she/her)Anderson : When I hit the open button it doesn't open

15:39:32 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : On the General meeting page at the PRMC website scroll further down the page and the proposals are there.

15:39:34 From Dave Moors he/him : Why is there no abstentions allowed

15:39:42 From Joyce Wagland : Sorry - can't find where to vote

15:40:17 From Val Neilson she/her : preference for the poll by email please

15:40:18 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : agreed that there is no way to register an abstention

15:40:38 From Winston Lanyon : You can find the 'Polls' page in 'Resources' or you should also receive the Poll in a message in the 'Messages' section

15:40:45 From Joyce Wagland : No place to vote

15:40:49 From Dorothy : Also cannot find vote

15:40:49 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : I'm confused - I thought that formal discussion of the motion was supposed to *follow* formally moving it?

15:40:54 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : the original submission (pdf) has "and" there

15:41:05 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : To vote you go into Whova - agenda - Friday 1pm Session - once there you will see polls section. You will also see it in Messages section of Whova

15:41:25 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : No, thank you, Treena, apparently I misunderstood.

15:41:55 From Matt Emery : One abstains by not voting. Parliamentary procedure does not ask for abstentions

15:42:32 From David Cathcart : someone is playing with the whiteboard

15:42:52 From Winston Lanyon : Can you just add an option for the Poll to 'Abstain'? So 'Agree', 'Disagree', and 'Abstain' as our options for each Poll?

15:43:07 From Maureen (she/her)Anderson : my poll won, it's open!

15:43:20 From Treena Duncan : if you want an abstention registered, type it in the chat and Allan can make note of it

15:43:39 From Treena Duncan : or private message to tech

15:43:54 From Winston Lanyon : Can zoom the PMRC Tech screen with the proposal on it?

Thanks

15:44:05 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : I think the website crashed again...

15:44:23 From Bruce Holvick : Vote on email unavailable !!

15:44:31 From Matt Emery : @Winston, the problem with asking for abstentions is that it messes up the percentages for determining whether a motion passes. A motion is decided only on those who vote, not abstentions, and if you offer the 3rd option of abstaining in the poll, then you have to go back and manually recalculate the vote percentages.

15:45:09 From Winston Lanyon : Ahh, thank you for the explanation @Matt, that makes sense.

15:45:10 From Treena Duncan : proposals are now posted in whova

15:46:23 From Treena Duncan : ok we will email proposals to everyone...

15:48:50 From Bruce Holvick : Do not believe there is a provision for "abstentions" in Manual - appendix vs-a-vs procedures

15:49:01 From Ross Trinity United, PoCo : Do the rural ministers contribute the same amount as a urban minister?

15:49:10 From Treena Duncan : ross, no

15:49:33 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Typically you can only abstain for perception of bias or conflict of interest, yet not because you,Ãd not sure how you,Ãd like to vote. In the above cases you would request to have those reasons recorded in minutes.

15:50:05 From PMRC Tech : The digital hand puts you to the top so I can ask you to unmute as well. :)

15:50:24 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** THIS LINK IS TO PROPOSALS DOCS ON WHOVA: https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Documents

15:50:40 From Michelle Slater : thanks Tressa!

15:50:45 From Mauricio Araujo : Thank you Tressa!!!

15:50:53 From Graham (he/him) : Thanks Tressa!

15:50:59 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Ross it is based on a % of your comprehensive salary that is influenced (initially) by two things: years of service and cost of living group.

15:51:49 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks Tressa!

15:52:01 From Julie Lebrun : thanks for link to proposals

15:52:16 From Matt Emery : Important difference between UCCan and UCC (USA) pension plans... UCCan is a defined benefit plan; UCC USA is a defined contribution plan.

15:52:32 From Treena Duncan : that is a very important point!

15:53:04 From Michelle Slater : pensions are also dictated by federal legislation.

15:53:07 From Matt Emery : The issue of inequity, however, is much the same, for the same reason... people making more contribute more and thus put more into their accumulation accounts (similar to a 401k)

15:53:09 From Maria : yes comparing apples to oranges?

15:53:12 From Bethan T (she, her, hers) : Same is true in Pitt Meadows. More expensive than Burnaby, but in a lower housing group.

15:53:26 From Michael Hare : Cost of Living Group are reviewed every three years. In the last review Chilliwack went from COL 3 to COL4

15:53:49 From Teri Meyer : And when the COL doesn't adequately meet local housing costs in a rural community impacted by industry that puts rents at well over \$2000 for a detached 2 bedroom house (and not fancy), and houses too high to buy...?

15:54:57 From Robin Giles : The greater the salary the more is paid in contributions

15:55:16 From Michelle Slater : Teri I believe communities of faith are invited to request that their COL be reviewed and provide evidence of what it should be.

15:56:31 From Teri Meyer : Thanks, Michelle.

15:56:31 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : It seems to me that if injustice has been discerned with respect to the way pensions are currently being calculated this proposal needs to go forward to ask that the General Council be invited to review this and address the equities.

15:56:33 From Bill Booth He/him : can,Ãt raise my hand. Here is my point. This was predictable when we change the housing piece. I don,Ãt interlay trust the national church committee will get it right. We could do the work and advise.

15:56:52 From Dave Moors he/him : are we talking about pension distribution or pension accrual?

15:57:38 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : That would be inequities in my comment above.

15:59:28 From Matt Emery : Voting is in Whova, not Zoom

15:59:31 From Winston Lanyon : Simone, do you see it in your Whova 'Messages' folder? It's in Whova, not Zoom

15:59:51 From Marc Coulombe : The poll for this proposal is: https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57799

16:00:31 From Will Sparks : It would be helpful if the name of the proposal was also on the poll so that those who have trouble keeping track of numbers can track which poll we are answering

16:00:33 From Matt Emery : @Marc... that makes a lot of sense, for the direct URL for the poll to be put into the chat

16:01:07 From Barbara Blysak : Unable to vote also

16:01:25 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Will Sparks - that is a helpful suggestion!

16:02:17 From Sue Rodgers : Please tell me this person's name. I missed it.

16:02:23 From Graham (he/him) : Deborah Richards

16:02:32 From Sue Rodgers : thanks

16:03:32 From Ross Trinity United, PoCo : Sorry - but the last vote did not appear on my whova page. Is there going to be an email link sent out?

16:03:40 From Karen Hollis (she/her) : I followed Marc,Ãs link to the poll and still couldn,Ãt access it. That particular poll wasn,Ãt there.

16:05:04 From Lynn & Pat McGrath : Is it possible to do the Zoom poll that shows right in Zoom

16:05:30 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Yayyy Deborah! :)

16:05:39 From nancystalbot : Thank you Deborah for your willingness to serve!

16:05:43 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Lynn - my understanding is no because we can,Ãt limit who can vote to only those registered representatives.

16:05:44 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Thank you Deborah!

16:05:49 From Will Sparks : Thanks be to God for Deborah. Fantastic leader!!!

16:06:07 From Anna Paton : YEHHHH Deborah.. Blessings as we move forward with you.

16:06:11 From Marc Coulombe : So, so grateful, Deborah for your offer of leadership!!

16:06:25 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Grateful for your leadership Deborah.

16:06:28 From Winston Lanyon : Yay, Deborah! Thank you for your leadership! <3

16:06:42 From rhian walker (she/her/hers) : excited to have you lead us Deborah!!

16:06:55 From Cari C-H (she/her) : So grateful to you, Deborah, and to the Holy Spirit for provoking you to consider this call!

16:06:55 From Andria Irwin : Thank you, Deborah!

16:06:55 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, Deborah!

16:06:55 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Deborah is a WONDERFUL leader - this is AMAZING!

16:06:56 From Katherine Brittain : hey, no slamming PG!

16:07:06 From Anna Paton : Can't wait to see PG!!

16:07:14 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : So grateful for you Deborah and offer of your leadership!

16:07:20 From Sally McShane : Deborah is wonderful! Delighted!

16:07:24 From Maria : what is the motion?

16:07:25 From Dave Moors he/him : Could we verify that 158 votes is close to the number on Zoom who are eligible to vote? I am worried we keep voting without the polls reaching a decent percentage of those eligible.

16:07:25 From Rhona Panton : Looking forward to your leadership Deborah

16:07:45 From Winston Lanyon : Poll Link:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57835

16:07:50 From Heather Clarke (she/her/hers) : She has a lovely write-up on her LInkedIn Profile

16:08:07 From Jim Hatherly : So much respect for the Moravian Church. Having worked with the Methodist Church in the Caribbean I came to a deeper understanding of their teachings and integrity.

16:08:21 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Poll Link:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57835

16:08:36 From Max Aranguiz-Peterson : I am not voting as it is too confusing to get it.

16:09:15 From Max Aranguiz-Peterson : I found it! Hurray!

16:09:19 From Rhona Panton : To repeat there is a huge delay for some of our computers is seeing the polls

16:09:19 From Katherine Brittain : AMEN!

16:09:20 From Marie Paul she/her : AMEN

16:09:23 From Nick Judson : Congratulations interculturally

16:09:23 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Amen!

16:09:23 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Amen!

16:09:24 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : AMEN!

16:09:24 From karenmillard : amen

16:09:25 From Andrea+ she/her : AMEN

16:09:27 From Jennifer Ferguson : AMEN!

16:09:29 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Yayyyy! Amen!!! Congratulations Deborah!

16:09:29 From Leenane Shiels : Amen!

16:09:29 From Joan Kessler : amen

16:09:31 From Beth Walker (she her) : AMEN

16:09:33 From Lorraine Ashdown : Amen!

16:31:42 From Susan Sullivan : Good to hear from you Franklyn, your courage and adaptability showed at MacKenzie Camp and is blossoming

16:31:44 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Thank you Franklyn for your vulnerability and your sharing of your testimony.

16:31:44 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : Amen

16:31:44 From Gayle : Thank you!

16:31:46 From Ibi Chuan : Thank you

16:31:48 From Anna Paton : AMEN!

16:31:49 From Treena Duncan : thank you Franklyn

16:31:51 From Katherine Brittain : Thank- Franklyn

16:31:52 From karenmillard : Thank you Franklyn

16:31:52 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : AMEN

16:31:52 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, Franklyn.

16:31:53 From Pamela Evans : Thank you, Franklyn and Pam!

16:31:54 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you Franklyn

16:31:56 From Will Sparks : Thank you Franklin

16:31:58 From nancystalbot : Thank you for your sharing Franklyn.

16:31:59 From Nick Judson : thank you

16:31:59 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : God bless you, my friend. Thank you. Amen.

16:32:02 From Sally McShane : Thank you Franklyn.

16:32:02 From Michael Blair(he/him) : Thanks Franklyn

16:32:02 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Franklyn . . . thank you. :)

16:32:06 From Daebin Im, Minister of Vancouver Japanese United Church : thank

16:32:08 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks, Franklin! <3

16:32:11 From Nam Ok Yoo : Thank you

16:32:13 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you for your moving testimony, Franklyn.

16:32:18 From Bruce Comrie : Thank you Franklyn for your faithful, powerful witness!

16:32:24 From Scott Swanson : Thank you, Franklin.

16:32:27 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : Very grateful. Thank you.

16:32:38 From Blair Odney : Thank you Franklyn. Sacred sacred and holy ground.

16:32:39 From Russell Redman : I am old enough to remember when Rev. Jesse Jackson ran for president in the USA, calling his supporters the rainbow Coalition. He had in mind a racial rainbow, but the principle generalizes. There are many different rainbows, all sacred and all images of God in action.

16:32:39 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Thanks Franklin.

16:32:44 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : Well said....and thank you for saying it. We have listened, heard, and now it is time to act in Spirit.

16:32:53 From Tif McNaughton : thank you, Franklyn. ☺☺☺☺

16:32:56 From Dee McEachern : Thank you, Franklyn!

16:33:12 From PMRC Tech : Why do you think it is important the region be affirming?
What do you think will change if the region becomes affirming?

16:33:15 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Thank you, Franklin. So appreciate that you could share your story.

16:34:45 From Franklyn James : Thank you everyone for your grace and support

16:35:02 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : what are the questions?

16:50:15 From Sue B Trail, BC : Here we come!

16:50:26 From Matt Emery : So annoying!!!!

16:50:45 From Beth Walker (she her) : oh well

16:51:08 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : about half of us got to talk :-)

16:51:27 From Marie Paul she/her : I think more congregations might become affirming if the region is affirming.

16:51:27 From Beth Walker (she her) : oh well

16:51:36 From Sarah V (CMUC, Vancouver) (she/her) : for future reference - there's a timer in the upper right-hand corner saying how much time is left in the breakout rooms :)

16:51:51 From Matt Emery : Also, brevity is a virtue, right?

16:52:05 From Jenny Sprong : The small group makes the meeting more personal - thank you.

16:52:18 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Yes

16:52:40 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : You're braver than I Laura - been wanting to do that for years!

16:52:50 From Simone Carrodus : i hope that the grouping will be the same next time, cuz we spent a bit of time getting acquainted and next time will be better for ,Äúknowing,Äù each other.

16:52:54 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Just a note - I think that for those of us in smaller communities of faith, being able to plug into resources, events and activities at the Regional level would be a huge bonus!

16:52:56 From Blair Odney : Dive in Heidi...just go for it

16:53:05 From Katherine Brittain : my hair is too dark,Ä¶.the colours don,Äôt show up!

16:53:49 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I have the opposite problem Katherine - it's too light and doesn't hold dye well. Maybe when the congregation votes to be affirming!

16:53:58 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : just a reminder that to help with fatigue on zoom, you can hide your own camera from view so you aren't looking at yourself constantly!

16:54:07 From PMRC Tech : What in the statement speaks to your soul?
What would make the statement even stronger?

16:54:30 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Where can we find this to keep reflecting?

16:54:41 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : OH motions, doi

16:54:43 From Sarah V (CMUC, Vancouver) (she/her) : Ingrid, it's in the reports document

16:54:47 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : thanks

16:55:20 From Ross Trinity United, PoCo : .The whole first sentence is a bit harsh,Ä¶.

16:55:25 From Sarah V (CMUC, Vancouver) (she/her) : I appreciate the acknowledgement of past harm, the acknowledgement of sacredness, and the commitment to celebrate (not just accept)

16:55:33 From PMRC Tech : What in the statement speaks to your soul?
What would make the statement even stronger?

16:55:34 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Page 37 in the Agenda and Reports.

16:55:45 From Michelle Slater : are we open to moving to using the phrase Gender and Sexually Diverse people instead of 2SLGBTQ etc?

16:55:46 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Thanks Bob, I knew I had read it somewhere!

16:56:04 From Michael Hare : Thank you for providing the page reference.

16:56:26 From Sandra Barrett : It is almost the same wording as the draft in the Townhall of May 15, isn,Äôt it?

16:56:35 From Jeff Seaton : I,Äôm concerned that the questions here, and earlier for the breakout groups, imply agreement with the motion. It might be better to have more neutral questions.

16:56:39 From Cheryl Black : who is this statement for?

16:56:46 From Katherine Brittain : that is what my mom always said when I wanted to know how to spell a word,Ä¶look it up in the dictionary!!

16:56:47 From Judith Clark : Oh I so look forward to getting rid of that awkward acronym. Yes, to Michelle Slater!

16:57:03 From Kevin Sprong : Finding out about intersectionality has been a gift to me in more ways than I can say

16:57:09 From Dave Moors he/him : Its not that we don't know what intersectionality means but it is too big of a word for a public statement. variety of reading levels etc. across the church.

16:57:10 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @sandra B - yes it is very simmlar

16:57:27 From Val Neilson she/her : doesn't our affirming ministry reach out to more than sexual diversity?

16:57:31 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Jeff S. Thanks for your feedback.

16:57:42 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Yes, Dave Moors I agree. But how can we say that in a good way?

16:57:48 From Simone Carrodus : I like Michelle,Äôs idea; those initials seem to change weekly, take a long time to say in conversation, and defy definition by elderlies like me!

16:58:02 From Joyce Wagland : Yes, surely "affirming" is more wide-reaching!

16:58:07 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Cheryl B - it,Äôs a statement that will guide our work and policy moving forward.

16:58:31 From Julie Lebrun : Gender and sexually diverse is more clear that 2SLGBTQAIP to people who don't know what the letters stand for. How do we best education with the language and symbols we use?

16:58:42 From Dorothy : It is a starting point to move forward from. by none other than our moderator R. Bott

16:58:45 From Dave Moors he/him : Maggie Watts Hammond :Hopefully Jesus will help me unpack it in my dreams tonight

16:58:48 From Michelle Slater : GSD definitely not my language! I have been reading that some are moving to that acronym... so raising it as a possibility.

16:59:00 From Andrea+ she/her : page number please

16:59:12 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : would be nice if we could avoid the alphabet soup language - not sure if I'd go with Michelle's suggestion though as this might include non-monogamous relationships, and I'm not sure I'm ready to affirm that, even though that may be the next wave... Just being honest here.

16:59:31 From Mauricio Araujo : https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57847

17:00:32 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : @ Andrea pg 36

17:00:53 From Marianna Harris : Great suggestion. Thanks so much for bringing it forward.

17:01:27 From Cay Holbrook : Do we know where the resources for this would come from?

17:02:14 From Beth Bourke : just a typo I think in the third line where there's an "o" sitting alone and should be removed :)

17:02:41 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Is the \$10,000 loan per person or per family?

17:02:56 From Judith Clark : so we mean that PMRC would supply financial resources to congregations to help with these travel amounts?

17:03:13 From Judith Clark : sorry I can't find my digital hand!

17:03:41 From Sandra Nixon : My question has been answered, thanks

17:04:12 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : I believe this is simply advocating for our government to simply swallow that cost instead of charge it back to the families.

17:04:58 From Jenny Sprong : I was a coordinator of a refugee committee for a Syrian family. Even though some relief will be good, I do believe it gives the newcomers a sense of worth and autonomy when they are able to pay some of the costs themselves.

17:05:27 From Anna Paton : perhaps a "ability to pay"

17:05:54 From Jenny Sprong : I agree that all decisions should be made in consultation.

17:05:57 From Ross Trinity United, PoCo : There is still a grammatical error in the last line of the first paragraph ,Ärelated to o refugee,ÄÄÄ

17:06:14 From Graham (he/him) : Ross, we,Äll get that fixed (it,Äs not in the minutes)

17:06:22 From Treena Duncan : the grammatical erros will be fixed in the minutes

17:06:32 From Beth Bourke : thanks

17:06:45 From Graham (he/him) : Hey, Treena and I are on the same page! Surprise!

17:06:49 From Beryl Itani : You need to take out the o in the third line

17:06:53 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : the federal government 'pays' all kinds of travel costs through the income tax act. Especially for wealthier folk who pay travel for employment or business...it is not a matter of changing practice, it is a matter of targeting to refugees

17:07:04 From Graham (he/him) : @Beryl - yes! Thanks

17:07:45 From Winston Lanyon : Yes, I can't see the Poll either. Perhaps it hasn't been shared yet?

17:09:31 From Anna Paton : the question hasn't been called, so it's not open yet

17:10:03 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : can we table for a division?

17:11:13 From Simone Carrodus : Sandra and Dave, gofer it!

17:11:36 From Winston Lanyon : I second to table

17:12:30 From Ibi Chuan : Allan, you rock!

17:12:39 From Mauricio Araujo : https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57848

17:13:13 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Thanks Alan!

17:13:16 From Matt Emery : The intent of the body is clear, even if our language isn't

17:13:42 From Simone Carrodus : Hey!!! I answered the poll without difficulty!

17:13:50 From Katherine Brittain : well done Simone!

17:13:50 From Blair Odney : Thanks Matt....indeed.

17:13:57 From Beth Bourke : way to go Simone!!

17:14:01 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : I think I,Ãm late with this but a question about the wording of it, other church sponsored refugees would also have to pay that, so are we asking for the church to advocate that just UCC sponsored refugees don,Ãt have to pay or all church sponsored refugees?

17:14:04 From Blair Odney : Yay Simone!!1

17:14:14 From Mauricio Araujo : Simone I always knew you would :)

17:14:50 From Beryl Itani : Thanks Allan for putting up the link each time. I was not able to vote in the first two proposals.

17:14:52 From Cari C-H (she/her) : @Thea, I hope that those who are taking this proposal and reworking it will take your question into consideration

17:15:10 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : @Cari That,Ãs my hope too

17:15:51 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : @Cari and @Thea (hiiii!) and I hope it is for advocacy to do away with it for all refugees

17:15:57 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : whoa,Ã how did you do that??

17:15:59 From Anna Paton : the recording is playing

17:16:00 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Wow! That,Ãs interesting.

17:16:01 From Katherine Brittain : we cloned Treena!!!!

17:16:12 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : lol!

17:16:24 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : LOL

17:16:35 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Just listening to Cameron's CV makes me tired...I'm exhausted.

17:16:36 From Philip Newman he/him : Pentecost !!!

17:17:41 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks for your suggestion Thea, it,Ãs noted :)

17:18:15 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Thanks Sandra!

17:18:16 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : noted for all refugees? regardless of sponsors?

17:18:40 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Yeah I would hope for all refugees, too

17:18:45 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Echoing...

17:19:05 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Wacky echoes again!

17:19:26 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : better now

17:19:28 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : It feels like a sci-fi movie.

17:19:30 From Sarah V (CMUC, Vancouver) (she/her) : better now!

17:19:39 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Better now. No echoes now.

17:19:40 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Good!

17:19:52 From Leenane Shiels : I think it happens with external microphones.

17:21:28 From PMRC Tech : Sorry I'm just able to answer now.

17:21:49 From Matt Emery : Yay, Chicago!

17:23:22 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : will this be available after the meeting or should I be madly taking notes?

17:23:39 From Blair Odney : This is being recorded Heidi...

17:23:52 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : thank-you

17:24:20 From Nancy Colton : That,Ãs a great question and very real concern.

17:24:36 From Blair Odney : The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few

17:24:54 From Michelle Slater : yes. and now I need to do everything I did online, in person as well. And I am fried.

17:25:56 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : our congregation decided to suspend online for the summer and see what reaction we got. I'm both relieved (for the sake of myself and the other staff) but also disappointed (because it's an avenue of ministry that has so much potential).

17:28:05 From Treena Duncan : Heidi... so you will meet in person only?

17:28:42 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Yes, Outdoors, and with an FM transmitter for those who wish to stay in their cars.

17:28:54 From Treena Duncan : cool. Indoor will be ok in July too

17:29:36 From Bethan T (she, her, hers) : Our building is too small for gathering now

17:30:03 From Shelagh MacKinnon : We will only have a low percentage with two vaccines with 3 weeks incubation time before the end of July

17:30:17 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Ours too Bethan - we can have 54 outdoor but can only manage 38 with distancing indoors

17:31:03 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : we are faced with the pajama wearing, coffee drinking, tousled hair, couch sitting, online only set...

17:31:12 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : We aren't likely to meet in person until September 5th, but our circumstances are a bit different in that we don't have a building right now.

17:32:00 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : what a powerful vision - that's something I can get excited about!

17:32:04 From Brenda Fawkes : Margaret Wheatley shares examples of this in her book, Walk Out, Walk On too

17:32:05 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Shelagh!

17:32:06 From Matt Emery : "creating circles of sanity"

17:32:33 From Ruth Brady : but, Keith, maybe this way we can use our energies to "DO" stuff for others.

17:32:52 From Michelle Slater : I'm remember Peter Short's words that we are "planting Jesus communities in the ruin of the ancient regime"

17:33:18 From Blair Odney : Dorothea Solle,

17:33:18 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Yes!

17:33:29 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : oh yes Ruth, I had tongue firmly in cheek, I believe it is a great way to deformalize church and build community and mission

17:33:53 From Sue Rodgers : Karl Rahner said that

17:34:51 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : SO TRUE! Love it - such a thirst for mystic, life giving, spiritual experience

17:35:02 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thanks Sue. Do you mean: "If the Xn is to have a future, the Xn will be a mystic." "Karl Rahner

17:35:26 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : SBNR don't do church

17:35:29 From Sue Rodgers : yes, love the quote Cameron is using.

17:35:32 From karenmillard : Absolutely true - mystical/spiritual experiences

17:35:48 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : @Brenda - I'd like to push back against that :)

17:36:10 From Jacquie Henderson : Welcome to the Evolving Church!!!

17:36:43 From Bill Booth He/him : I have been offering a course "Being an Everyday Mystic." It has been attended by lots of folks from outside the church. Fun Stuff.

17:37:19 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Bill -sounds great! Maybe you could develop a curriculum?!

17:37:44 From Beth Bourke : yes, the course sounds fascinating!!

17:38:11 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : I was just thinking about that, Bill!

17:38:15 From Joanne Wiens : also check out "Commanding Hope" by Thomas Homer-Dixon. Great book and ideas!

17:38:21 From Treena Duncan : ACTIVE HOPE!!!!!! AMEN

17:38:34 From Will Sparks : Preach it!!! Relentlessly.

17:38:38 From Beth Walker (she her) : Amen Treena

17:38:58 From Blair Odney : WE LOVE YOUR HORSE!!!

17:39:00 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Just reading this book now - Active Hope! Yes!

17:39:22 From Marc Coulombe : I'm loving every righteous word, Cameron!

17:39:45 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : "Leaderful"

17:39:56 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Love this imagery.

17:40:04 From Blair Odney : MURMURATION

17:40:12 From Matt Emery : Agility!

17:40:13 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Ingrid - love

17:40:55 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : That's what mummers have been doing in NL!

17:41:16 From Andria Irwin : Stunning imagery and metaphor for our moment of movement. And a word I never knew before "murmuration"

17:41:24 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : Thank you!

17:41:28 From Mauricio Araujo : That was a great intro!!

17:41:31 From Daebin Im, Minister of Vancouver Japanese United Church : thank you

17:41:33 From Beth Bourke : WOW!

17:41:46 From Marc Coulombe : I'm beaming over here. Thank you, Cameron!!

17:41:52 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : murmuration - what birds flocks do

17:41:59 From Sally McShane : Thank you Cameron your words are needed.

17:42:01 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Cameron. Wow!

17:42:02 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, Cameron!

17:42:02 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Cameron - THANK YOU!

17:42:10 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Looking forward to continuing this conversation!

17:42:23 From karenmillard : BEAUTIFUL - Thank you

17:42:28 From Janice Young : Susan Beaumont talks about murmurations in „ÄúHow to Lead when you don„Äôt know where you are going„Äù

17:43:01 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : many of our congregations are leaderful...thinking about those without paid accountable ministers who are finding ways and paths...

17:44:39 From Matt Emery : Important, though, to distinguish between non-hierarchical "leaderfulness" versus the sort of toxic addition to consensus and having to have everyone involved in every decision that ends up resulting in leader-less-ness. (

17:45:38 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : Yes @Matt

17:45:41 From Nick Judson : thank you Bill for who you are and for your ministry

17:45:54 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Thinking about retirees - I wanted to share with you that I visit regularly with Gordon and Agnes Craig - for those of you who know them. They are both in extended care these days. Gordon is strong and healthy but experiencing cognitive challenges. Agnes had a stroke and is in a wheelchair - mostly uncommunicative but she's still there and I can see glimmers of her now and then. We lose track of our folk sometimes so I thought I'd give you an update. Gordon celebrated his 60th year of ordination a week or two ago.

17:45:59 From Graham (he/him) : Thank you, Bill for your ministry!

17:46:04 From Beth Bourke : blessings to you Bill

17:46:07 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @ Matt - Amen!

17:46:16 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Blessings on your retirement Bill

17:46:17 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you, Bill, you have taught me. blessings

17:46:18 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : thank you Bill, as always, thoughtful, reflective, grace-filled, kind and generous love. We are so gifted in you!

17:46:29 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you Bill!

17:46:31 From Connie Thompson : all the fbest in retirement Bill. Thank you for your years of accountable ministry.

17:46:58 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : All the best to you Bill! Blessings and adventures await.

17:47:07 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : Blair's piece - in Whova Docs, and on the GM webpage!

17:47:08 From Bruce (he/him//they/them) : I request leave to be absent this evening so that I may attend a vigil in Surrey organized by our Muslim friends.

17:47:24 From Connie Thompson : I will be absent tonight because of attending an event of solidarity with our Muslim community.

17:47:25 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : As will I.

17:47:32 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : Thanks, Allan!

17:47:33 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : bring our love Time and

17:47:38 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Bruce

17:47:40 From Leenane Shiels : See ya„Äôll later

17:47:46 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks, see you all soon! <3

17:47:52 From Matt Emery : Where's the Semisonic tunes?

17:47:58 From Matt Emery : "Closing time...."

17:48:02 From Beth Walker (she her) : say the time again

17:48:29 From Beth Walker (she her) : when we gather\\

17:48:35 From Matt Emery : 7:00 pm

17:48:41 From Winston Lanyon : Come back around 6:45pm

Second Session, 7:00 pm MDT Friday, June 11th, 2021 (note times are recorded in MDT)

19:57:09 From Mauricio Araujo : www.menti.com code is: 2192 0681
 19:57:23 From PMRC Tech : 21920681
 19:59:25 From Margot Newton : Where do I see this?
 19:59:49 From Katherine Brittain : I just got logged in!
 20:01:09 From Blair Odney : You are a beautiful gift, Ibi
 20:01:19 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Hooray!
 20:01:51 From Katherine Brittain : so excited to be part of this - welcome Nadia!
 20:02:28 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : I feel like such a church geek...my hero is here...woohoo!
 20:02:39 From Andrea+ she/her : Ditto Melanie!
 20:02:44 From Jenny Sprong : Welcome and Celebration!
 20:03:08 From Andrea+ she/her : I LOVE "The Confessional"
 20:03:14 From Sarah Fanning : I,Ãve been privileged to hear her in-person a number of times. Looking forward to listening!
 20:03:21 From Cheryl Bear : The Confessional - like a car wash for your soul
 20:03:21 From Valerie Neilson : me too Andrea
 20:03:27 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Thank you for your work/ministry, Nadia!
 20:03:30 From Katherine Brittain : ooo The Moth! this public radio geek is celebrating!
 20:03:34 From Sue B Trail, BC : Nadia, just be you! you are more than enough!
 20:03:38 From Mauricio Araujo : Welcome Nadia :)
 20:03:38 From Beth Walker (she/her) : Welcome Nadia
 20:03:42 From Richard Bott (he/him) : So glad you're here tonight!
 20:03:43 From Allison Rennie : Welcome here with us -
 20:03:45 From Leenane Shiels : Hi Nadia!
 20:03:46 From Katherine Brittain : hi!
 20:03:47 From Carol Martin : Glad you are here Nadia
 20:03:59 From Linda Lee Henriksen : Welcome, Nadia!
 20:03:59 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : So good to see you Nadia!
 20:04:09 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Hi welcome to Canada digitally!
 20:04:13 From Cheryl Bear : Thank you for the land acknowledgment <3
 20:04:19 From Ibi Chuan : It,Ãs good to meet you, Nadia.
 20:04:28 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) Minister with Children, Youth and Families (DLM) At St. Andrew,Ãs Wesley United : so great to see you and be able to hear from you Nadia! welcome!
 20:04:43 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Very soon!
 20:04:52 From Liz Bowyer : Welcome, Nadia!
 20:04:57 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Excited to hear you and to get my copy of Rachel's book next week!
 20:05:58 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : We are so grateful that you are with us tonight, Nadia!
 20:06:10 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Glad to have you hear and to listen.
 20:06:14 From Andrea+ she/her : Welcome to Canada and the Pacific Mountain Region.
 20:07:38 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : God bless you for naming that!
 20:07:56 From Katherine Brittain : thank-you so much for seeing this and naming it
 20:08:18 From Beth Hayward : yup - completely burnt out. thank you for naming it.
 20:08:46 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : ,ÃVapid Optimism,Ã love it. :)
 20:08:46 From Ross DUNNING : It is amazing to watch our ministry personnel as they pivoted
 20:09:46 From Richard Day : There is a loud background noise happening right now...
 20:09:56 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : not for me
 20:10:02 From Ross DUNNING : Sorry - as they pivoted to online, learned new forms of pastoral care and still keep the ordination vows. Humbled,Ã
 20:10:03 From Bethan Theunissen : Can't hear it
 20:10:13 From Katherine Brittain : young children = sleep deprivation!
 20:12:13 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : That's so powerful!
 20:13:00 From Russell Redman : All saints are human, imperfect, and unable to fulfill the great tasks to which they are called. They try anyways, knowing they will fail. We honour them for that attempt.
 20:14:22 From Jenny Sprong : Our attitudes are crucial. :-)
 20:14:36 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : This feels abundant!

20:14:42 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : Children in Church!! I can't wait for my kids to join again :)

20:15:09 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Love Holden Village!

20:15:47 From Ruth Brady :
40 present sounds good to me.

20:17:22 From Jenny Sprong : How precious! We often take the ordinary things in life for granted.

20:17:32 From Matt Emery : I was in Wittenberg on Oct 31, 2017, for the anniversary!

20:17:42 From Katherine Brittain : i want that t-shirt!

20:18:02 From Treena Duncan : me too, Katherine!!

20:18:16 From Andrea+ she/her : Regional Fundraiser??

20:18:19 From Brenda Fawkes : bulk order?

20:18:27 From Blair Odney : Yes please

20:18:29 From Katherine Brittain : I,Ãd pay money for that....

20:18:29 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : I'm in!

20:18:30 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : SOLD!

20:18:37 From Ivy Thomas : count me in!!

20:18:44 From Marianne Dekker : count me in

20:18:49 From Matt Emery : YAAASSSS!

20:18:54 From Matt Emery : Decluttered!

20:19:05 From Highlands United : YES!

20:19:08 From Shelagh MacKinnon : send the t shirt order form over here!

20:19:24 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : me too..need that shirt!

20:19:55 From Beth Walker (she/her) : amen

20:20:30 From Blair Odney : Sacraments

20:20:34 From Blair Odney : Yes

20:20:36 From Jay Olson (she/her) : Amen sister!

20:20:42 From Blair Odney : gospel proclamation

20:20:51 From Blair Odney : You are welcome here. And you are loved. Be who you are.

20:20:54 From Highlands United : Sacraments, Forgiveness, Good news.

20:21:26 From Beth Walker (she/her) : Sacraments, Forgiveness, Good news.

20:23:34 From Blair Odney : finally feedable beggars

20:24:47 From Highlands United : Nothing is God,Ãs favourite material to work with. Love this

20:25:30 From Beth Walker (she/her) : 6 Flags over Jesus

20:27:10 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : ,ÃúSpiritual sack lunches,Ãù! lol

20:27:35 From Ibi Chuan : Amen!

20:27:35 From Allison Rennie : AMEN!!

20:27:37 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : amen

20:27:38 From Andrea+ she/her : Amen

20:27:40 From David Cathcart : thanks be to God!

20:27:41 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Yeah!

20:27:42 From Katherine Brittain : amen

20:27:43 From Amy Campbell she/her Lekwungen Esquimalt BC : Amen

20:27:44 From Beth Walker (she/her) : amen

20:27:45 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Preach it, sister!

20:27:47 From Beth Bourke : AMEN

20:27:47 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks, Amen! <3

20:27:47 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : uplifting!

20:27:48 From Judy Fyles : Amen, so be it.!!

20:27:48 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Amen!

20:27:51 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : thank-you Nadia. Wonderful - so encouraging!

20:27:52 From Rob Crosby-Shearer (he/him) : amen.amen.

20:27:53 From Katherine Brittain : yay!

20:27:54 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Amen!!!

20:27:55 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : where two or three are gathered!

20:28:04 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Amen! and thank you!

20:28:07 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : Thank you Nadia..I needed that.

20:28:12 From Tif McNaughton : mmmm. Amen.

20:28:26 From Gabrielle she/hers : amen!

20:28:28 From Lorraine Ashdown : Thank you Nadia. Amen!

20:28:30 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you so much for the reminder 'Something from Nothing" :)

20:28:33 From Mollie Williams : Nadia, what are your 'nothings

20:28:34 From Lesley Fairley : Thank you Nadia, very much appreciate your words

20:28:47 From Brenda Fawkes : THANK YOU for being here at this late hour

20:28:48 From Jan Bihl : Thank-you, Nadia.

20:28:49 From Michael Hare : Canadians unruly?!

20:28:59 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : I have a teenager, early bedtimes are not a thing.

20:29:03 From Katherine Brittain : unruly Canadians,Ä¶.lol,Ä¶

20:29:06 From Blair Odney : Only in church, Michael

20:29:09 From Jennifer Ferguson : Thank you so much for naming how difficult this pandemic has been and for being so honest and encouraging

20:29:27 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Michael H. - There,Äôs a section in Bourinot about that.

20:29:32 From Blair Odney : hahahaha

20:29:45 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Phyllis had so much insight - because she knew the history of the church so well. She was a walking Wikipedia - only more accurate.

20:29:46 From Graham (he/him) : @Bob - it,Äôs apocryphal

20:29:54 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : ROFL

20:30:09 From Katherine Brittain : @Bob - someone had to bring up the Manual,Ä¶

20:30:19 From Shelley Worthington : declutter is a relief

20:30:29 From Frances Kitson (she/her) : QUESTION: I love and so agree with the idea that having endowments and buildings and conferences and power to leverage is A kingdom, if not THE kingdom. And,Ä¶ there are good and faithful servants who have invested time, money, and energy for decades, and mourn the empty pews and the lack of younger people to take over. What do you say to that grief that is real and worth honouring?

20:30:36 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Michael H; and Bob - not the " Frozen Chosen?

20:31:09 From Valerie Neilson : so is the message 'stop navel-gazing and hand wringing' and be present?

20:31:16 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Nope. Not Me!

20:31:20 From Michael Hare : Us Manual geeks need our own support group

20:31:26 From Matt Emery : How very Lutheran!

20:31:29 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : ??Nadia, what have you found during the Pandemic that spiritually surprised you?

20:32:15 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I always wonder about how to create truly safe space in church for people to be who they are, wounds, warts and all. My experience of most United Churches is that we mostly want to stay on the surface. We will have select people in the church we might share with, but church is still a place where most people feel they need to put on their best face.

20:33:09 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Question: What's something you have learned during the pandemic that you will bring forward with you and don't want to forget?

20:33:36 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Road Rage in a Labyrinth. Yeah, been there, and was a point of reflection.

20:34:08 From Bill Booth He/him : Maybe our buildings are not big enough to carry our abundance and we need to get out in the world outside the wars.

20:34:22 From Richard Bott (he/him) : ...comforted by Mystery...

20:34:41 From Elise Feltrin : being comforted by mystery right now is indicative of the divine feminine rising as well (Matthew Fox et al)

20:35:10 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I wish it were true that people are comforted by mystery...I certainly am - but I think many people really do still crave certainty.

20:35:11 From Jenny Sprong : So symbolic of the pace at which people 'walk' or 'journey' through life/spirituality.

20:35:23 From Katherine Brittain : a holy hot mess, or a holy hot mess?

20:35:30 From Matt Emery : The addiction to certainty is/was not only a "conservative" problem... "Liberal" Christians have been *just* as beset by that, only that it led them/us to throw out so much of our Christian tradition

20:35:31 From Bill Booth He/him : comforted or and shaken up by mystery.

20:35:37 From Katherine Brittain : *hot holy mess

20:35:43 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : We need a hot mess club!

20:35:57 From Blair Odney : Meet people where they are!

20:36:06 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Sign me up, @eric1

20:36:23 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : Blair: they're not in the church

20:36:26 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Sorry - @Eric

20:36:56 From Blair Odney : lets open the doors and let em simply come in, and meet them. Let's not ask them to join the building committee.

20:37:04 From Julie Lebrun : AA is not allowed to own property

20:37:18 From Highlands United : No but they are saying how can we reach people who are suffering.

20:37:28 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : @Blair - or we could walk out the doors to where they are at.

20:37:31 From Bill Booth He/him : Peter Short quote: „Äüdon,Äôt look down on the struggles of life for it is within the struggles that God is at work,Äù. (paraphrased)

20:37:47 From Blair Odney : Both and....be sacred holy space...

20:38:11 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : apologize I don't have the presenter's name at this moment but someone presented at Festival of Homiletics spoke on the age of "Father" 2000 years (Abraham etc), this last 2000 years age of JEsus (Christianity) and now we are heading into the age of Spirit for next 2000 years possibly....

20:38:32 From David Cathcart : over confidence is a sign of shame

20:38:41 From Valerie Neilson : I like the sound of that Kim

20:38:45 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Interesting, Kim

20:39:02 From Graham (he/him) : @Kim - based in the work of Phyllis Tickle Great Emergence

20:39:13 From Sarah Fanning : Sounds a bit like Diana Butler Bass or Phyllis Tickle

20:39:22 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : @ Graham . . yes.

20:39:25 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Kim, and Graham.

20:39:50 From Teri Meyer : A little Brenv© Brown...Gift s of Imperfection.

20:40:00 From Elise Feltrin : Phyllis Tickle also spoke about the church needing a huge „Äòyard sale,Äô which resonates with Nadia,Äôs „Äòdecluttering,Äô

20:40:17 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : the church taught shame for so long. not honour and love and acceptance that we 'stumble and fall and are loved'

20:40:38 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Elsie. All the basis for emergent theology.

20:40:39 From Blair Odney : And that's why the folks aren't in them.

20:40:41 From Blair Odney : keith

20:41:06 From Matt Emery : Don't bleed on the people!

20:41:20 From Kirstin Autio (She/her) : I think too often we are worried more about being nice than being true

20:41:34 From Highlands United : Question: Canada and particularly the Canadian church is in a time of shame, given the residential school system. We are humbled and outraged by our past, and we need to figure out how to be in that with some kind of authenticity.

20:41:37 From Blair Odney : Yes Kirstin...and people can sniff BS all the time

20:42:00 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Authenticity is what I was just typing Will.

20:42:04 From Katherine Brittain : @Highlands - this is a very important questin

20:42:06 From Matt Emery : @Highlands - Great question!

20:42:09 From Katherine Brittain : *question

20:42:15 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : if we are wounded, then we preach authentically if we allow our woundedness into our words

20:42:27 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : @Highlands - yes.

20:42:34 From Michelle Slater : and if we are pointing to the grace and work of God.

20:42:47 From Katherine Brittain : some do

20:42:48 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : yes
 20:42:50 From Sarah Fanning : Some of us have
 20:42:50 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : many people do
 20:42:58 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : We can never guarantee Safe Space, but we can invite people into Brave space!
 20:43:11 From Brenda Fawkes : CPE is Field Education Boot Camp
 20:43:12 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I like that Eric
 20:43:26 From Katherine Brittain : @Brenda - so true
 20:44:28 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : The CPE reflection model was very helpful. Challenging as hell, but good for owning my own shit.
 20:44:44 From Doug Goodwin : Henri Nouwen. The Wounded Healer. Still a classic.
 20:44:49 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : action/reflection . . . diakonia
 20:45:01 From Maureen Anderson (she/her) : In Diaconal studies we do a forms of CPE
 20:45:20 From Beth Walker (she/her) : action/ reflection ,ÄŒ. diakonia
 20:45:31 From Blair Odney : Henri Nouwen was a spiritual giant to me. I did my pastoral care training in the context of palliative care.
 20:46:52 From Cheryl Bear : Not too far
 20:46:52 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Say Genocide
 20:46:53 From Richard Bott (he/him) : You're not going to far at all, Cameron.
 20:46:56 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Cultural genocide
 20:46:56 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : You can say genocide, actually.
 20:46:58 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : accurate
 20:46:58 From Cheryl Bear : Dead on
 20:47:17 From Russell Redman : White supremacy and cultural genocide
 20:47:17 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Genocide, not cultural genocide - cultural genocide has zero legal ramifications at an international level
 20:47:18 From Beth Walker (she/her) : genocide
 20:47:19 From Kimiko Karpoff : that is what we learn in Shamanism
 20:47:21 From Liz Bowyer : Absolutely!
 20:47:23 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Colonization, white supremacy, thousands died, hundreds of thousands soul wounded
 20:48:02 From Katherine Brittain : trump? seriously?
 20:48:11 From Bill Booth He/him : guns
 20:48:13 From Russell Redman : The absence of legal ramifications for cultural genocide does not make it less of a sin
 20:48:17 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : When I was in Palestine and told them i'm Canadian, they said 'America light'...
 20:48:19 From Bill Booth He/him : health care?
 20:48:29 From karenmillard : Guns laws, health care
 20:49:27 From Cheryl Bear : True
 20:50:26 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : Truth. We deeply know these things.
 20:50:46 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : We forget that we are Pharaoh and Egypt.
 20:50:53 From David Cathcart : Truth.
 20:50:58 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : future of the church . . . to tell the truth about white supremacy
 20:51:33 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : Crickets - because they know you're coming too close to the truth
 20:51:37 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : @kim Amen
 20:51:37 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Manifest destiny.
 20:51:42 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : very true for Canadians too
 20:52:18 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : Freedom from defending against truth - yes!
 20:52:22 From Janet Cawley : we have our little myth -"we're not like those Americans!"
 20:52:28 From Elise Feltrin : preach it sister!
 20:52:38 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : hmm so truth and mysticism
 20:52:38 From Brenda Fawkes : !00 percent Janet

20:52:51 From karenmillard : Yes Janet
 20:53:31 From Shannon Tennant (she/her) : Absolutely, Cameron - you are managing it all magnificently for someone who's up till midnight.
 20:53:35 From Cheryl Bear : Yay Mickey!
 20:54:01 From Graham (he/him) : Brave Space
 Invitation to Brave Space
 By Micky Scott Bey Jones
 Together we will create brave space
 Because there is no such thing as a „safe space,“
 We exist in the real world
 We all carry scars and we have all caused wounds.
 In this space
 We seek to turn down the volume of the outside world,
 We amplify voices that fight to be heard elsewhere,
 We call each other to more truth and love
 We have the right to start somewhere and continue to grow. We have the responsibility to examine what we think we know. We will not be perfect.
 This space will not be perfect.
 It will not always be what we wish it to be
 But
 It will be our brave space together,
 And, we will work on it side by side.
 20:54:02 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : It is one we use in our youth groups
 20:54:05 From Bob Fillier (he/him) :
<https://www.wnccumc.org/files/websites/www/brave+space.pdf>
 20:54:11 From Jenny Sprong : That's what began to happen in South Africa when Democracy eventually came. Decolonisation is an ongoing process.
 20:54:23 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : <https://onbeing.org/poetry/invitation-to-brave-space/>
 20:54:28 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : <https://onbeing.org/poetry/invitation-to-brave-space/>
 20:54:49 From Jenny Sprong : Talking about and recognising our white privilege.
 20:54:49 From Kimiko Karpoff : find brave space convo in on-being
 20:54:59 From Cheryl Bear : Decluttered yes, and also Decolonized
 20:55:17 From Matt Emery : Yes, but if you truly "Marie Kondo" (i.e., what sparks joy) the liberal mainline church, they'll end up keeping the prayer shawl knitter group and tossing Jesus and the Bible.
 20:55:46 From Graham (he/him) : @Matt sad but true!
 20:55:47 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Matt - ouch
 20:56:01 From Joyce Wagland : Don't dis the prayer shawl knitter group!
 20:56:15 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : And maybe our language will be different, along with our theology...
 20:56:33 From karenmillard : YES!!!!
 20:56:39 From Brenda Fawkes : yes architects
 20:56:54 From karenmillard : Love that architects!
 20:57:09 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Cremation or compost!!
 20:57:40 From Bill Booth He/him : amen to that
 20:57:41 From Sarah Fanning : Compost was something Jeff Chu talked about at the Chinook Winds Regional Gathering because it is not just a death of things but also a birthplace
 20:58:07 From Katherine Brittain : compost is a form of „hot mess,“ - but one that transforms and feeds new life
 20:58:16 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : Compost to enrich the ground of the future
 20:58:24 From Joyce Wagland : Refiner's fire?
 20:58:28 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : deconstruction and decolonization is a repeated experience that keeps looping around....
 20:59:01 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Yes Carol!!!!
 20:59:25 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : I am an introvert craving being around people. It is such a weird thing.

20:59:27 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : HUGS!!! When your hearts meet in a hug with a friend....

20:59:28 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : yes John, looping and looping..

20:59:34 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : finding voice begins to allow to hear narratives and other stories

21:00:03 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : thechapel.io

21:00:11 From Lorraine Ashdown : Ive been part of the Nadia and I absolutely love it. Thank you.

21:00:26 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : <https://m.thechapel.io/landing>

21:00:47 From Lorraine Ashdown : „Úpart of that,Ä¶,Äù

21:00:52 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : our indigenous people have always gathered in sharing circles....powerful to be with one another

21:01:07 From Katherine Brittain : those written prayers were *such* a gift

21:01:36 From Pam Shaw : Thank you @John Snow

21:01:57 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes John. Power in connecting!

21:02:05 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : by connecting with others we connect to self...

21:02:40 From Sarah Brownlee Castlegar : I've been more present with my kids... I turn off the phone a lot on my time off when with them.

21:02:45 From Pam Shaw : @John Snow those connections help us not to forget!

21:03:02 From Mollie Williams : Nadia, what are your 'nothings' now?

21:04:22 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : or does power demand pernicious theology for its justification? moot point perhaps..

21:05:24 From Matt Emery : YAAAASSSS!

21:05:26 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Hahaha!

21:05:28 From Matt Emery : Say that!

21:05:34 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : preach it sister!

21:05:45 From Matt Emery : YESSSSS!!!!

21:06:09 From Rob Crosby-Shearer (he/him) : yessss!

21:06:16 From Jenny Sprong : The whole balance - so very helpful.

21:06:20 From Cari C-H (she/her) : So grateful for this.

21:06:21 From Richard Bott (he/him) : HA!

21:06:26 From marilyn gough (she/her) : yep

21:06:39 From David Cathcart : Its called the NDP at prayer up here

21:06:39 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : why I'm drawn to the notion of generous orthodoxy

21:06:46 From Russell Redman : One of my favourite books is Correcting Jesus by Brian Griffith - very relevant here

21:06:52 From Lorraine Ashdown : 100% agree! And, less embarrassing music is soo important,Ä¶,Ä¶

21:06:53 From Pam Shaw : Except when church gets focused on being "nice" and interpreting gospel as being nice.

21:07:01 From Bethan Theunissen : Amen.

21:07:50 From Richard Bott (he/him) : <https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15929332-unapologetic>

21:07:59 From Bethan Theunissen : LOL!

21:08:00 From Joyce Wagland : What do you mean by "embarrassing music"?

21:08:20 From Matt Emery : (Potentially unpopular opinion: 16th century Lutheran chorales are usually rather less embarrassing than most 1970s church camp folk...)

21:08:27 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : thx Richard

21:09:15 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : Amen!

21:09:19 From Matt Emery : YAAASSSSS!!!

21:09:21 From Katherine Brittain : no Jesus is my boyfriend music?

21:09:26 From Matt Emery : Oh... I like the organ!

21:09:33 From Jenny Sprong : How does the use of 'offensive' language help?

21:10:02 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : Jenny, it's the language of authenticity for a lot of people. How does it hurt?

21:10:08 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : isn't it heresy for a Lutheran church to not have an organ?

21:10:22 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : yes, reclaiming language

21:10:35 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : LOL Heidi!

21:11:23 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : What can I say - I attended a LUtheran university for four years - and led worship frequently.

21:12:06 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Nice, Nadia . . . I feel the same way.

21:12:13 From Jenny Sprong : Perhaps I am completely out of touch.

21:12:45 From Russell Redman : God called the Israelites before the other people BECAUSE they were stubborn!

21:13:11 From Will Sparks : My people are hungry for learning how to reclaim the language. I really think there's a longing for it

21:13:13 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Jenny - I actually have trouble with the profanity too. I experience profane language as violence.

21:13:18 From Andrea+ she/her : Pastor of Public Witness. I LOVE that...

21:13:32 From Winston Lanyon : Such a good, important, heartfelt question: Is the brand of Christianity irrevocably tarnished?

21:13:54 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Will Sparks - so agree. Reclaim not wash away

21:14:16 From Will Sparks : Core Course: Chrsitianity without the nonsense.

21:14:28 From Maria Booth : needs to be deconstructed?

21:14:39 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : As I deconstruct and decolonize, for me it is to begin to embrace holistic Indigenous language, Theology and teachings, paradigms, and combine with Christianity....holding together. For me one informs the other....

21:14:59 From Maria Booth : So there is only one way?

21:15:20 From Pam Shaw (she/her/hers) : deconstructing opens things up

21:15:23 From Maria Booth : one road?

21:15:35 From Elise Feltrin : thanks for staying up late for us!

21:15:38 From Sue B Trail, BC : Thank you, thank you, THANK YOU!

21:15:40 From Katherine Brittain : @Ingrid and Weird Church,À¶,À conversations that matter,À

21:15:41 From Bill Booth He/him : Maria. one way but many expressions.

21:15:48 From Nick Judson : Great message, Nadia and Cameron

21:15:51 From Lesley Fairley : Thank you so much!

21:15:53 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Thank you, Nadia and Cameron. This was amazing!

21:15:56 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : Best Friday Night in a long time

21:15:56 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you so much, Nadia and Cameron!!

21:15:56 From David Cathcart : Thank you for real.

21:16:01 From Beth Bourke : thank you both so very, very much!

21:16:02 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : so grateful for the realness!!!

21:16:03 From Katherine Brittain : so amazing, such a gift, thank-you, thank-you, thank-you!

21:16:08 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : This has been so much fun. :)

21:16:09 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you both. Water given back to the well.

21:16:14 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : thank-you to you both - a real pleasure to have you with us. One of the gifts of pandemic. Rest well and be kind to yourselves!

21:16:16 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : so refreshing

21:16:16 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you so much Cameron and Nadia!!!! thank for being here up late, sharing your passion for our faith

21:16:21 From Katherine Brittain : we are church-geeking OUT!

21:16:25 From Beth Walker (she/her) : thanks to all

21:16:31 From Andrea+ she/her : SO excited for tomorrow.

21:16:39 From Kevin Sprong : I recently read. If the body is the temple of God then perhaps Tattoos are the stained glass windows of that temple

21:16:43 From Hilde Seal : Not triggered,À¶ but evoked

21:16:44 From Will Sparks : @Katherine Britton Completely

21:17:00 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : so agree Katherine!

21:17:01 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Blair - I don't know if I knew that about you. Me too! Love it!

21:17:28 From Lorraine Ashdown : Thank you too Cameron and Nadia. How refreshing and life giving. Currents of aliveness are stirring!!

21:17:36 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Amen!!

21:17:37 From Julie Lebrun : Thank you Nadia and Cameron!

21:17:40 From Katherine Brittain : wicked!

21:17:40 From Hilde Seal : To be evoked is to be curious about what my reactions and emotion mean

21:18:17 From Rob Crosby-Shearer (he/him) : yes. thank you!

21:18:18 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Amen!

21:18:22 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Amen!

21:18:24 From Beth Walker (she/her) : amen

21:18:25 From Bethan Theunissen : Amen, and thank you

21:18:25 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Blessings, all!

21:18:26 From Allison Rennie : thank you

21:18:27 From Marc Coulombe : Amen. Thanks Nadia and Cameron!!!

21:18:28 From Amy Campbell she/her Lekwungen Esquimalt BC : Thank you

21:18:28 From Judy Fyles : Amen

21:18:31 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Amen. Thank you!

21:18:32 From Lorraine Ashdown : Amen

21:18:33 From Ibi Chuan : Thank you both.

21:18:34 From Leenane Shiels : Amen

21:18:35 From Joanne Scofield (she/her) : Thank you!

21:18:35 From Katherine Brittain : amen

21:18:35 From Bill Booth He/him : awesome evenings thanks

21:18:37 From Lesley Fairley : Amen!

21:18:55 From Hilary Bitten : Thank you

21:19:15 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : I'm not crying, you're crying!

21:19:28 From Katherine Brittain : no, I have something in my eye...

21:19:41 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Oh I love this hymn - tune and words!

21:19:43 From Liz Bowyer : Yes, Eric!

21:20:05 From Joyce Wagland : Not embarrassing music!

21:20:10 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : @Eric,Ä anyone else need a Kleenex?

21:21:15 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : lol

21:23:04 From Cheryl Bear : Beautiful - thank you worship team

21:23:19 From Robyn (She/Her) : <3 Common Thread!!

21:24:13 From Ralph Bischoff : Wonderful gathering. Thank you.

21:26:40 From Sheri Howe : What was the hymn number?

21:27:25 From Nam Ok Yoo : VU 372

21:27:44 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Is anyone else getting an echo?

21:27:56 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Not here

21:27:58 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : I am not

21:27:59 From Joyce Wagland : Not me

21:28:01 From Treena Duncan : no

21:28:09 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : beautiful prayer!

21:28:09 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Ok. thanks

21:28:24 From Barbara Blysak : no I am not

21:29:33 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Is this one band? Who are they?

21:29:46 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : It's the Canadian Memorial worship band

21:29:48 From Leenane Shiels : CMUC music team

21:29:49 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : called Rhythm Unite

21:29:50 From Katherine Brittain : from Canadian Memorial

21:29:57 From Dianne Astle : I am loving the music and prayers

21:29:59 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : but the musicians also have a non-church band called the Trilojays!

21:30:02 From Marc Coulombe : Sarah, thank you for your beautiful words about the Common Thread. So grateful for your leadership.

21:30:07 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : because they are all Js (Jay, Jay, Jason and Jon)
 21:30:34 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : <http://trilojay.com/>
 21:30:47 From Brenda Fawkes : Andria Irwin, ordinand!
 21:31:23 From Lorraine Ashdown : Yay Andria!!! A gift to the church, that is for sure!
 21:31:27 From Blair Odney : Rhythm Unite. worship team at Canadian Memorial
 21:31:30 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : @Sarah, thank you for the reminder about Common Thread. One of my favourite camp/Naramata songs

@Andria, thank you so much, that was gorgeous

21:31:31 From Jenny Sprong : Lovely symbol.
 21:31:35 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : AMen!
 21:31:44 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Thanks Andria!
 21:31:47 From Marie Paul she/her : Thank you Andria for your blessing into the evening. We love you.
 21:31:48 From Katherine Brittain : and the people say - AMEN
 21:31:56 From Ibi Chuan : Amen
 21:32:17 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you Andria, Jake, all the worship team! May it be so . . .
 21:32:24 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Amen. Thank you everyone, a beautiful evening.
 21:33:57 From Andrea+ she/her : Thank you for that lovely worship experience.
 21:34:38 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : Friends, the Pastoral Care Chaplain's contacts are in the Organizer's Announcements section of the Community Thread in Whova
 21:34:38 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : What a wonderful evening, so rich, so moving and so spirit filled!
 21:34:39 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, everyone. Blessings and sweet dreams, all!
 21:34:44 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Goodnight!
 21:34:45 From Richard Bott (he/him) : G'night!
 21:34:51 From Leenane Shiels : Nighty night
 21:34:53 From Jenny Sprong : Goodnight
 21:34:55 From Hilde Seal : Deep Peace
 21:34:59 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Sweet dreams!
 21:35:16 From Marc Coulombe : Night night everyone. Sleep in heavenly peace.
 21:35:20 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Allan can you allow me to unmute?
 21:35:22 From Hilde Seal : Thanks for letting us hang Allan
 21:35:31 From Lorraine Ashdown : Good night everyone. Thank you.

Third Session, 9:00 am PDT Saturday, June 12th, 2021 *(note times are recorded in MDT)*

09:47:32 From Jenny Sprong : Good morning, everyone.

09:47:59 From Katherine Brittain : the coffee is hot and strong - so very good

09:48:06 From Linda Thoreson : Fine thank you now that I have figured out how to get here lol

09:48:32 From Jenny Sprong : Good cup of Rooibos Tea ;-)

09:48:33 From John Clement he/his, "hey, you." LUC : Great!

09:48:35 From Winston Lanyon : <https://menti.com> -> enter code 2192 0681

09:48:35 From Allison Rennie : i'll take some of that Coffee Katherine!

09:48:37 From Russell Redman : I am retired! this is soooo early.

09:48:37 From Liz Bowyer : HOPEFUL!

09:48:37 From Sarah Brownlee : 2192 0681

09:48:40 From Joshua Kang : Wonderful!

09:49:05 From Bill Booth He/Him : way less tired than if we were meeting in person

09:49:06 From Beryl Itani : No, I am dressed

09:49:23 From Linda Thoreson : yes lol she said sheepishly

09:49:42 From Pat McGrath : sweat pants

09:49:49 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Absolutely!!!

09:49:51 From Teri Meyer : But my PJs are orange.

09:50:10 From Lorraine Ashdown : not wearing pj,Âs but woke up 8 minutes ago,Ä¶.

09:50:22 From Lesley Fairley : Oshawa

09:50:26 From Robin Murray : today is my daughter's high school graduation day. I had to get dressed.

09:50:31 From Matt Emery : I got it right!

09:50:36 From Matt Emery : (And I wasn't even "here" yet)

09:50:48 From Beryl Itani : The Moderator

09:50:48 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Gee. Thanks, Blair. ;)

09:50:48 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Good morning!

09:50:51 From Linda Thoreson : The leader?

09:50:53 From Trinity United : ,ÄThe Grand Poobah?,Ä

09:50:56 From Liz Bowyer : CONGRATS, Robyn!

09:51:22 From Richard Bott (he/him) : It's great to be here!

09:51:22 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Good morning beautiful children of God!!!

09:51:30 From Beryl Itani : French, English, indigenous

09:52:04 From Winston Lanyon : Which Option am I thinking of?

09:52:13 From Winston Lanyon : They were all wrong :D

09:52:18 From keri : I,Äll choose Door # 2.

09:53:09 From scarrodus@shaw.ca : Are these polls just for staff, or am i not doing things again?

09:53:18 From Katherine Brittain : hope and abundance - send a picture!

09:53:28 From kris Jensen : Good morning from Nanaimo. It is a good morning

09:53:35 From Katherine Brittain : Lego, play dough, photos,Ä¶

09:53:43 From Matt Emery : Sorry, photo of what?

09:54:37 From Graham (he/him) : I think I heard scarcity, Matt!

09:54:44 From scarrodus@shaw.ca : was it just to answer by chat? i get it, i think1

09:54:54 From Joyce Wagland : Deadline?

09:54:59 From Katherine Brittain : send to pmrcpictures@gmail.com

09:55:49 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : The email address for HOPE AND ABUNDANCE PHOTOS is also showing in the Description paragraph of each Session on Whova

09:55:58 From Heidi Koschreck, West Coast Canada : could we have a link for the proposals for today please? THx

09:56:10 From Heather Clarke : why extending?

09:56:19 From Treena Duncan : positions are not filled

09:56:19 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Can you repeat the motion

09:56:30 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Probably not enough people were nominated.

09:56:39 From Graham (he/him) : Commissioners Nonminations form:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2021/wp-content/uploads/GM-2021-Nominations-GC44.pdf>

09:56:53 From Matt Emery : Alas, I'm 9.5 years late...

09:56:56 From Graham (he/him) : Executive Member: <https://form.jotform.com/211315149043243>

09:56:57 From Pamela Evans : Hello everyone! If we were in person, you would be SO welcome at the First Third Ministry booth where we would chat about everything children, youth, families and young adults... We would love to hear from you at our online booth if you have a moment today. The link is <https://form.jotform.com/211577302186252>. Thank you, friends!

09:57:08 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** PROPOSALS LINK:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/#proposals-received>

09:57:44 From Richard Bott (he/him) : And we'd really love to have you there. Here. Umm... real Commissioners in virtual space!

09:58:22 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Thanks Tressa

09:59:16 From John Clement he/his, "hey, you." LUC : John Clement, he/his, "Áúhey, you., Áù Ladner United Church.. the land the Tsawwassen/Coast Salish people.

10:00:58 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : I am residing at the East Kootenay Cranbrook, the land of Ktunaxa First Nation people.

10:01:08 From Beth Walker (she/her) : Beth Walker (Rev)
Fairfield United ChurchI acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the homeland of the Lkwungen people -the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations.

10:02:44 From Liz Bowyer : Good morning, from the territory of the Okanagan Syilx peoples.
Signing in from Naramata

10:03:02 From Brenda Fawkes : Jaylynn Byassee admissionand

10:03:55 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : I live, work, play and worship on the traditional unceded territories of the Kwantlen, Katzie and Semiahmoo peoples, and thank them for sharing it with us.

10:04:19 From Treena Duncan : *** PROPOSALS LINK:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/#proposals-received>

10:04:31 From Linda Thoreson : Good morning everyone I am chiming in gratefully from the unceded Territory of the Katzie Nation

10:04:40 From Beryl Itani : My thoughts and prayers are with the community of Naramata. Beryl - First United inKelowna

10:05:01 From Treena Duncan : thank you @Beryl

10:05:06 From Liz Bowyer : Thank you, Beryl

10:05:46 From Jim Simpson (he/him) : Thank you @Beryl - a fragile time

10:06:24 From Allison Rennie : Thank you so much Beryl

10:06:37 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : has something happened in Naramata?

10:08:10 From Lynn Valley United Church : Anna!! Much love and respect.

10:09:08 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Anna, thank you for sharing your voice and story! bless you!

10:09:17 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : thank-you greg, anna, jay

10:09:26 From Allison Rennie : Anna - thank you

10:09:40 From Graham (he/him) : Anna - you, Áôre amazing!

10:10:18 From Will Sparks : Anna, thank you.

10:10:19 From Treena Duncan : So humbled by you, Anna. you are a blessing to us all

10:10:36 From Carmen Lansdowne : yes! love to you Anna

10:10:37 From Heather Clarke : anna - how wonderful is your message - very uplifting and I think reflects the feelings/experiences of many of us - you touched my heart - thank you

10:10:40 From Jan Bihl : Thank-you, Anna!

10:10:55 From Jim Simpson (he/him) : Thank you for your voice Anna

10:11:09 From Blair Odney : Anna, I'm so touched by your gift and your witness.

10:11:19 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you, Anna. So grateful for your moving and inspiring words.

10:11:30 From Deb Walker she/her : Anna, that was so moving. Thanks for sharing.

10:11:32 From Lynn Valley United Church : Greg thank you so much for your insights and witness of resilience.

10:12:02 From Jan Bihl : Your new "church" sounds very alive, Greg. Wow. Thank-you.

10:12:09 From Graham (he/him) : ** NOMINATIONS,Ä@Ä@Executive Member:
[https://form.jotform.com/211315149043243,Ä@Ä@General Council Commissioner:](https://form.jotform.com/211315149043243,Ä@Ä@General Council Commissioner)
<https://form.jotform.com/211315030490238>

10:12:11 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Anna for your witness. So beautiful. thank you for sharing your vulnerability with us.

10:12:19 From Norma Fraser : Anna,you have care and wisdom

10:12:24 From Jaylynn Byassee : This is so beautiful to hear hear these reflections. With thanks.

10:13:10 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : requesting prayers for the community of McBride where today there is a gathering for Jediah Rich, a "larger-than-life" young man who graduated last year from McBride Secondary School and who died last weekend. His friend, Levi, is in hospital with serious injuries. These young men are close friends with many of our youth group participants. Please hold in prayer the young people of this place, and Jediah and Levi's families. Thank you.

10:13:15 From Dave Moors he/him : Thanks for digging deep Jay and offering up words of hope.

10:13:15 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : Thank you for sharing your voices and gifts, Greg, Anna, Jay. Bless you all.

10:13:17 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : amen, Jay.

10:13:19 From Mauricio Araujo : Jay Olson... Always connected to the flow of spirit! Thank you.

10:13:21 From Treena Duncan : Thank you, Anna, Greg and Jay

10:13:24 From Marc Coulombe : Beautiful words, Jay. Thank you. <8

10:13:25 From Hilde Seal : Thank you for sharing your heart Jay

10:13:37 From Gayle : Thank you Jay. Much love!

10:13:37 From Teri Meyer : Thank you, Jay.

10:13:47 From Lynn Valley United Church : Jay blessings on you. Thank you for your witness.

10:13:51 From Minnie A Hornidge : Thank you Jay

10:13:59 From Greg Powell : <3

10:14:01 From Lorraine Ashdown : Thank you Jay.

10:14:04 From nancystalbot : Thank you to those who have given witness this morning ,Ä@ especially grateful for dear Anna.

10:14:11 From Susan Sullivan : Thanks for your openness Jay. Graet message of hope

10:14:13 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : So grateful for worship! and the inclusion of so many voices! Thanks worship team!!

10:14:13 From Dee McEachern : Thank you all for the thoughtful reflections

10:14:19 From Peter Jones : Thank you Greg, Anna, and Jay for your inspiring witness.

10:14:24 From Pamela Evans : So blessed by the wisdom shared by Greg, Jay and Anna - thank you.

10:14:39 From Lesley Fairley : Thank you for your reflections, Jay, Greg and Anna

10:14:54 From Robin Murray : does anyone know how to shut off the transcript feature on our individualdevices? it is completely covering the speaker's faces on my whova phone app.

10:15:02 From Jan Bihl : Thank you, Jay. You have a gift for communicating with clarity and compassion. Much appreciated.

10:15:10 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you all for your beautiful words that remind us of the hope and abundance. So good to be here with all of you.

10:15:15 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : So filled with love and gratitude for you all! And sending love to Naramata and McBride.

10:15:21 From Cheryl Perry : Kim, you and the youth in McBride are in our thoughts and prayers. We have recently lost three teens in a car crash and know the grief the whole community feels at this time, especially those young people who, as Anna so eloquently said, are like "family" to them at this time of life when friendships are so paramount.

10:15:31 From Blair Odney : Blessings Jay, I'm grateful for your honesty.

10:15:47 From Pat McGrath : Close subtitle under transcript

10:15:57 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : praying for folks in McBride and Naramata and other communities experiencing loss. There is abundance in the caring, support and prayers being offered for them.

10:17:08 From Robin Murray : the only option I can find on the phone app is view full transcript

10:17:27 From Robin Murray : no apparent way to shut it off

10:19:24 From Katherine Brittain : may they rest in peace, and rise in glory.

- 10:19:39 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Amen.
- 10:22:54 From Margot Newton : Thanks Ken!
- 10:23:05 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : We managed to keep that meal going during COVID, still the most central ministry of that church. Thanks, Ken.
- 10:23:11 From Graham (he/him) : Thank you for your ministry, Ken!
- 10:23:24 From Will Sparks : Thanks Ken. Great to hear from you
- 10:23:31 From Barbara Godsmark : Wishing you all of the best in your retirement Ken.
- 10:23:31 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : thank you Ken, for your abundance and your gift of sharing..
- 10:23:32 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Blessings Ken!
- 10:23:57 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Many Blessings Ken! Ian
- 10:23:57 From Lynn Valley United Church : Ken thank you so much. A heartening story.
- 10:23:58 From Lorraine Ashdown : Soup and a Smile -a wonderful offering! Thank you Ken.
- 10:23:59 From Marc Coulombe : Blessings on your retirement, Ken!
- 10:24:05 From Judith Hardcastle : So good to hear and see you again!
- 10:24:05 From Diane(she/her), Kamloops UC : As we meet, I acknowledge we live, work, and love on the unceded traditional territory of the Tk'âdeṃl'w̓ps te Secwepemc on Secwepemc'w̓i,âdecw. And send them our prayers for healing.
- 10:24:10 From Graham (he/him) : I am on the shared, ancestral and unceded territories of the h...ôñâiq'âi...ômin'âi...ômA'âi and S'ṭṭw̓xw'âw'w̓7mesh speaking peoples, striving to equally respect each of the Nations who share territory in what we call Burnaby.
- 10:24:25 From Judi Ritcey : Thank you Ken. Your leadership was inspiring to me
- 10:24:26 From Philip Newman (he/him/his) : "Humbly acknowledging that I live and work in the unceded homelands of the Coast Salish nations, including the territories of the St'â't'imc, Skwxw'w̓7mesh (Squamish), x̣m...ôœṭṭkw...ôy'âi...ôm (Musqueam), and S...ôl'âi'w̓...ôta î/Selilwitulh (Tseil-Waututh)."
- 10:24:34 From Russell Redman : We at Willingdon Heights United Church acknowledge that the lands upon which we worship are the ancestral, traditional and unceded lands of the h«ûñâiq'âi«ûmin'âi«ûmA'âi and S'ṭṭw̓xw'âw'w̓7mesh speaking peoples, including the Squamish, Tseil-Waututh, and Musqueam Nations. We are are grateful to be on this shared territory, and we commit to listen, learn and work towards justice and reconciliation.
- 10:24:38 From Liz Bowyer : Hooray, Ken!
- 10:24:43 From Ralph Bischoff : I acknowledge with gratitude the Indigenous peoples of this land recognizing the home of the SEN'f'w̓ôœṭṭEN and Hul'qumi'num speaking peoples on whose traditional territory we live.
- 10:24:48 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : I live and work on the ancestral and unceded land of the Coast Salish Peoples including the Semiahmoo, sq'âi...ôc'âiy'âi...â..." t...ôm...ôx̣ (Katie), and Kwantlen people.
- 10:24:49 From Minnie A Hornidge : I acknowledge that I live, play, pray, and work on the unceded territory of the Tseshaht and Hupacasath
- 10:24:51 From Liz Bowyer : Kathleen Richards passed away
- 10:24:59 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I am deeply blessed and grateful to live on the unceded territory of the Lekwungen speaking peoples.
- 10:25:05 From Marc Coulombe : I live and work in Burnaby BC, the ancestral and unceded territory of the h...ôñâiq'âi...ômin'âi...ômA'âi and S'ṭṭw̓xw'âw'w̓7mesh speaking peoples.
- 10:25:12 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : grateful to live, play and pray upon the unceded and ancestral territories of the Semiahmoo, the Kwantlen and the Katie peoples.
- 10:25:13 From Cheryl Perry : We will miss you in the circle, Ken. But know that you will bless more circles, ever-expanding, as you move in to retirement.
- 10:25:19 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : *****Proposal information can be found at <https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>
- 10:25:23 From Carmen Lansdowne : First United DTES is on the traditional
- 10:25:25 From Barbara Blysak : Thank you so much Ken. So good to see you. Thanks for sharing your gifts with us in Golden.
- 10:25:35 From Robin Murray : Sinixt, Ktunaxa and Sylix peoples

- 10:25:43 From Sue Rodgers : Hello from Port Coquitlam, the traditional and unceded territories of the Coast Salish people particularly the Kwikwetlem, St̓ʷəloᐱᐱ and Katzie First nations
- 10:25:53 From Sally McShane : we worship as the ancestral, cultural, traditional and Lakeview Multicultural United Church worships on the unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations.
- 10:25:59 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : welcome Michael. Thank-you for joining us and sharing some words.
- 10:26:02 From Ruth Stebbing : Grateful to live on the lands of the Kwanlin Duᐱᐱ First Nation and the Taᐱᐱ Kwaᐱᐱ,ᐱᐱᐱ Council.
- 10:26:12 From Sue Rodgers : Blessings Ken!
- 10:26:18 From Norma Fraser : Congratulations Ken. Enjoy your retirement and do all those things waiting for you.
- 10:26:19 From Carmen Lansdowne : first United DTES is on the traditional, and seated and ancestral territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh First Nations
- 10:26:19 From Treena Duncan : Burnaby BC, the ancestral and unceded territory of the h...ᐱᐱᐱ...ᐱᐱᐱ...ᐱᐱᐱ and Sᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ mesh speaking peoples.
- 10:26:27 From Carol Martin : I am grateful to live on the land of the Lekwungen speaking peoples known as the Esquimalt and Songhees nations.
- 10:26:31 From Katherine Brittain : I am on the traditional territory of the Hulᐱᐱqumi,ᐱᐱnum speaking people, where the Cowichan and the Malahat peoples meet
- 10:26:41 From Lorraine Ashdown : Good Morning. I live and work on the Squamish land called Nexwlelxm-Bowen Island
- 10:26:47 From Margot Newton : Grateful to be here on the unceded traditional territories of the Syilx people. I worship at Oasis United in Penticton
- 10:26:50 From Andrea+ she/her : The Elk Valley, home of the Ktunaxa and Metis nation. We give thanks for the land on which we live, learn, pray and play.
- 10:27:35 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : greetings from the Warmlands, the Qu'wutsen. I am blessed to live and serve in Duncan BC, on the unceded territory of the Cowichan Tribes.
- 10:27:36 From Joan Kessler : Syilix Okanagan People - Thank you
- 10:27:53 From Jamie : I live and work on the unceded ancestral territory of the Coast Salish people
- 10:27:55 From Joyce Wagland : Greetings from the traditional, unceded, unsundered land of the K'omoks First Nation. Comox, Vancouver Island.
- 10:28:28 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : grateful and humbled to be live in Peachland on the unceded land of the Syilix/Okanagan First Nation
- 10:29:07 From Heather Clarke : Living in respect and reconciliation on the traditional, ancestral and unceded Coast Salish territories with peoples of the St'ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ, Skwxwᐱᐱ mesh (Squamish), x ᐱᐱᐱ...ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ...ᐱᐱᐱ (Musqueam), and S...ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ...ᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱᐱ (Tsleil-Waututh)
- 10:29:45 From Joanne Wiens : Living on the traditional, unceded land of the K'omoks First Nation. Comox.
- 10:30:53 From Teri Meyer : Living and serving on the unceded, sacred territories of the Kitsumkalum and Kitselas Peoples of the Tsishian Nation, and the Kitimaat People of the Haisla Nation.
- 10:32:29 From Bill Booth He/Him : With Gratitude we acknowledge that I live, work and play on the unceded territory St̓ʷəloᐱᐱ nation.
- I pray and hope that such historic injustices can be known, and, in this knowledge, there will be understanding and healing for all the people of my community.
- 10:32:29 From Carol Martin : conversations shape the future
- 10:33:03 From Judi Ritcey : Living on the traditional, unceded land of the Syilx First Nation. Penticton.
- 10:35:37 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : Thank you, Michael, you are exactly what this United Church of ours needs in this time.
- 10:36:11 From Peter Jones : Yes, indeed @Sally
- 10:36:28 From Rosemary Carnahan : Michael, thank you for these wise words and the reminder of the importance of stories and perspectives.
- 10:37:36 From Sue Rodgers : Very prophetic words Michael. Thank you for reminding us to rediscover God at work in the midst. To change our narrative. To be the leaders of hope.

- 10:38:14 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : „We see what we believe,“
- 10:38:25 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : This has been my experience too - that the UCC is an inspiration to many Christians around the world. We sometimes forget our gifts when we get so tied up in our failings or our challenges.
- 10:39:28 From Marianna Harris : The stories that Omar from the Sabeel Centre in Palestine certainly inspire me as the Palestinian people endure in the midst of a very difficult situation. Sumoud and persistence are the framework for their story.
- 10:39:58 From Beth Bourke : Michael, we are so blessed to have you as our General Secretary.
- 10:41:10 From Nancy Colton : Thank you, Erik!!!
- 10:41:34 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Yes, thanks be for Erik M and those webinars. They were very helpful.
- 10:41:40 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : oh my goodness yes - Erik's webinars were so helpful!
- 10:41:56 From Jeff Seaton : I think the church is in decline as an institution AND I don't think God is finished with us yet. The two are not mutually exclusive.
- 10:42:38 From Katherine Brittain : I love „fearlessness,“ in a CFO!
- 10:42:40 From Michelle Slater : agreed, Jeff.
- 10:42:43 From Cari C-H (she/her) : And remember the perspective of the unravelling of the structures of white supremacy with which we have been all bound up.
- 10:42:57 From Jeff Seaton : I think the choice we face is: holding on to the church as we have known it, or moving on to where God has gone ahead of us.
- 10:43:07 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : @ Katherine - yes! so helpful
- 10:43:22 From Marc Coulombe : Huge gratitude to Erik for his nerve and vision in steering our denomination through the shallows of COVID.
- 10:43:29 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : I agree, and it's also frightening to those of us whose career is the church.
- 10:44:03 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I'm so glad to hear of this generosity. That's reflected in our own congregation as well.
- 10:44:11 From Michelle Slater : Oh hell yes, Tim!
- 10:44:12 From Jeff Seaton : Yes, Tim, celebrating the small has its limits!!
- 10:44:50 From Blair Odney : Believing is seeing. What we believe, we will see.
- 10:45:03 From Blair Odney : We don't see the world the way it is, we see it the way we are.
- 10:45:17 From Ruth Brady : yes!
- 10:46:38 From Margot Newton : Rev. Dr. Ndhlovu... incredible gifts
- 10:46:51 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Margot - so true!
- 10:47:00 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : What gifts we are blessed to receive!
- 10:47:52 From Bill Booth He/Him : We see that what we expect to see. our language and our story is an interpretative lens. Stepping outside our pre-perceptions can help us see in new ways.
- 10:48:02 From Ross DUNNING : Acknowledging the traditional and unseeded lands of the Qw'ntl'en (Kwantlen), Oe'lecten and Swaneset (Katzie), St̓ƛ̓:ł̓, Nicomekl, the ...ō·πŌqĀi...ōm√#nĀi...ō·□ø speaking peoples.
- 10:48:05 From Bill Booth He/Him : 4.
- 10:48:25 From Bill Booth He/Him : sorry the 4 was not to meant to be posted.
- 10:48:38 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Yay Adele!!
- 10:48:57 From Joyce Wagland : Thought you might be posting 42 . . .
- 10:49:10 From Louise Cummings : Encouraging to see these new staff bringing different perspectives.
- 10:49:27 From Janet Cawley : the difficulty is, if we see what we are, we may see only our illusions of what we are. We need others to see us and correct our blurred vision/belief. Not a simple road.
- 10:49:55 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thank you, Janet. Healing is needed.
- 10:50:31 From Blair Odney : Absolutely Janet. That is the call of the gospel.
- 10:50:32 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Yes, thanks Janet.
- 10:50:56 From nancytalbot : Thank you, Janet.
- 10:51:47 From Gayle : Hopefully the scales will fall from our eyes! Thank you Janet.
- 10:52:50 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes alberta has many graves

10:52:55 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : the recent emailing that included the link to the UCC project on UCC run residential schools was helpful to share with folk. rememberingthechildren.ca

10:53:20 From Carmen Lansdowne : I love it that you are letting the process be indigenous-led. not all communities are ready or have the capacity to deal with additional trauma.

10:53:22 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : This is very helpful and good information and news. Thank you GS Michael! So pleased to hear that the GC is being pro-active.

10:53:52 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : At Stoney Nakoda we have been involved with reburial since 1965, Red Deer 2010 and Sharphead in 2014

10:53:52 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Amen!

10:54:07 From David : Thank you Michal, much appreciated.

10:54:14 From Matt Emery : Thank you, Michael!

10:54:17 From Beth Walker (she/her) : thanks you

10:54:22 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : Also the Dunbow school since the early 1990's

10:54:22 From Keri Wehlender (she/her) : Thank you, Michael!

10:54:25 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : Thank you Michael!

10:54:29 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Thank you Michael.

10:54:32 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Michael. So appreciate your wisdom and all the good info.

10:54:33 From Joyce Wagland : So glad to see respect shown, by consulting affected communities, rather than imposing "aid".

10:54:36 From Andria Irwin : Thank you, Michael

10:54:38 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Thank you Michael

10:54:39 From Michelle Slater : is that statement on the UCC website or somewhere that I can share with my congregation?

10:54:41 From Hilde Seal : Thank you Michael for sharing your heart and leaning into the Spirit.

10:54:42 From Carmen Lansdowne : thank you Michael! ,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è,ù\$Ô[]è

10:54:45 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : Thank you for the wisdom.

10:54:50 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Thank you so much Michael! Bless you and this work/ministry!

10:54:50 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you, Michael, especially thank you that I can share what you have shared with our COF.

10:54:51 From Janet Cawley : Thank you, Michael

10:54:55 From Judi Ritcey : Thank you so much Michael.

10:54:55 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Which statement, Michelle?

10:54:58 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Thank you Michael for your wise leadership!

10:54:59 From Victoria Andrews : Thank you Michael:)

10:55:00 From Margot Newton : Thank you Michael. Hope is a gift too.

10:55:03 From Jane Harding : Great to see you Michael. Good work!

10:55:05 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Thank you Michael.

10:55:12 From Richard Day : So positive and hopeful, thank you so much Michael!

10:55:15 From Gabrielle she/hers : thanks so much for your grounded wise leadership

10:55:18 From Michelle Slater : Richard, what Michael just shared on his screen. I tried to copy and post but that didn't work!

10:55:18 From Tif McNaughton : Thank you Michael!

10:55:19 From Bill Booth He/Him : what is the story you would tell for our UCC?

10:55:28 From Lorraine Ashdown : Thank you Michael. Very hopeful words,Ä¶.

10:55:33 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you, Michael!! I'm so glad for your message and how you are "seeing" such hope and abundance in our work as church.

10:55:39 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Ok - I'll check - thanks.

10:55:48 From Sally McShane : You are inspiring Michael.

10:56:12 From Blair Galston : One of the links: <https://united-church.ca/news/response-kamloops-residential-school-graves-discovery>

10:56:16 From Margot Newton : @Heidi Thanks for the link. I will check it out.

10:56:17 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : i'm so glad we have you Michael - I too believe in the UCC and believe that we have a future!

10:57:08 From Blair Galston : Another link, with John Snow's message:
https://pacificmountain.ca/remembers-the-215/
10:57:27 From Treena Duncan : *****Proposal information can be found at
https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/
10:58:17 From Ross DUNNING : Having lived and worked in a community where a residential school was situated, Burns Lake, is the United Church open to working with the Ts,Åõil Koh (Burns Lake), and Babine First Nations to recover their heritage?
10:59:01 From Mauricio Araujo : Here is a direct link to the Documentation available on Whova that Blair mentioned https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmr_cg_202106/Documents
11:01:04 From Julie Lebrun : Thanks for link, very helpful
11:01:31 From Andrea+ she/her : Treena ROCKS
11:01:42 From Sue Rodgers : Mauricio, Thank you so much for all you do for us. We are so blessed. You have taught me so much in making things simple and easy for participants. :)
11:02:21 From Katherine Brittain : I,Åõm Gen X - and proud if it!
11:02:29 From Katherine Brittain : *of
11:02:59 From Robin Murray : first third has been soooooo helpful to our congregation!!!
11:03:01 From Keri Wehlender (she/her) : So grateful that First Third Ministry is a priority!
11:03:04 From Sue Rodgers : So proud of our First Third Ministry! They rock!!
11:03:12 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : So thankful and so thrilled for the commitment of pmr to First Third Ministry!!
11:03:42 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Katherine right there with you! Gen-X the forgotten generation.
11:03:47 From Jane Dawson : Glad to be here! Looking forward to meeting you all in August.
11:03:48 From Mauricio Araujo : The First Third staff are an amazing group of people. The best people are on that bus :)
11:03:58 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Yay Gen X!
11:04:06 From Katherine Brittain : @Bob - overlooked middle child!
11:04:32 From Cheryl Perry : Amen Mauricio! I love that bus!!
11:04:41 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Katherine - not me! I,Åõm the older (wiser) brother :)
11:04:43 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Bob. lol
11:05:30 From Heather Clarke (she/her) : we are very thankful for the Region,Åõs support of and gift to First United,Åõs REDevelopment and our First Forward Capital Campaign - we continue to tell First,Åõs Story - Heather, Chair First United Church Community Ministry Society
11:06:27 From Katherine Brittain : Yay Treena!!!
11:06:37 From Keri Wehlender (she/her) : Thank you, Treena!
11:06:48 From Michael Blair : Thanks Treena!!!
11:06:53 From Carmen Lansdowne :
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11:06:53 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : We are very lucky to have Treena
11:06:57 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Such steadfast leadership in Treena
11:06:58 From Joanne Wiens : Thank you so much, Treena!
11:07:02 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Amen
11:07:05 From Beth Bourke : many thanks Treena and staff!
11:07:07 From Carmen Lansdowne : □üïï
11:07:09 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thanks be to God for Treena,Åõs gifts released in our midst.
11:07:09 From Margot Newton : Thank you for your continued and consistent calm leadership
11:07:11 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Hooray staff team - you rock!
11:07:15 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : Yes, Blair. Treena is Awesome! So grateful for her!
11:07:15 From Keri Wehlender (she/her) : Yay PMR staff!!
11:07:16 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : She's our faithful Bonnie Henry!
11:07:16 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you to all our amazing staff! Y,Åõall rock!!!!
11:07:17 From Katherine Brittain : yay staff!! PMRC Rocks!
11:07:17 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Absolutely,Å¶we love our fearless leader!
11:07:20 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Indeed, we are grateful, and for you too Blair!
11:07:21 From Dianne Coltery : Yes and Amen!
11:07:22 From Jamie : thanks staff you rock

11:07:22 From Jennifer Ferguson : AMEN!

11:07:25 From Sue Rodgers : Yay Treena! Your leadership this last year was so powerful. Thank you to you and your amazing team for this last year.

11:07:26 From Beth Walker (she/her) : Thank Treena

11:07:37 From Jan Bihl : Thank-you!

11:07:58 From Treena Duncan : *****Proposal information can be found at <https://pacificmountain.ca/administration/regional-general-meeting-2021/>

11:08:18 From Elise Feltrin : please state proposal numbers

11:08:26 From Cari C-H (she/her) : 04 and 05

11:08:32 From Elise Feltrin : thanks!

11:08:48 From kris Jensen : Our abundance overflows because of Treena,Ãs leadership and ministry. Thank you Treena and blessings always, Peggy and Kris Jensen

11:09:03 From Treena Duncan : thank you all for your kind words. It means a lot

11:09:25 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Amen to Treenas fabulous leadership - thank you Treena

11:09:53 From Heather Clarke (she/her) : which proposal is being referred to

11:10:02 From Treena Duncan : proposal 4 & 5

11:10:44 From Julianne Kasmer she/her Lek'wungen Territory : The link to the proposals is down

11:11:19 From Cari C-H (she/her) : They,Ãre in the documents section in whova

11:11:35 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Thank Cari

11:11:42 From Treena Duncan : if the website crashed again, you have to access proposals through Whova

11:11:50 From Rhona : I am only able to open and read 4 not 5

11:12:07 From Heather Clarke (she/her) : 4 and 5 look the same???

11:12:08 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : same can't open 5

11:12:35 From Cari C-H (she/her) : 04 is directed to the General Council and 05 is directed to the Region

11:12:42 From Marianne Dekker : Both worked fine for me!

11:12:59 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : Whova documents link: https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Documents

11:14:31 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : @Cari . . .thank you for clarification

11:14:40 From Mauricio Araujo : Thank you Jim Angus.

11:42:44 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I'm really struggling with navigating multiple windows on my computer to access documents. It will be helpful to have proposals on-screen when we come to them. You tech folk are awesome!

11:43:22 From Joseph Kyser : Question from Group: How will funds be raised? Will it all come from Region? Will local communities of faith be asked for funds?

11:43:24 From Elise Feltrin : heidi - if you have the whova app on your phone you can look at documents there while staying in the meeting zoom window

11:43:36 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : We were able to leave our room.

11:43:37 From Jaylynn Byassee : We just left our room

11:43:40 From Joseph Kyser : We all just left

11:43:46 From Jaylynn Byassee : I,Ãm back with you all now.

11:43:55 From Judi Ritcey : We were able to leave the break out room.

11:44:06 From Simone Carrodus : I,Ãm with Heidi. Proposal 4 comes up, but it,Ãs a number of pages and all sorts of idiot things included rather than the proposal only

11:44:16 From Katherine Brittain : you can check out any time you like, but you can never leave?

11:44:17 From Allison Rennie : There was a question about the number of UCC run residential schools in our breakout room - I am attaching a link here to an interactive map of all Residential school locations. on this site you can also find out which ones were run by which churches <https://nctr.ca/memorial/national-student-memorial/memorial-map/>

11:44:18 From Elise Feltrin : it,Ãs become an ,Ãscape room,Ã meeting

11:44:24 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : Yes I can open on my phone but it's very tiny!

11:44:27 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : You need to view the "Additonal documents" for each one for the meat of the proposal.

11:44:38 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : sorry we didn't know we had to leave, we expected to be kicked back to the main meeting when you wanted us

11:44:41 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : We were expecting to be brought back, but weren't (and ultimately had to click the "leave room" button) - sorry for the delay

11:44:41 From Cari C-H (she/her) : The rooms are not returning automatically, Treena

11:44:46 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : what Ingrid said ;)

11:44:59 From Dave Moors he/him : Yes additional documents link is key

11:45:00 From Andrea+ she/her : Isn't technology grand?

11:45:15 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : It left us extra time for a really important conversation. Perhaps the spirit moved!

11:45:16 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : the message box is very tiny in the rooms..

11:45:18 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : @Elise Lol!

11:45:26 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : We appreciated the extra time, though!!

11:45:32 From Doug Rutley : I am so glad that even the „Pros,“ can have tech issues :)

11:45:35 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** for my group members LAND BACK VIDEO: <https://breachmedia.ca/land-back/>

11:45:40 From Will Sparks : That was actually helpful because it didn't just yank us out of deep sharing. So I,Äm kinda glad for the trouble

11:45:46 From Nick Judson : This has happened in some of my Zoom Language classes

11:45:48 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : click speaker view, if you have a tiny chaplain window

11:45:59 From Janet Cawley : it took us a minute to notice that we had to leave the room, not just wait to be pulled out.

11:46:01 From Janice Young : We needed the time to share how the 215 news impacted us. No time to speak about the proposals.

11:46:07 From Blair Galston : UCC Residential School locations at: <https://thechildrenremembered.ca/school-histories/school-location/>

11:46:36 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Thanks Tressa

11:47:11 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : ?Is there a break?

11:47:30 From Heather Clarke : are we going to have a break - need one!

11:47:32 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : In what format would you like us to share?

11:47:46 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I would love for Julianne to share what she said in our group - but no pressure @Julianne!

11:47:47 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : There is a break following this conversatoin

11:47:52 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Conversation

11:48:20 From Hilde Seal : Yes Julianne,Ä please do.

11:48:22 From Richard Bott (he/him) : I was asked what the UCC has been doing in light of the Calls to Action of the TRC.

This document, updated regularly, may be helpful: <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/ucc-response-trc-calls.pdf>

(It's a .pdf)

11:48:25 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : are you looking for our questions in a comprehensive way, or is this more of a debrief and technical questions will come later?

11:49:34 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : Two of the questions raised in our group: 1. do these proposals come in response to conversations with First Nations neighbours and in the context of relationship? 2. Are there plans to do the same for other residential schools that we ran?

11:49:44 From Sue Rodgers : My group wants to know if the proposal is only for Alberni or if it includes all the BC schools and hospitals.

11:49:51 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Sarah - I think we are open to the wisdom your group would like to offer. You can also post your questions here in the chat

11:49:56 From Joseph Kyser : Question from Group: How will funds be raised? Will it all come from Region? Will local communities of faith be asked for funds?

11:50:50 From Daebin Im, Minister of Vancouver Japanese United Church : Thank you Andrea

11:50:50 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : I am in support of the idea re: Port Alberni but think this is the opening into a huge process to many cases in many places and we need to make long term plans for reconciliation and redress

11:51:06 From Judith Clark : is this when we share from the group?

11:51:15 From Julie Lebrun : good questions Bruce

11:51:18 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : yes Judith

11:51:20 From Bill Booth He/Him : sue there were two UCC residential schools in BC. Pt Albion has a long history in driving the response to impacts of the Residential school.

11:51:22 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Judith - yes please

11:51:42 From Peter Jones : Important references on UCC website: <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/2021-06/principles-of-reconciliation.pdf>

11:51:44 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : @bill booth - I believe there were 5

11:51:44 From Heather Clarke : I think there were 4 UC Residential schools in BC

11:51:49 From Peter Jones : <https://united-church.ca/sites/default/files/ucc-response-trc-calls.pdf>

11:52:04 From Carol Martin : yes , 5

11:52:10 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : These proposals are the result of at least 10 years of deep listening and conversation. It is a response to what has been asked of us.

11:52:22 From Sue Rodgers : (From our group) What about the justice? How are we asking for accountability for the crimes against the children?

11:52:23 From Bill Booth He/Him : Bruce the documents explain the connections.

11:52:43 From Bill Booth He/Him : Sorry.

11:52:56 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : The proposals name developing a strategy to look at other sites where schools were operated.

11:53:02 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : fully support the proposals and their implications for other UCCan run schools and wonder how those of us with RC schools (Penelekut in our area) near us can help bring support (witness, funding, etc) to the Indigenous communities we are part of

11:53:09 From Beryl Itani : We have been listening for ten years. It is time to DO something

11:53:17 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Funds - the proposal names developing a strategy for how to raise the funds.

11:53:27 From Blair Galston : 5 UCC-run residential schools in our region, according to TRC and our research.

11:53:41 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Blair, I can simply type what I need in the chat, thanks

11:53:51 From Treena Duncan : thanks, Tim

11:54:27 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : 15 residential schools (UC) in Canada 5 in BC. Began in 1849. Last UC one to close in 1979.

11:54:50 From Gail Miller : Blair Galston - Archives has confirmed 5 UCC res schools + 1 all girls school so sort of 6

11:55:02 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : There's one point that I was wanting to speak to that I think is better addressed verbally (so nuance isn't lost), but here are the rest of the points from our group:

Philosophical questions:

„Ä¿ Do we need to consider an ecumenical approach (and looking at schools across the province)? And how do we ensure we are also trying to hold the government to their responsibilities of this as well.

„Ä¿ Funding for emotional/trauma support for people involved in this work (including an Indigenous counseling approach; Western psychiatry will not be sufficient)

Procedural questions:

„Ä¿ Should we procedurally separate the healing centre from the exhumation and repatriation; as they are separate initiatives; don,Äôt want to lose one in a debate on the other

„Ä¿ Exhumation/repatriation appears to be listed in both the GC and PMR proposal „Äì how do we ensure that we don,Äôt end up with a jurisdictional hot potato (i.e. make it clear which body is being asked to take on this funding)

11:55:14 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : there is a proposal on the books of BC Conference re providing funds out of the sale of Church assets to Indigenous communities where they were sold and to communities located elsewhere. Time to put our treasure where our hearts are...

11:55:50 From Alanna : Group 6 (or was it 5) felt deep grief and horror and agreed with the Proposals. The attendees noted that we need to be aware of the implications of this proposal: what we do in Alberni, we need to do elsewhere. The Managing Director of First United, Gillian McLeod, noted that the local people need to be more than consulted in whatever we do -- they are the ones who would make the decisions about how the funds are distributed. She also noted that some First Nations group have said that even using radar on the area is considered by some to be too intrusive. So perhaps exhuming the bodies or disturbing the graves is not what the First Nations want. We need to consult deeply. Also we need to pay attention to where the money went from the sale of the original properties.

11:55:56 From Margot Newton : Thank you Emily

11:56:28 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Notes from our group:

- Initial difficulty determining the difference between the two proposals but 21-05 seems more long-term
- We agree with the proposal
- In how many other communities will we need to do likewise? Do we have sufficient resources to replicate this wherever needed?
- We would like to see this across the nation
- We affirm the process of listening and responding to First Nations in developing this proposal, rather than acting unilaterally

11:56:31 From Beth Bourke : yes, thanks Emily!

11:58:02 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : We thought raising the funds through faith communities would engage people directly. as we've done in the past for court cases on rights and title...

12:00:30 From Tif McNaughton : Michael Blair made mention of potential movement on this at the GC level. Is it possible to- quickly- sort out what that will look like and how Region level participation would fit together with that?

12:01:24 From Elaine Julian : @Keith if this is the proposal I'm thinking of, a proposal was raised at Langley but missed the proposal deadline so was referred to the executive. I would certainly like to see it raised again.

12:02:21 From Treena Duncan : the executive is working on the property policy

12:03:32 From Elaine Julian : Thank you Treena.

12:04:53 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : @Elaine, i'll have to look, I believe the one i'm thinking of passed, shortly after my term ended...but I am a bit foggy on details. I'll see what I can find in the stacks..

12:06:48 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you for all the questions and comments. They have been noted.

12:06:53 From Rhona : thanks Treena

12:10:05 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Well done Leenane!

12:10:24 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : mentorship is so valuable and so important

12:12:03 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : "I'm in a bubble of Affirming Awesomeness!" May it be so for us all!

12:12:13 From Marie Paul she/her : Group 9: We held the impact of "a little child shall lead us" with innocence banging up against truth. For the 7 of us the news did not come unexpectedly, but still breaking our hearts and bringing up anger towards Canada's pretence. We are pleased that more Canadians are engaging this conversation but we also hear denial and wonder how to address shame and white fragility so that the conversations continue. Particularly we heard a challenging question from youth "Why would we be Christian, when the church has participated in this evil past?" We think these proposals are too little, too late, but still the right thing to do at this time. We want to move forward, in response to listening to Indigenous leadership.

12:12:26 From Leenane : Lauren,Âôs powerful faith and witness is a real gift in the world and in the United Church.

12:12:42 From Andria Irwin : Amen! Thank you Lauren <3

12:12:44 From Anna Paton : AMEN!! I've been so impressed with Lauren.

12:12:53 From Blair Galston : Beautiful, inspiring words, Lauren.

12:12:59 From Bill Booth He/Him : she is awesome. amen

12:13:01 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you Lauren!

12:13:03 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Thank you Leenane and thank you Lauren for your testimony, enthusiasm and faith. We are blessed to have you.

12:13:04 From Marie Paul she/her : Thanks Lauren! You are leading us in hope!

12:13:05 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : Amen! I'm crying.

12:13:06 From Linda Lee Henriksen : Thank you, Lauren!

12:13:13 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : THank-you Lauren! I am so glad you found a bubble of affirming awesomeness!

12:13:14 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Amen! so inspiring Lauren. Thank you!

12:13:14 From Gail Miller : Thank you, Lauren. Beautiful witness and encouragement.

12:13:17 From Sue Rodgers : Beautiful words. Thanks Lauren.

12:13:20 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks for your testimony Lauren!! and Amen!

12:13:27 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : So grateful for you Lauren and Leenane

12:13:33 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Lauren, thank you for sharing, thank you affirming the UC

12:13:33 From nancystalbot : thank you Lauren and well done Leenane!

12:13:40 From Jaylynn Byassee : Thank you, Lauren.

12:14:12 From Sally McShane : Thank you Lauren. Hope & Abundance.

12:14:20 From PMRC Tech : They are still open, so folks should be able to go back

12:14:58 From Katherine Brittain she/her : the „Áalphabet,Áù is important for those of us who are one of those letters

12:15:04 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, Lauren!

12:15:25 From PMRC Tech : What in the statement speaks to your soul?

What would make the statement even stronger?

12:16:10 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Thanks @Katherine B

12:16:53 From Leenane : I have a message that says the host has opened breakout rooms.

Please wait to be assigned

12:17:04 From Janice Young : How do we see the proposal when we are in the breakout room?

12:17:57 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : I think it was because when I tried to leave the breakout room it logged me out of the meeting entirely and I had to rejoin.

12:18:08 From Marie Paul she/her : Where are the three dots ? . . .

12:18:13 From PMRC Tech : Pacific Mountain Regional Council of The United Church of Canada acknowledges and laments that the Church, its traditions and teachings have caused great harm to members of the 2SLGBTQAIP+ communities. By contrast, we believe that the PMRC is called to follow Jesus,Á wisdom in the way of a radically inclusive love. We do this as evidence of our belief that all people are unconditionally loved by Creator whose divine image we reflect. The PMRC will live out its ministry by intentionally creating safer spaces of belonging with members of the 2SLGBTQAIP+ communities and their families. We affirm that someone,Ás gender identity, gender expression or sexual orientation is sacred, will be celebrated, and will not be a barrier towards full participation. We affirm that people will be fully included in all aspects of The Region,Ás life, leadership, and ministry without limitation based on identity, expression or orientation.

12:18:14 From Treena Duncan : yes Emily

12:18:16 From Katherine Brittain she/her : my breakout room as a little rough last time, so I,Ám hanging with you

12:18:22 From Cheryl Perry : Same thing happened to me Emily

12:18:28 From PMRC Tech : We commit ourselves to the intersectionality that living into becoming an Affirming Ministry will require. Together we will use tangible resources to embody a ministry that is public, intentional and explicit of our call to live out these values, and that, even as we make mistakes, we commit to continually learning and evolving.

12:19:26 From Ryan Tristin (he/him) : perhaps "regardless of relationship status"

12:19:32 From Cheryl Perry (she/her) : Then we need to be explicit! Don't assume people feel welcome!!!

12:20:18 From Marie Paul she/her : Welcome back home Gillian.

12:20:41 From Andrea+ she/her : Welcome Home Gillian!

12:21:05 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : Thank you, Gillan. Good to see you again!

12:21:06 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you Gillian!

12:21:20 From Sarah Prestwich : Very true Shelagh!

12:21:30 From Heather Clarke : Grateful for your story Gillian - hope you have found your home again!

12:22:53 From Katherine Paton : yes, to full inclusivity. childless, broad families, abilities, associations, brokenness neophytes or longtraveling pilgrims. open to all

12:22:58 From Carol Martin : wondered if there was any further thoughts about the 2SLGBTQAIP+ change to other inclusive words. Similar point to that raised last night.. wasn't sure of conclusion to the thought

12:22:58 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : It,Âs all about the PIE!

12:23:59 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Carol - personally I think using 2SLGBTQAI+ is important to use.

12:25:13 From Carol Martin : @Bob.. thx.. I wasn't sure where that conversation thread went

12:25:34 From PMRC Tech : 3 minutes left

12:26:04 From Deb Walker she/her : I understand that once you have completed the Affirm process, the community will become mindful and eager to welcome all "OTHERS" with intention and love. The process is key.

12:26:51 From Carol Martin : @deb That was our experience in becoming affirming as well.

12:26:51 From Pam Rucker (she/her) : The beautiful thing about being Affirming is that it doesn't prohibit any other work from being done in tandem, and it does invite us into a spirit of humility and openness to other differences. The specific nature of the Affirming process is essential, because 2SLGBTQIA+ people have been so historically excluded and marginalized and requires a specific response. Being explicit and naming the queer community is paramount. Saying ,Âeveryone is welcome,Â can be meaningless with naming the exact work we,Âve done and letting people know what our beliefs and theology is. We can,Ât get in the weeds that specificity in one area means neglect of other areas. It is both/and.

12:27:00 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Yes Deb, I hope and pray that the energy will continue. It is important to speak, now, to 2SLGBTQAI+ diversity

12:27:39 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks Matt, and Pam for your comments

12:28:42 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : It's the same as "Black lives matter/all lives matter;" it becomes a tool for silencing.

12:28:50 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks Pam! If we really hear the words Everybody is welcome, we have agreed to intentional actions in so many areas! It isn't the chance to pit one group against another, thanks for your ministry

12:28:53 From Dorothy : Breakout room 13: 4 point

12:28:53 From Matt Emery : @Emily Exactly!

12:28:59 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Emily - Amen!

12:29:01 From Marie Paul she/her : It would be helpful to receive training about responding to backlash.

12:29:04 From Dorothy : 1. the alphabet confusion

12:29:10 From Winston Lanyon : Well said, @Emily

12:29:16 From Dorothy : 2. this will shut down seniors.

12:29:33 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : @Dorothy can you explain point 2?

12:29:35 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Marie P - that is a great suggestion for our action plan.

12:29:37 From Dorothy : 3. Begin with commitment andn call and lament at the end with mistakes

12:29:39 From Sandra Nixon : My understanding of the stance we are called to as Affirming ministries, is both an explicit statement of affirmation and inclusion for LGBT+ but that underlying this commitment is a valuing of many kinds of diversity and paying attention to any gaps we have in living out our value of inclusion.

12:29:53 From Pam Rucker (she/her) : That,Âs a good point Marie. Good to have meaningful talking points to invite people into a deeper understanding

12:30:03 From Dorothy : 4. simpler if more spaces not a long paragraph

12:30:23 From Katherine Brittain she/her : amen, Blair

12:30:34 From Katherine Paton : maximal impact on all - comfortable or not

12:30:37 From Carol Martin : @Dorothy.. We didn't experience seniors shutting down ,Â it was the opposite. Our seniors found a real opportunity to explore and deepen their understanding

12:30:42 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : for those of us who just arrived back, could someone re-post what Pam posted?

12:30:56 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : The beautiful thing about being Affirming is that it doesn't prohibit any other work from being done in tandem, and it does invite us into a spirit of humility and openness to other differences. The specific nature of the Affirming process is essential, because 2SLGBTQIA+ people have been so historically excluded and marginalized and requires a specific response. Being explicit and naming the queer community is paramount. Saying "everyone is welcome" can be meaningless with naming the exact work we've done and letting people know what our beliefs and theology is. We can't get in the weeds that specificity in one area means neglect of other areas. It is both/and.

12:30:57 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : please repost!

12:30:59 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : thanks!

12:31:00 From Dorothy : 5. Julie what was the other point?

12:31:09 From nancycolton : Thanks, Blair. Exactly.

12:31:23 From Daniel Martin : There's the statement screenshot for folx looking.

12:31:27 From Cari C-H (she/her) : The sentence I've put in above, is because our group wondered if the word "intersectionality" was perhaps not quite used the way the group intended.

12:31:30 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : The one comment I had to make was that when we use all the initials I often here people say the first few then say and blah blah blah. How is that blah blah honouring or respecting those we are discussing?

12:31:31 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Notes from our group:

- This is not new and exciting to those of us who are already on board, but a powerful statement for newcomers

- Many of us don't know what these letters stand for. On the other hand, maybe it's our responsibility to learn

- The affirming process is affirming and life-giving

- Affirming racial and ability differences is also important and integral to being Affirming

- "We do this as evidence" suggests that our motivation is to prove something to someone. Can that changed?

12:31:52 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : In our group:

12:31:53 From Elise Feltrin : yes - our group felt that the lament and the recognition that it is evolving work were essential elements of the proposal

12:32:02 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : @Dorothy can you explain point 2?

12:32:33 From Dorothy : To Marie Paul my point #2 was the statement is too complex for both youth and seniors, this was spoken by a senior in our group and also a youth. Point #2 is too long and too complex.

12:32:47 From Matt Emery : Notwithstanding what I spoke earlier in favour of specificity (as also articulated by Pam Rocker in her chat comment), I will confess that I do not love the alphabet soup.

12:32:49 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Just for my wondering - Is 'P' Pan, Poly, or both?

12:33:18 From Barbara Godsmark : Our group is pleased that the statement acknowledges the hurt that has been caused. We recognize the amount of work that has gone into this statement.

12:33:28 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : Yes, Barbara

12:33:39 From Dorothy : Intersectionality use Webster's dictionary which is more generally understandable. End of several point from break out room #13. DJ

12:33:39 From Michelle Slater : I assumed pan. I don't think about polyamorous as a sexual orientation or gender identity, but please correct me someone if I am wrong?

12:33:49 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : A grief that is carried with so many of us even if we've been affirmed in our current community.

12:33:50 From Julie Lebrun : The use of acronyms is confusing. Agree strong with the intend of what is said

12:33:51 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : I agree Michelle

12:33:52 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : I believe witnessing to the harshness of our historic and sometimes current response is a necessary validation, recognition and witness to folk who have been harmed...

12:34:13 From Joyce Wagland : I like that you use the word "celebrate" in the proposal!

12:34:23 From Carol Martin : Thank you Laura for leading this conversation and to the work of the Executive to bring it forward

12:34:34 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : -people expressed appreciation for the inclusion of the words "sacred" and the acknowledgement in the last sentence that we will make mistakes but will continue learning and evolving.

- one suggestion was to begin the statement with "We believe that the PMRC is called..." and then follow it with what is now the first sentence.

- in the sentence that begins "We do this as evidence...." it was suggested we change "all people" to "all of us" so that the pronoun in the middle of the sentence isn't at odds with the "we" at the end of the sentence.

12:34:34 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : The P in the acronym is for Pansexual, which means attracted to all genders

12:34:37 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Feedback from our group:

-We appreciate the statement as is and don't have changes to propose

-We appreciate the explicit naming of the different groups in the 2SLGBTQAIP+ acronym, and we believe it's an important call to education for those who don't know the initials.

-We wanted to call out our gratitude for the first third ministry team and the work they have and continue to do to help youth and young adults (including myself personally) feel safe and supported in exploring their sexual identity

12:34:40 From Margot Newton : Where is the original document to be found

12:34:41 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Thanks, Michelle

12:34:44 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : I want to thank! the Affirm working group

12:34:57 From Richard Bott (he/him) : Thanks, Pam

12:35:07 From Alanna Menu : Group 6. Keith Simmonds hoped that the statement could be divided into two distinct parts (that are already in the statement): 1. Affirmation 2. Commitment. When we work on statements we talk about 'why' and 'what', but not 'how'. The 'how' of being Affirming is that we witness to trauma -- some folk who are attracted to the Affirming congregations do so because they are held in safety, can express their trauma, and be healed by the listening witness.

12:35:30 From Robin Murray : yes please!

12:35:55 From Matt Emery : Would it be advantageous, rather than to use the acronym in all instances, to in at least one of those instances to actually write out all of the terms/identities in full words?

12:36:15 From Katherine Brittain she/her : @matt, that is a very good idea

12:36:16 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : That may be helpful, yes Matt

12:36:17 From Beth Bourke : good idea Matt

12:36:18 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : It occurs to me that the way we speak about LGBTQ2AP+++ folks is a bit like how we speak about God. We need to use all the words and descriptions (and letters) we can to encompass and include the wondrous diversity of these folks. So the awkward acronym as well as other descriptions

12:36:28 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Yes Matt, wonderful

12:36:30 From PMRC Tech : that the Pacific Mountain Regional Council affirm the priority of continuing to become an Affirming Regional Council, endorse the Affirming Ministry Regional Statement, direct the Executive and Regional Executive Minister to complete the process of accreditation with Affirm United, and plan a public, intentional and explicit celebration for the 2022 General Meeting.

12:36:34 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I agree with Matt

12:36:36 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : ooh I like that idea Matt. I like that we have the acronym because it is a place for straight people to begin to research and understand the point

12:36:37 From Rhona : Great idea Matt especially as the Acronym changes

12:36:44 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : Bruce, love that thought.

12:36:59 From Sue Rodgers : @Matt . . yes

12:37:00 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Will the concerns raised be addressed later or are we finalizing the statement as it stands?

12:37:05 From Julie Lebrun : Yes writing out all the words is good education and communication of what is being said.

12:37:08 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Bruce, I love that so much

12:37:15 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Matt - I think that can be addressed in the document.

12:37:16 From Graham (he/him) : We are ENDORSING the statement - it can always be changed later

12:37:20 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Love you Jeff! You're amazing!!!

12:37:37 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @ Graham - exactly!

12:38:24 From Bruce Holvick : where is link in chat where is poposal in "polls" not in either right now and we are into the vote process

12:38:36 From Graham (he/him) : The poll has not been released yet as we are still in discussion

12:38:38 From Cari C-H (she/her) : The vote hasn't yet been called, Bruce.

12:38:42 From Treena Duncan : This statement is a starting place. We will continue to work and refine this. What we really are doing is deciding to become an affirming region.

12:38:42 From PMRC Tech : The poll will come once the question is called.

12:39:13 From Bill Booth He/Him : may I speak

12:39:17 From Jan : Amen, Jeff. And i wouldn't consider myself theologically conservative. Ha!

12:39:28 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Bill, use the "raise hand" function

12:39:30 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Will we get an email with the link to vote as we did yesterday? That's the easiest way for me to get there! Thanks.

12:39:37 From Bill Booth He/Him : I can,Äô!!!!

12:39:43 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : oh no

12:39:46 From Treena Duncan : affirm requires a statement in order to credential us.

12:40:03 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : I really appreciate the thoughtful work done on this statement and it will be a living, working process.

12:40:25 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Blair - exactly! This isn't the destination it is one more step along the journey of living into God's story.

12:40:35 From Tammy Lindahl : They have had the dominate voice for eons. We need to be intentional in the strength of this statement. I say those who have experienced abused at the hands of the church need to be heard over the voices of hate.

12:40:36 From Cay Holbrook : When the question is called, please give enough time for everyone to vote,Äôand clear instruction on voting.

12:40:37 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : I appreciate that this is a starting place and the beginning of the process - as part of a community faith who went through the affirming process, the process is so rich and so important

12:40:47 From Treena Duncan : if we don't have a statement, we can't proceed with the affirm process... so if you can live with this statement, we can continue to refine it

12:40:49 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Amen Jen!

12:40:53 From Sue B Trail, BC : Thank you Bill

12:41:02 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Thanks Treena

12:41:09 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Thank you to the Affirming group for all of your work both in preparing this and in the events you have sponsored.

12:41:10 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : This is a helpful clarification.

12:41:14 From Sue Rodgers : right on Jen!

12:41:19 From Susan Sullivan : Thanks Jeff for your clarification questions!

12:41:20 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : That's helpful, Treena

12:41:36 From Dave Moors he/him : Good day to trust the team who have worked hard on this statement so we can move forward.

12:41:38 From nancytalbot : I agree Tammy and there are many churches that will welcome folks who are uncomfortable with the stance the United Church has publicly been taking and journeying with for many years.

12:42:00 From Karen Millard : Treena that is helpful - thank you

12:42:15 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : Thank you Bill - yes, this is about voting for the Region to become Affirming. Your feedback on the statement is important and will be considered as the Exec and Affirming team draft a final version.

12:42:38 From Matt Emery : I'm assuming there's a 'protection' in the polity such that while the Executive could edit the statement, they can't change the intent of it?

12:42:44 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : I appreciate walking with people for a full and mutual exploration of faith, call, response and what it means to love and be loved as Christ invites, God insists and the Spirit moves. I would not willingly silence anyone, nor would I will that my silence be seen as acceptance of a 'conscience' that might marginalize my brother, my sister...

12:42:47 From Treena Duncan : correct, Matt

12:43:14 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Mett E. - short answer is yes there is.

12:43:27 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Sorry that was @Matt E.

12:44:47 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Do you call us into this identity O God. YES. Thanks Blair

12:45:02 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Here is the link to Vote:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57801

12:45:29 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : If the vote is in favour, the final affirming statement and action plan will have to be approved by Affirm United in order to get official status. So the spirit and intention will be the same as presented.

12:45:35 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Should we do the poll too?

12:45:40 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Or just the hands?

12:45:57 From Cay Holbrook : the poll is not showing up

12:46:03 From Robin Murray : the poll is not showing up in the phone app

12:46:12 From Winston Lanyon : Poll :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57801

12:46:13 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : I am a non-voting member. Just want to make it clear that I am NOT opposed to this because I'm not voting.

12:46:17 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : I haven't seen the poll yet

12:46:19 From Marilyn Gough (she/her) : Is the raise hand button under reactions?

12:46:23 From Marc Coulombe : Could the link to the poll be posted in the chat?

12:46:29 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : DONT LEAVE Zoom! Just minimize it or put it aside.

12:46:36 From Marc Coulombe : Oops - thanks Winston!

12:46:47 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Marilyn - yes, on computer at least

12:46:52 From Karen Millard : Don't have to leave just minimize and open whova

12:46:53 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Poll :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57801

12:46:54 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Allan! So appreciate your tech skills and guidance.

12:46:56 From Cari C-H (she/her) : I have a spinning circle of death in 'Polls' on Whova.

12:47:00 From Cari C-H (she/her) : I vote in favour

12:47:00 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Try to refresh your app or browser.

12:47:03 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : raise hand is under reactions for future notice

12:47:12 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : You. Might need to refresh your browser page

12:47:12 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** If I can see the poll, but am not a voting member, what do I do with the poll?

12:47:24 From PMRC Tech : Ignore it.

12:47:40 From Joyce Wagland : My phone says that the poll is closed with 12 responses.

12:47:55 From Ryan Tristin (he/him) : I tried to vote and the poll is no longer available

12:47:55 From Marc Coulombe : Me too, Tressa. At staff, we don't vote.

12:47:59 From Matt Emery : How many voting members do we have in total?

12:48:29 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** yes it is truly up to us each to only vote if we are eligible

12:48:32 From Sue B Trail, BC : I keep getting the poll not found message.

12:48:50 From Gail Miller : Hey Allan, I am a voting member and did not get the poll. Want to be sure I have that ability for the rest of the meeting. Thanks.

12:48:52 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** Can the poll remain open longer for those still trying to find it?

12:48:57 From Simone Carrodus : Yeah! I did it with no problem! So much better than yesterday!

12:49:11 From Winston Lanyon : Poll :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57801

12:49:23 From Kerry Child : Blessings Maggie!

12:49:25 From Cari C-H (she/her) : I got in, thanks for the refresh suggestion

12:49:40 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Shivers Maggie. Thank you!

12:49:42 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : We will, we will, bless you! Beautiful!

12:49:44 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Marc C - some staff are full voting members of the Regional Council. They need to vote.

12:49:45 From Russell Redman : Regarding the alphabet train wreck, I would prefer a separate paragraph to explain that the term refers to all of the following identities, not excluding others,Ä¶

12:49:46 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Love this story Maggie. Thank you.

12:49:54 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : beautiful

12:50:02 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Bless you Maggie and your ministry!! Grateful for you!

12:50:05 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : ask GS Michael spoke . . . one of "our stories" thank you MAGGIE!

12:50:10 From Janice Young : Rockin,Äô Blessing! Thanks for sharing that Maggie!

12:50:10 From John Clement he/his, "hey, you." LUC : Thanks for sharing the baptism at LUC Maggie. It was great to be there.

12:50:11 From Marc Coulombe : @Bob - thank you!! I didn't realize that.

12:50:18 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrpg_202106/Polls/57801/

12:50:19 From Teri Meyer : I did the same thing but reworked the verses too - to "We will Praise you."

12:50:22 From Ralph Bischoff : I went to the page and it indicated no polls had been asked. If you want to know- I raised my hand on screen and would vote in the affirmative.

12:50:54 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : I Terri that's great

12:51:08 From Leenane : Maggie, what a blessing your ministry has been. Blessings on your retirement.

12:51:09 From Rhona : Blessings Maggie

12:51:17 From Graham (he/him) : Thank you for your minister, Maggie!

12:51:19 From Beth Walker (she/her) : Blessing Maggie

12:51:26 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : *** Left hand menu "Main Navigation", near the bottom "Polls" https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrpg_202106/Polls/57801/

12:51:27 From Nick Judson : Great to know you, Maggie Thanks for who you are and for your ministry.

12:51:30 From Dawna English : Blessings Maggie

12:51:32 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Wonderful story,Ä¶bless your new adventures Maggie.

12:51:33 From Jaylynn Byassee : Lovely

12:51:35 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : It has been wonderful to work on some of those projects with you Maggie. Thank you.

12:51:35 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : Thank you and bless, Maggie

12:51:39 From Sandra Nixon : Thank you for those stories of hope and abundance Maggie!

12:51:40 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Bless you Maggie!

12:51:47 From Gabrielle she/hers : blessings Maggie!

12:51:54 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : thank you Maggie, we are blessed in you and in your shared creativity!

12:52:06 From Ruth Stebbing : Thank you Maggie for your ministry and yourself.

12:52:08 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : Rich blessings to you Maggie! Thank you for all your gifted and sacrificial service!

12:52:09 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you, Maggie! Blessings to you in your retirement.

12:52:20 From Dorothy : Blessings to you Maggie.

12:52:22 From Minnie, she/her : Blessings and Kleco,Kleco Maggie

12:52:26 From Cheryl Perry (she/her) : Thanks for reminding us of our need to keep moving into being an inclusive church! We are never done! Thanks for your ministry to it!

12:52:33 From Blair Galston : So moving, Maggie. Blessings and love to you.

12:52:34 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you Maggie!

12:52:51 From nancystalbot : Blessings Maggie

12:52:56 From Matt Emery : You, Blair, an 'F'?! I'd have never guessed! ;-)

12:53:15 From Lori Megley-Best : Blessings to you Maggie. Prayers that your next path will be as fulfilling as your time as paid ministry.

12:53:24 From Dave Moors he/him : 97.1% then

12:53:34 From Rob Crosby-Shearer (he/him) : Same with me Ralph.

12:53:36 From FayEllen McFarlane : Yeah! Thank you for approving this!

12:53:39 From Simone Carrodus : What part of the alphabet soup is an F?

12:53:45 From Janet Cawley : Yay, Maggie!

12:53:58 From Matt Emery : @Simone... it's talk from the world of the Myers Briggs Type Indicator

12:53:59 From Winston Lanyon : Fabulous! @Simone

12:54:01 From Vicki Nelson (she/her) : I am not able to unmute

12:54:14 From Marie Paul she/her : LOVE

12:54:19 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : Yay Laura!

12:54:21 From Janet Gray (she/her) : i too couldn't access the Poll but agree.

12:54:32 From Jaylynn Byassee : I couldn't access the poll either I agree

12:54:40 From Matt Emery : @Simone... there are 4 different axes on which personality types are classified. One of those is "Thinker" vs. "Feeler", or T vs. F

12:54:50 From Carmen Lansdowne : Whova is not my friend. lol. I just now figured out how to do gallery view.

12:54:52 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : I have a rainbow mickey on my car antenna - has lost half an ear but he hangs in there!

12:54:53 From David Ewart (he/him) : Total aside from this important discussion and decision. Is there some way to view last night's presentation by Nadia and Cameron?

12:55:10 From Pam Rocker (she/her) : Blessings to all on this next step of journeying into Affirming ways of being and doing!

12:55:16 From Treena Duncan : we will share a link for last night's theme time

12:55:18 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : WHOOOOP! The journey into becoming an Affirming Ministry Continues!

12:55:29 From Marianna Harris : I agree with David - I was looking for it this morning.

12:55:33 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Don't forget to vote for you favourite bumper sticker.

12:55:44 From Beth Bourke : for the poll, I had to either sign back in to Whova, or re-enter Zoom

12:55:50 From Deb Walker she/her : thrilled to be a part of this path!

12:56:14 From David Ewart (he/him) : Thanks Treena

12:57:12 From Shelagh MacKinnon : feel like I'd like a minute to celebrate that vote!! Thanks for all the leadership team, Laura

12:57:45 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : Would like stewardship slides copied into document and made available

12:58:01 From Cay Holbrook : Could we get a copy of this powerpoint presentation from Vicki?

12:58:03 From Treena Duncan : we will celebrate this decision in our worship at the close of today!!

12:58:05 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Agree

12:58:32 From Blair Odney : @Shelagh , I agree...and we'll figure that out. There needs to be a minute....

12:58:42 From Shelagh MacKinnon : ok thanks

12:59:50 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes! What Treena just said!

13:01:02 From Donna Ziegler : Thank you Laura for all the ways you share your gifts with our church. So happy the vote was so positive.

13:01:21 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : So true Vicki - people really do want to support our ministry and not just the people ,Àinside,À the church!

13:01:28 From Elise Feltrin : excellent program! in the current cohort and it,Às really informative and inspiring

13:01:56 From Leenane : Our stewardship team is currently participating in this course - it,Às really great. Highly recommend it and Vicki!

13:02:29 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : CanadaHelps allow you to thank people immediately!

13:03:40 From Will Sparks : Thanks Vicki. Great synopsis.

13:03:41 From Leenane : Thank you PMRC for all the ways you have supported our leaders and congregations through Covid!

13:04:00 From Jane Harding : Super good Vicki! I am grateful to be followed by such competence, confidence, knowledge and grace! Blessings on your ministry!

13:04:11 From Carmen Lansdowne : thank you to all of you - SO many of you support us at First United, either individually or congregationally!

13:04:25 From Sharon Copeman : I,Äm very thankful to Tressa for making it easy for me and all of us to access the meeting at each time as the meeting proceeds.

13:04:28 From Sue Rodgers : Hey beautiful disciples of Christ! I am thankful for you! Thank you to the PMRC and the Affirming team. Thank you Vicki. So good!

13:04:31 From Richard Bott (he/him) : You are ALL wonderful. Thank you for the ministries you offer - in the wider communities, in the communities of faith, in the UCCan, and in the wider church. THANK YOU!

13:04:35 From Bethan Theunissen : A question was asked earlier. Alberni was one of five residential schools run by the United Church of Canada, but four started before Church Union, and then became United Church residential schools because the schools continued after 1925. They are Coqualeetza (Presbyterian), Ahousat (Methodist), Port Simpson (Methodist), Kitimaat (Methodist).

13:04:43 From John Clement he/his, "hey, you." LUC : Yo, everybody. I loved being with you all.

13:04:52 From Bethan Theunissen : In BC that is

13:05:39 From FayEllen McFarlane : Thank you Vicki! Great message.

13:05:59 From Keri Wehlender (she/her) : Hahaha!

13:06:03 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks for the PMR leadership for the wonderful flexibility and response to Covid's challenges to us all... Blessings

13:06:04 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : LOL You are a delightful bunch to intersect with!

13:06:07 From Katherine Brittain she/her : do you get super cool sunglasses for that?

13:06:20 From Sue Rodgers : @Bethan Thank you for the clarity

13:06:21 From RMUC nakusp : Thanks everyone for support over past 14 months. Especially Treena for the town halls allowing us not to feel alone during the challenges.

13:07:00 From Nick Judson : I believe that you will find that Coqualeetza (Sardis/Chilliwack) was Methodist, Bethan.

13:08:09 From Ralph Bischoff : Thank you so much for your presentation Brenda. The best is always saved for last.

13:08:10 From Michael Hare : Coqualeetza was Methodist. Thomas Crosby, a Methodist was involved there.

13:08:44 From Judith Clark : In the Settlement Agreement there are four residential schools in BC listed as UCC responsibility: Alberni, Ahousat, Coqualeetza, Kitimaat.

13:09:16 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Thank you for the ministry you offer Brenda, the commitment and steadfastness

13:09:20 From Jeff Seaton : Unbelievably awesome work has been done by leaders and congregations over the course of the pandemic. We have proved far more resilient than we might have expected.

13:09:31 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Of course we do!!!

13:09:33 From Sue Rodgers : @Judith - thank you for that information and clarify

13:09:37 From Dave Moors he/him : Should be a t shirt "Let's murmurate!"

13:10:01 From Michelle Slater : Thank you Brenda for your incredible expertise, commitment, faithfulness, humour, excellence. You are a true blessing to our church.

13:10:02 From Beth Walker (she/her) : what are our statistic of folks burning out or leaving ministry???

13:10:10 From Janice Young : I,Äd wear that t-shirt! Great idea, Dave.

13:10:15 From Kevin Sprong : I wonder if humans can murmerate better to muisc

13:10:21 From Kevin Sprong : Music

13:10:25 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Amen!

13:10:44 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Grateful for you Brenda, for your wisdom, commitment, grace and leadership!!

13:10:45 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Yay, Jaylynn! Welcome!

13:10:47 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Hey Jaylynn!!

13:10:49 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Kevin

13:11:10 From Blair Galston : Crosby Girls' School (Ports Simpson/Lax Kw'alaams) was added after the Settlement Agreement. It was absolutely one of the 5 schools.

13:11:11 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : I,Äll see about getting a ,ÄúLet,Äs Murmurate Together,Äù designs made!

13:11:25 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : @Bob - great!

13:11:34 From nancystalbot : A fulsome welcome to you Jaylynn! Happy to be in ministry with you here on the North Shore ,Â even if we don,Â get to actually see each other in person right now!

13:11:34 From Sun-Young Kim : Yay Methodist sister!!!!

13:11:40 From Gabrielle she/hers : Thanks for all the ways you share your knowledge, gifts and self in the work you do for us and with us.

13:12:00 From Janice Young : Thanks for your good work, Blair!

13:12:09 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Brenda - thank you for your faithful witness and support and that of the Candidacy Board.

13:12:15 From Valerie Neilson : We all benefit from the tremendous skill and commitment offered to those on the candidacy path

13:12:26 From Blair Odney : That I have been called into this privilege is super humbling

13:12:44 From Michael Hare : Read God's Intentions gone awry by Jean Barman and Jan Hare(no relation) recounts the history of the establishment of the Crosby School for Girls.

13:13:08 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you @Blair for all that you do. We are so fortunate that you do this work.

13:13:54 From Minnie, she/her : Thanks Judith, the Crosby Home for Girls, Port Simpson, Lax-Kw'alaams, British Columbia is often included in the list of BC Residential schools. Thus the number of 5 schools in BC

13:14:11 From Jeff Seaton : Thanks Brenda F. for being such a good shepherd for us at every stage in the vocational journey!

13:14:50 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Welcome, Jaylynn!

13:14:57 From Heather Clarke (she/her) : Welcome Jaylynn

13:15:01 From Jeff Seaton : Welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:01 From Leenane : Welcome Jaylynn

13:15:03 From Marc Coulombe : Congratulations on your Admission, Jaylynn!! We are all better for your presence and leadership among us. Continued blessings to you and North Lonsdale in your ministry.

13:15:04 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : YAY!

13:15:04 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Thank you and God Bless you Jaylynn!

13:15:05 From Sue Rodgers : @Jeff YES!!!Thank you Brenda F.

13:15:09 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:11 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:18 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Congratulations and welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:23 From Sue Rodgers : God Bless you Jaylynn!

13:15:29 From Gayle : Welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:29 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Welcome Jaylynn!

13:15:34 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : ANDRIA!!!!!!

13:15:44 From Judith Clark : Thanks for this info Minnie.

13:15:52 From Will Sparks : ANDRIA!!!!!!

13:15:59 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks Jaylynn and welcome: we will meet when we gather in person I know, thanks for the testimony!

13:16:15 From Jeff Seaton : Make it more known! Preach, Andria!

13:16:35 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Yeah Andria!

13:17:24 From patriciabannighen : Andria, where can I get one of those orange shirt badges like you,Âre wearing? Is it beaded? Very cool.

13:17:31 From Kevin Sprong : Our grandparents live on the farm.
We lived in the suburbs
The next generation lives on the internet
Andria you help us pioneer ministry to the people who live on the internet

13:17:34 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Andria I - welcome to the Order of Ministry!

13:17:45 From Sue Rodgers : Amen Andria! Welcome

13:17:51 From Blair Odney : Called and Equipped!!!

13:18:09 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Welcome Andria!

13:18:27 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Congratulations and many blessings, @Andria!

13:18:28 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Woot Woot Andria!!

13:18:31 From Marc Coulombe : Yay, Andria! Congratulations and blessings to you upon your ordination.

13:18:35 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Yayyy Andria!

13:18:36 From Treena Duncan : Yeah Andria!!!

13:18:42 From Jeff Seaton : Welcome Andria!

13:18:47 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Andria you are a blessing and I am so grateful for your leadership, your ministry, your witness and your presence!!!

13:18:48 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : YAY Andria! WOOT - Preach!

13:18:50 From Winston Lanyon : Congrats, Andria! :)

13:19:14 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Thank you Andria for your vision!

13:19:21 From Gayle : Congratulations Andria and thank you for all your support this year!

13:19:26 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks Andria for that!! Welcome and such appreciation for your leadership already shared with us.... Blessings

13:19:30 From nancystalbot : Blessings on your continued ministry Andria. It's been so impactful especially this year and congratulations on your ordination and all that has gone into your arrival at this moment.

13:19:35 From cheryl Black : We are blessed by your offering yourself to ministry, Andria.

13:19:36 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : yes, Andria! so plentiful the various ways to be ministers and do ministry. Happy officially becoming a UC minister weekend! :)

13:19:37 From Jennifer Ferguson : Blessings Andria, such a gift you are. Blessings on your continued ministry

13:19:44 From Marc Coulombe : Brenda, our Region is SOOOOOO lucky to you as our Office of Vocation Minister.

13:19:45 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : orangeshirtday.org

13:19:53 From Jan Bihl : congratulations Andria!

13:20:02 From Judi Ritcey : Congratulations Joanne.

13:20:09 From Jamie : Blessings Andrea!

13:20:15 From Jaylynn Byassee : Thank you, Andria! See you tomorrow! :)

13:20:22 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Congratulations, Joanne! So grateful to have had opportunities to work with you locally!!

13:20:41 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : So glad to welcome all three sisters, Jaylynn, Andria and Joanne, to the community of United Church clergy.

13:20:42 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : Brenda Fawkes - you are such a Blessing to us! :)

13:20:43 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Blessing Joanne! Enjoy tomorrow.

13:20:44 From Sue Rodgers : Blessings Joanne. Welcome. Congratulations.

13:21:42 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Congrats my friend!

13:21:54 From Debra Bowman (she/her) : Blessings Joanne. Thank you for the ministry you already offer.

13:21:57 From Matt Emery : Many thanks from me to Brenda Fawkes for assistance as I completed the final steps of the process toward authorization for Mutual Recognition and access to the ministry opportunities search system, enabling me to join you all here in PMRC from the UCC in the US this year!

13:21:59 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Joanne S. - Welcome to the Order of Ministry! (Even if you are travelling today)

13:22:06 From Margot Newton : Our community has benefitted from the group of clergy - of which you are a part. Thanks to all of you.

13:22:06 From Blair Odney : Called and Equipped!!!

13:22:09 From Jeff Seaton : Welcome Joanne!

13:22:11 From Hyuk Cho (he/him) : Congrats & Blessings Andria

13:22:15 From Marc Coulombe : Congratulations Joanne, and blessings to you in your ministry!

13:22:16 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Grateful for you, @Brenda - and for all that you do!

13:22:22 From Jaylynn Byassee : Thank you, Joanne! Looking forward to meeting you tomorrow!

13:22:23 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Welcome Joanne!

13:22:25 From Rhona : Thanks Brenda

13:22:26 From Beth Bourke : Welcome Jaylynn, Andria and Joanne! We are so glad you are joining us. Many thanks Brenda F for your work in all you do. We are blessed

13:22:28 From Leenane : We really are blessed!
 13:22:35 From Matt Emery : Yay!
 13:22:35 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Welcome Joanne! Blessings !
 13:22:37 From Sally McShane : Thank you
 13:22:38 From Marc Coulombe : We seriously do have the best OV Minister!
 13:22:42 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Well said Treena!
 13:22:42 From Mauricio Araujo : Congratulations to all the Candidates!
 13:22:45 From Blair Galston : Thank you, Brenda. So, so grateful for your work.
 13:22:46 From Ian McLean, Peachland United : Indeed we do. Yeah Brenda.
 13:22:47 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : We are blessed with wonderful new ministry staff!!
 Congratulations!
 13:22:54 From Will Sparks : Absolutely. Yeah!!!! Brenda!!!!
 13:22:54 From Jennifer Ferguson : Thank you for your constancy and integrity Brenda!
 13:22:59 From Carmen Lansdowne : hey now! ICB is pretty good too!
 13:23:00 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : AMEN~~~
 13:23:01 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Thanks Brenda!!
 13:23:03 From Margot Newton : Congratulations Jaylynn, Andria, and Joanne!
 13:23:03 From Cheryl Perry (she/her) : Amen!!! Thank you Brenda!
 13:23:11 From Marie Paul she/her : HUGE thanks to Brenda and the Candidacy Board members.
 13:23:12 From Linda Lee Henriksen : Always awesome, Brenda
 13:23:15 From Blair Odney : What Treena just said!!!
 13:23:16 From Sue Rodgers : Sign of hope in our midst! God calling such wonderful people to
 ministry.
 13:23:19 From Sharon Copeman : Thank you Brenda!
 13:23:20 From Graham (he/him) : Amen! Thanks Brenda!
 13:23:21 From Andria Irwin : Yay Jaylynn & Joanne! Thank you Brenda for all you,Ãdove done for
 and with us :)
 13:23:25 From Nam Ok Yoo : Thank you Brenda!
 13:23:33 From Carmen Lansdowne : Seriously though.... thanks Brenda,Ã§ÔŒè
 13:23:38 From Anna Paton : Thank you Brenda, and congratulations to our Ordanants
 13:23:38 From Sandra Nixon : Thank you Brenda for your care and commitment to this work.
 13:23:40 From Heather Clarke (she/her) : Brenda - such amazing work - so grateful for your
 leadership
 13:23:55 From Ingrid Brown (she/her), Weird Church : Can I just highlight how much I am
 enjoying the cultural shift into celebrating Fantastic leadership? I hope the days are past of tearing folx
 down, I love this building up of others, yay!
 13:24:12 From Katherine Brittain she/her : @Ingrid - amen!
 13:24:13 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Thanks Brenda!
 13:24:15 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Ingrid!
 13:24:16 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Amen Ingrid
 13:24:25 From Sue Rodgers : Right on Ingrid!
 13:24:39 From Margot Newton : Thank you for your diligence, advocacy and caring, Brenda
 13:24:55 From Colleen Nichol : Nice to actually see you Alan!! You have been such a star for
 making this work ,ÃŒ and with such great humour and calmness!!
 13:24:55 From Michelle Slater : just confirming, we are starting again at 1:30, not 2?
 13:25:00 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks Allan, you have a hard job too!
 13:25:03 From Bill Booth He/Him : 32 people preparing for ordained or commissioned ministry.
 amazing.
 13:25:07 From Marc Coulombe : Thank you, Allan, for wrestling and prevailing with all the tech!
 13:25:48 From Ross Trinity UC PoCo : Will Whova still be active during lunch break?
 13:25:49 From Janice Young : This online meeting is awesome. Thanks for all who are making
 this work so well.
 13:25:53 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Among other reasons, I admire our leadership for their
 Zoom endurance. Thank you!
 13:26:12 From Sharon Copeman : Thank you Treena, for that you are doing with and for our
 PMRC. Yay!

13:26:13 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : 1:30 to restart time. See you then!
13:26:15 From PMRC Tech : Whova is there forever. :) Just the Zoom meeting will end.
13:26:30 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : „Zoom endurance,“ - indeed @Tim!
13:27:35 From Jaylynn Byassee : Amazing!
13:27:41 From Arleigh Alexander : Congratulations Jaylynn, Joanne and Andria!

Fourth Session, 1:30 pm PDT Saturday, June 12th, 2021 *(note times are recorded in MDT)*

14:47:56 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you @Kim.

14:48:28 From Max Aranguiz-Peterson : Please, put the proposals here to be able to copy them for the report to our congregation. Thank you!

14:49:32 From Teri Meyer : O, Kim. Thank you for your 2:15 initiative...

14:49:38 From Marie Paul she/her : Kim, interesting suggestion. I'll put a reminder on my phone. Way to make reconciliation a daily activity.

14:49:54 From Gail Miller : removing remaining AIRS building is in GC not PMRC proposal

14:50:03 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : 2:15 pm introduced by an Indigenous educator on Crosscountry check up last Sunday CBC radio

14:50:42 From Andrea+ she/her : We are going to take 2 minutes 15 seconds at the beginning of Worship each week, just after the Land Acknowledgment.

14:51:19 From Heather Clarke : I,Âm concerned about the proposal only dealing with 1 of the 5 residential schools the PMR should be considering - and while we can ,Âúoffer,Âù - I think we first need to listen to the First Nations peoples what they would like - think is appropriate

14:51:59 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Heather - the consultation has already occurred

14:52:14 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Heather - the consultation has happened over the last 10 years.

14:52:31 From Heather Clarke : but why only Alberni? what about the other 4?

14:53:02 From Carol Martin : @Heather this came from Alberni

14:53:17 From Valerie Neilson : perhaps the same level of consultation has not yet happened in those other communities

14:53:18 From Bethan Theunissen : I can't seem to find any United Church residential schools in the Yukon, so just checking whether that is true.

14:53:22 From Katherine Brittain : @Heather - has there been a similar listening process at any of the others? It might be that the work has been done in this one, and needs to be done in the other sites? I don,Âôt know, just a wondering

14:53:25 From Sue B Trail, BC : Because Alberni has taken part in consultation and this is what the indigenous communities are asking for.

14:53:41 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : I like what Sarah is saying

14:53:42 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Bethan - Yukon Hall

14:54:38 From Michael Hare : In the case of Coqualeetza, the school eventually became a TB hospital and then handed over to the Stolo nation who use it as office space

14:55:32 From Michael Hare : In the case of Lax Kw'alaams(Port Simpson) there is no physical remnant of the Crosby Home.

14:55:47 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : agree Sue B

14:56:02 From Teri Meyer : Thanks, Michael.

14:56:35 From Peter Jones : Thanks for that confirmation, Michael.

14:56:38 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @BEthan - not United Church, non-denomination, originally Protestant and then combined with RCatholic

14:57:43 From Michelle Slater : but each case will need to be addressed differently, based on the consultation and leadership with the different nations. It may be that Albernia can be a kind of "case study" or pilot.

14:58:05 From Michelle Slater : *Alberni.

14:58:18 From Beth Bourke : agree Michelle

14:58:21 From Carmen Lansdowne : yes, Michelle

14:58:24 From Janet Cawley : yes, thanks, Michael

14:58:24 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thanks Michelle. Yes.

14:58:38 From Sue Rodgers : Thanks Michelle

14:58:40 From Janet Gray (she/her) : good idea Michelle

14:58:48 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : yes Michelle

14:58:56 From nancystalbot : And we,Âôve known about the Alberni context for far too long ,Âî time to act ,Âî so grateful for the work that has gone into this proposal

- 14:59:11 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : Agree. Alberni has created a comprehensive template for their community, but no doubt will be helpful as a model for other communities.
- 14:59:43 From Michelle Slater : agreed, Nancy. It is the UC in Alberni and those survivors who have led the way for the whole UCC and the whole country so it is fitting to me to begin concrete action there.
- 14:59:45 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : yes, Nancy, Sally
- 15:00:37 From Janet Cawley : Question, please
- 15:00:51 From Brenda Fawkes : Some of the indigenous staff in the National Indigenous Council suggest our role is to fiercely demand the government do this for the entire country, every school
- 15:00:57 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : What Michelle said - ,Ãàcase study,Ãô given that Port Alberni got us rolling
- 15:00:57 From Carmen Lansdowne : In response to Judith,Ãôs comments, if we are supporting the full implementation of the calls to action, we have to support the creation of healing centers. It is in the calls to action
- 15:00:57 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Agree. Alberni Valley folk have been witnessing, listening, offering themselves for a decade. They carry conversation and are the face of the church on the ground. We are the responsible body. We get to act on their recommendation
- 15:01:04 From Philip Newman : Relationships have been built in the AIRS context. Spirit has been at work. Hearts open. Let,Ãôs act.
- 15:01:09 From Ruth Stebbing : The Residential school for the Yukon was in Lower Post which is just south of Watson Lake but actually in BC.
- 15:02:49 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks for your comment Brenda
- 15:03:16 From Dianna : Will we be voting on a similar question as each of the other 4 Residential Schools come forward, or are we using this proposal as a framework for all schools?
- 15:04:03 From Sue B Trail, BC : I imagine so. And think how our participation in this activity will encourage them to ask.
- 15:04:38 From Bethan Theunissen : I am grateful for the long relationship with the Alberni community. I am just concerned that survivors of other residential schools might feel left out.
- 15:04:45 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Thank for the clarity Carmen
- 15:04:59 From Carmen Lansdowne : not necessarily? community led, yes.... but potentially not same outcomes?
- 15:08:19 From Bethan Theunissen : Lower post was Catholic
- 15:11:30 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Thank you John. I appreciate the gift you are to our region and Church!
- 15:11:34 From Valerie Neilson : waiting for every community to be ready at the same time will only prolong taking action
- 15:11:45 From Mauricio Araujo : https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrsg_202106/Polls/57802
- 15:11:49 From Marie Paul she/her : Isaiah 11:6
,ÃûThe wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them.,Ãû A prophetic vision of the peaceable / reconciled kindom.
- 15:11:50 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you John. Such beautiful words.
- 15:12:23 From Margot Newton : Thank you John
- 15:12:33 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : not coming up on my app
- 15:12:39 From Gail Miller : not coming up
- 15:12:40 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : THank you John very beautiful.
- 15:12:45 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : THank you John for your leadership and wisdom
- 15:12:46 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Thank you John. You so beautifully wove your words with scripture.
- 15:12:54 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Poll has not arrived yet.
- 15:13:00 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrsg_202106/Polls/57900
- 15:13:11 From Katherine Brittain : I got it on my app - you could try messages?
- 15:13:14 From Mauricio Araujo : https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrsg_202106/Polls/57802
- 15:13:15 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Found it.

15:13:20 From Gail Miller : got it

15:13:24 From Beth Walker (she/her) : refresh your browser

15:13:30 From Valerie Neilson : it has also arrived in an email

15:13:42 From Cay Holbrook : For me it says ,ÃPoll not found,Ã

15:13:51 From Sandra Barrett : My poll results are sent anonymously - is that right?

15:13:53 From Barbara Godsmark : Thank you John for your very meaningful prayer.

15:13:54 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : It took a while to show up for me but it is in Whova. I reloaded my page!

15:13:56 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : I think it may be delayed for some of us. Got it now.

15:13:58 From Beryl Itani : thankyou for putting it in the chat.

15:13:59 From Sarah Brownlee : 176 responses so far

15:14:05 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : thanks for giving us a little extra time

15:14:27 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Rev. John - thank you for your words, your prayer, your ministry

15:14:28 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Grateful for all that you are doing Allan!

15:14:42 From Cay Holbrook : For me it says ,ÃPoll not Found,Ã

15:15:13 From Carol Martin : it is 2:15

15:16:59 From PMRC Tech : Cay, you registered as non-voting.

15:17:15 From Dave Moors he/him : Mystery continues the trauma.

15:17:22 From Cay Holbrook : oh that was a mistake,Ãbut solves the problem thanks

15:17:24 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Minnie, Bob . . . thank you

15:19:28 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Possibly I am missing something, but are items 1 and 2 in this proposal the same as for the last proposal we just sent to General Counsel? I am unclear on which body is being requested to fund this (one? both?)

15:20:19 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : I thought so too Sarah

15:21:13 From Matt Emery : Blair, what you just said is *very* helpful... that it's a "if they *don't* do it, *we* want to do it"

15:21:26 From Bethan Theunissen : Still struggling with only doing this for one school, particularly since it is only to OFFER to do 1-2. Especially if these are separated from 6.

15:21:28 From Matt Emery : But the jurisdictional finger pointing is a valid concern

15:21:32 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Adding counselling, western and Indigenous for those involved in the trauma of this work

15:21:36 From Gail Miller : both accountable versus bouncing back and forth

15:22:26 From Carmen Lansdowne : also staff collaborate fairly well on most things.....?

15:22:38 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : got it. Thanks all.

15:23:14 From Carmen Lansdowne : right?

15:24:00 From Robin Murray : we can afford to kick in little extra in this Region.

15:24:01 From Dave Moors he/him : Get moving on it and let the others catch up.

15:24:01 From Julianne Kasmer she/her Lek'wungen Territory : That,Ãs the reason the UCC originally refused to apologize for our part in Residential Schools. It is a theological issue, not a financial one.

15:24:22 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : if we don't do this we may as well close up shop

15:24:22 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Yes Robin!

15:24:31 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Noticing the language of making this a priority. How many other official priorities have we identified for the Regional executive?

15:26:02 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Blair,Ãs accountability report already names the priorities of the Region: Identity: Reconciliation, Anti-Racist and Affirming ministry; Healthy Communities of Faith; and First Third Ministry.

15:26:14 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Thank you.

15:28:07 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : And we must start somewhere.

15:28:55 From Cari C-H (she/her) : We need to let go of the (white supremacist) cultural ,Ãneed,Ã for perfection and structures that make sense to us settler people. Listening, as Minnie has done.

15:29:37 From Gayle : Thank you Janet. This is not a cookie cutter for other places. The same work needs to be done at other sites run by the UC. As Dave says, let others catch up.

15:29:48 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : If this breaks the church financially, then we will have been broken for good reason. I don't believe this will happen. I believe we need to begin something that has been waiting far to long to begin.

15:29:53 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Thank you Carie!

15:30:10 From Dianna : selling a church to raise 1 million? What about the next request?

15:30:12 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : yes Sally

15:30:47 From Michelle Slater : YES SALLY

15:30:57 From Elaine Julian : Thank you Sally.

15:31:00 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes Sally!

15:31:02 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : YES SALLY

15:31:07 From Katherine Brittain : yes, Sally!

15:31:10 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : THIS is our responsibility!!!!!!

15:31:11 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : yes SALLY

15:31:16 From Valerie Neilson : speaking truth Sally...thank you

15:31:19 From Hilde Seal : Absolutely Sally. And it is through broken vessels that light shines

15:31:19 From nancytalbot : We are more than capable of raising a million dollars and more.

15:31:24 From Donna Ziegler : If we believe we can do it , we will do it...

15:31:46 From Weird Church : But if we know that there are 4 or 5 other locations in our Region, and we have a sense of equity, perhaps this will cost us \$6 million dollars

15:31:46 From Cari C-H (she/her) : If we are committed to Reconciliation, \$1M is totally possible.

15:31:51 From Kirstin Autio (She/her) : Can we challenge the government to match whatever we put in?

15:31:54 From Blair Galston, PMRC Archivist : I'm thinking of the Land Claims Campaign--more than \$1 million raised 30 years ago.

15:31:55 From Rev. Ryan Tristin Chapman : might we sell some land we're not using, or under-utilizing?

15:31:56 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : and 1million is small

15:32:00 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : But it,Äôs our moral responsibility

15:32:03 From Philip Newman : Wandering? ,Ä¶ or Spirit-led?

15:32:07 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : it is Ivy

15:32:08 From Weird Church : Surely we SHOULD feel the pinch of this

15:32:10 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : We built the schools, we funded the schools, we sent children to the schools...it is our responsibility to deal with this!!!!

15:32:16 From Robin Murray : we should do something similar for the other 4 schools. and legal or not, the moral responsibility is ours

15:32:38 From Bethan Theunissen : Government has already said they would pay for LIDAR searches. One million is easy, even 5 million is easy if it God's idea.

15:32:55 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thank you, Dave. Agreed.

15:32:56 From Joyce Wagland : Hear hear, Dave!

15:33:03 From Jeff Seaton : Thanks Dave for your wisdom!

15:33:03 From Simone Carrodus : I,Äôm seeing some really good answers to my query!

15:33:08 From Weird Church : I HOPE IT STARTS A PRECEDENT FOR RECONCILIATION AND OWNING OUR ACTIONS

15:33:08 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : Thank you Dave!

15:33:08 From Sue B Trail, BC : Yay!!\

15:33:10 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Yes Dave!

15:33:14 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Thank you Dave!

15:33:16 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks, Dave, well said!

15:33:16 From Matt Emery : The United Church of Christ (US) raised \$1-million-plus in the mid-2000s for *television ads*. If that can be done for self-promotion, we ought to be able to do it for reconciliation, reparation, and justice.

15:33:18 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : I agree, Dave

15:33:40 From Gayle : Thank you Dave.

15:33:41 From Rev. Sun-Young "Sunny" Kim (she/her) : The most important thing to consider is that reconciliation is just an empty word unless we are willing to make sacrifices to make things right.

15:33:43 From Hilary : Well said Dave

15:34:04 From Louise Cummings : That was my point, Keith.

15:34:23 From Matt Emery : @Rev. Sun-Young... exactly!

15:34:24 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Keith . . . stolen land

15:34:24 From Sue B Trail, BC : Hear, hear

15:34:26 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : YES!!!!!!!

15:34:33 From Rev. Ryan Tristin Chapman : thank you @Sunny! right on

15:34:34 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : AMEN

15:34:38 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : exactly Keith

15:34:41 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Yes, @Keith!

15:34:44 From Elaine Julian : We can't separate reparation from reconciliation, we need to start to make it right in a material as well as spiritual way.

15:34:47 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : decluttering from last night

15:34:48 From Katherine Brittain : yes, Keith - we have a chance to move beyond words and do something!

15:34:56 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Absolutely!

15:34:57 From Weird Church : Amen Keith

15:34:58 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Amen Keith!!

15:35:03 From Andria Irwin : Yes!

15:35:05 From Michelle Slater : makes reconciliation real.

15:35:09 From Elise Feltrin : providing hope through our abundance!

15:35:11 From Brenda Fawkes : could we add something IN ADDITION to the proposal saying we will also work to insist (as citizens and communities of influence) the government take their legal and moral obligation

15:35:11 From Weird Church : yes

15:35:15 From Margaret Harper : Amen and Amen!

15:35:17 From Joyce Wagland : Yes, Keith!

15:35:19 From Weird Church : Yes @ Brenda

15:35:20 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : thank you Keith! Amen!

15:35:21 From Julie Lebrun : Any churches building market housing, contribute and share the profits

15:35:22 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : Thank you for naming this Keith. Thank God indeed.

15:35:32 From Bethan Theunissen : Both are true. Government should not get off the hook, and right now, are not even trying to. <https://nationalpost.com/news/politics/government-reaching-out-to-indigenous-communities-to-fund-residential-school-searches-bennett>

15:35:33 From Bill Booth He/Him : God is good at creating something out of nothing. Or maybe God is good at finding the something hidden behind the myth of nothing.

15:35:37 From Minnie, she/her : Thank you Keith

15:35:38 From Lesley Fairley : Thank you Keith, much appreciate your wisdom

15:35:41 From Philip Newman : Thanks, Keith!

15:35:42 From Janet Gray (she/her) : gratitude Keith for all your words

15:35:47 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you Keith

15:35:50 From Janet Gray (she/her) : you speak for many of us

15:35:59 From Gail Miller : Brenda, could beef up the "proactively advocate" to come closer to what you are saying

15:36:00 From Bethan Theunissen : At the same time, I have no trouble agreeing to raise up to \$5 millions for all our residential schools

15:36:01 From Donna Ziegler : Thank you Keith, Amen and Amen.

15:36:04 From Valerie Neilson : thank you Keith for that perspective of opportunity

15:36:13 From Weird Church : If settler communities ask Indigenous folx what to do - then are told, and then DONT that is NOT ok

15:36:26 From Margot Newton : Well said Keith. Thank you

15:36:37 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : exactly Weird Church

15:36:46 From Sandra Nixon : I agree with your suggestion @Brenda Fawkes: could we add something IN ADDITION to the proposal saying we will also work to insist (as citizens and communities of influence) the government to take their legal and moral obligation seriously

15:36:48 From Jay Olson : Yes Carmen!

15:36:57 From Bethan Theunissen : Amen Carmen

15:37:23 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Thank you, Carmen. Your voice is so important.

15:37:29 From Janet Gray (she/her) : exactly - thanks Carmen - this is our opportunity to lead and show people in our communities that they can join us in contributions and steps reaching out to First Nations

15:37:33 From Beth Bourke : thank you Keith. We can't miss this opportunity to do this. We should set an example and standard for the good

15:37:41 From nancystalbot : what Cari C-H said!

15:37:44 From Jim Simpson (he/him) : Thank you Keith and Carmen. Our path is not always easy to walk but it is what we are invited to do - in faith and in love

15:37:46 From karenmillard : Absolutely Carmen

15:37:48 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : Thanks Carmen, on point, as usual

15:37:49 From Jeff Seaton : Yes yes yes Carmen

15:38:19 From Valerie Neilson : YES! There are folk aside from church goers who want to support this kind of healing

15:38:39 From Cari C-H (she/her) : Purpose.

15:38:40 From Julie Lebrun : Yes, we can do more together and invite other to join, let's lead.

15:38:40 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Amen Carmen. Thank you for reminding us of the risks of scarcity thinking, and for all of your wisdom

15:38:45 From Andria Irwin : Thank you, Carmen

15:38:48 From Jim Simpson (he/him) : and abundance is the theme of this weekend

15:39:00 From Teri Meyer : Thank you, Carmen. Abundance in the giving away - the shared blessings.

15:39:00 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : Not safe space, but BRAVE space

15:39:08 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : If Regional folks can assist in crafting an appeal beyond the church walls I would be happy to engage with it

15:39:13 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Carmen. . . thank you for your wisdom

15:39:13 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Yes, Carmen - abundance! Jesus looking at us in the same way that he looked at the disciples when it was time to share food. (From what Nadia said last night.)

15:39:15 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Thank you Carmen!!

15:39:18 From David Cathcart : Brave Space

15:39:20 From Simone Carrodus : thank you Carmen

15:39:25 From Kerry Child : Thank you Carmen.

15:39:30 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Amen Carmen!

15:39:32 From Gayle : There are many people that are looking for ways to help. Thank you Carmen.

15:39:33 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Let's be BRAVE and do it.

15:39:34 From Jeff Seaton : Of all the things the church asks for money for, this is most clearly our mission.

15:39:40 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : this type of leadership would connect us to those outside the church

15:39:44 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : Yes @Jeff

15:39:44 From Ross DUNNING : TOGETHER we are MORE

15:39:50 From Sally McShane : Thank you Carmen. Hope & Abundance!

15:40:01 From Dave Moors he/him : Question!

15:40:31 From Dave Moors he/him : Moved

15:40:32 From Rev. Mary J White : Ask and you shall receive!!

15:40:45 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : As a church, we encourage congregants to tithe as part of their spiritual practice. I was taught growing up that tithing, *especially* when I felt like there wasn't enough, was a way I invited god's abundance into my life. In giving to those communities where we have

caused harm, and having faith that we have enough (and that it is worth doing regardless), I truly hope this will help us live into a greater sense of abundance as a church as a whole

15:41:05 From Marc Coulombe : Brenda Fawkes suggested that addition...

15:41:29 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Brenda suggested, Sandra proposed wording (I think?)

15:41:35 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Thanks Brenda and Sandra

15:42:03 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks to Brenda - I was just copying it and supporting so it wouldn't get lost in the chat :)

15:42:05 From Winston Lanyon : I think this is an important step in moving towards healing. Are there other sites in BC for which we should consider similar proposals?

15:42:20 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : I would also remind the Court that these commitments are contemplated in call 74 of the TRC calls to actions, I support the comments of Carmen Landowne.

15:42:23 From Julie Lebrun : Thanks Brenda and Sandra!

15:42:39 From Janet Cawley : Yay!

15:42:43 From Jeff Seaton : Personally I'd prefer to keep it to directing our actions, and not telling others what they should do. Lead by example.

15:43:08 From Treena Duncan : @Winston there hasn't been the community consultations in those other places

15:43:12 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Amen Jeff

15:43:25 From Ross DUNNING : Could the additional #7 be put into the chat so it can be copied over easily?

15:43:47 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : thank you Nancy this is reconciliation

15:44:03 From Winston Lanyon : That makes sense @Treena, thank you. Maybe we could move to begin the community consultations?

15:44:31 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : thank you Thea

15:44:32 From Treena Duncan : @Winston, this will lead us there for sure

15:44:41 From Chris : We have to vote on the amendment.

15:44:44 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : thanks for sharing Thea

15:44:47 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks @Treena

15:44:58 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Are we not going to consider Thea's amendment?

15:45:41 From Gail Miller : #5 and #7 very close - can they be combined

15:45:48 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Thea's comment was around those doing the work of exhumation

15:45:55 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : providing support to those involved in steps 1 and 2

15:46:13 From Heather Clarke : what's the difference between 5 and 7?

15:46:33 From Bill Booth He/Him : good question heather

15:46:42 From Janet Cawley : Good question.

15:46:50 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : I think it has to do with the budget proposed for the exhumation - it didn't account (financially) for providing support to those conducting the work

15:47:07 From Beryl Itani : I think it could be added to #2

15:47:16 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : I agree with Thea's point. This would be traumatic work for those on the ground.

15:47:18 From Judith Clark : if fedl govt has already agreed to do (1), why do we need to pass this?

15:47:45 From David Cathcart : The rest of this proposal was written in consultation with the community. We are now suggesting adding something with out consultation

15:48:09 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : ,including trauma care for those who undertake the work from western and Indigenous worldviews,

15:48:18 From Sharon Copeman : Thank you for that wisdom, Thea, in adding this.

15:48:25 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : thank you Thea

15:48:32 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : It was John Snow, I didn't want it missed!

15:48:33 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : THanks Thea - important addition

15:48:40 From Jay Olson : Thankyou Thea!

15:48:46 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : Thank you to John!

15:48:46 From Bethan Theunissen : I am not a motion savvy person, but still wonder - outside of this motion and the previous one, is there a way that this council will be able to communicate to other BC

residential school survivors and descendants that we are committed to working with them as well in discovering unmarked graves.

15:48:54 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : could just say 'appropriate' trauma care...

15:49:50 From Mauricio Araujo : You can find the poll 21-05 here:

https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57803

15:51:00 From Marie Paul she/her : Bethan, Blair, maybe that could be part of a media release after this conference

15:51:34 From Michelle Slater : Bethan, I think the work is for each community of faith to develop relationships and share that commitment. This proposal has come from ten years of relationship and consultation by those on the ground.

15:51:41 From Blair Odney : Communications into the community come from Treena's office, and Tressa will be all over this.

15:51:42 From Tif McNaughton : the poll is not showing up for me this time

15:51:49 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : Thank you Minnie, and others in Port Alberni for walking this road and leading us

15:51:52 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Try refreshing

15:52:18 From Tif McNaughton : did that twice, will try again

15:52:18 From Winston Lanyon : You can find the poll 21-05 here:

https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57803

15:52:19 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : thank you Minnie

15:52:36 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Use the link and ignore the warning about the poll

15:52:41 From Valerie Neilson : it is also an email again

15:52:44 From Michelle Slater : Thinking of Kathy Hogman who walked with the community of Port Alberni on this issue, with gratitude.

15:52:54 From Keltie Vanbinsbergen : Thank you Minnie for all the work you and your church have done on this. You are truly leading the way.

15:52:55 From Jeff Seaton : Thanks Minnie and Bob and others for your leadership in this process.

15:53:04 From Louise Cummings : Amen Michelle.

15:53:06 From Treena Duncan : <https://www.aptnnews.ca/national-news/sioux-valley-dakota-nation-working-towards-identifying-children-at-brandon-residential-school/>

15:53:08 From marilyn gough (she/her) : I found the poll underneath when I closed the box that said Poll not found!

15:53:13 From Julianne Kasmer she/her Lek'wungen Territory : Amen, Michelle. Thank you, Kathy Hogman.

15:53:17 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : Yes! Tears are coming to my eyes as I think of Michelle,Ãs ground breaking work

15:53:29 From Michelle Slater : you mean Kathy ;)

15:53:32 From Marc Coulombe : Mercy

15:53:40 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : Correct my copy to say Kathy Hogman,Ãs

15:53:41 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : That IS a United Church school

15:53:47 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Deep gratitude to Minnie & Bob for doing this work and bringing it forward.

15:53:49 From Jay Olson : This is just the beginning.

15:53:57 From Carmen Lansdowne : yes and yes

15:53:59 From Jeff Seaton : Yes, Michelle. Thinking of Kathy.

15:54:04 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : heart breaking

15:54:13 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes hold Manitoba in your prayers

15:54:18 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : And Keith Howard and Ed Searcy. This has been such a long road!

15:54:21 From Rhona Panton : no polls for me but have had all the others

15:54:40 From Michelle Slater : and of course Brian Thorpe.

15:54:52 From Michelle Slater : and Susan Lindenberger. And so many others.

15:54:59 From Janet Cawley : Yes!

15:54:59 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : The saints....

15:55:12 From nancystalbot : I give thanks for Willie Blackwater who so courageously spoke his truth many years ago.

15:55:19 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Alvin Dixon

15:55:28 From Graham (he/him) : KATHY Hogman

15:55:32 From Will Sparks : Jim White

15:55:32 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : Willie who told his story alongside Jessie Oliver.

15:55:40 From Janet Cawley : Kevin Arnett

15:55:42 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Jim White

15:55:43 From Jay Olson : Jim White

15:55:43 From Donna Ziegler : Jim Angus

15:55:47 From deborahlaing : Alberta Billie

15:55:53 From Jay Olson : Doreen Angus

15:55:53 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Marion Best

15:55:58 From Janet Gear : Brian Thorpe

15:56:01 From Will Sparks : Bob Smith

15:56:12 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Janice Young

15:56:14 From Julianne Kasmer she/her Lek'wungen Territory : It was Kathy Hogman, Alberta Billy, Charlotte, Jessie Oliver and on and on, bless them all.

15:56:25 From Will Sparks : Archivists like Bob Stewart and Blair Galston

15:56:28 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : Brian Thorpe has written a McGeachie paper on the history of the UCC and residential schools. We all need to read that.

15:56:32 From Carmen Lansdowne : my mother Dolly Lansdowne

15:56:57 From Jeff Seaton : Thanks be to God for so many saints amongst us!

15:57:06 From Brenda Fawkes : Yes to the archivists --to bring us our records and histroy

15:57:06 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Ron George

15:57:15 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : @Deb, so important - much of that work is in the book "Unsettling the Settler Within" too

15:57:22 From Gail Miller : Ron George

15:57:27 From Teri Meyer : @Janet - thank you for remembering Kevin.

15:57:32 From Kimiko Karpoff : yes, Dolly. Patricia Vickers

15:57:43 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Such an abundance of hope that calls us into the future church and the future faithful public witness

15:57:52 From Leenane : Blair Galston for the work that he does on all of our behalf

15:58:07 From Sue B Trail, BC : yes

15:58:13 From Lorraine Ashdown : Holding my Manitoba home in my heart,Ä¶

15:58:17 From Julie Lebrun : yes

15:58:26 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : Stan McKay

15:59:23 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : Just to clarify - iniquity rather than inequity?

15:59:30 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Do we mean iniquity or inequity?

15:59:53 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Inequity

15:59:55 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : It sounds like from what Bob just said that we mean inequity

15:59:59 From Sarah Vollett (she/her) : but that's not what is written

16:00:00 From Philip Newman : iniquity?

16:00:01 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : I kind of like iniquity

16:01:12 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : SEE again

16:01:14 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : question

16:01:15 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : question

16:02:27 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : all refugees

16:02:29 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : no for all refugees

16:03:34 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : optional is fine, there are other ways for folk to put back in or pay forward

16:03:56 From Peter Jones : pay it forward...

16:05:35 From Sandra Nixon : Hopefully the Justice network could explore as well the merits of advocating for no loans in the first place.

16:05:41 From Winston Lanyon : "forgiveness of refugee travel debt" poll :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57906

16:06:05 From Beryl Itani : For some of us it is great to have it in the chat

16:07:50 From Julie Lebrun : can you give more time for people to vote? on the last vote there was 159 votes and 274 people on zoom

16:08:26 From Anna Paton : a lot of folks don't have a vote..we're observers

16:08:28 From Pat McGrath : Not everyone votes

16:08:32 From Bill Booth He/Him : What will it be like when we meet in person again and the president has to tell us to be quiet? No chat at in person meetings.

16:08:58 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : we'll all be on our phones...

16:09:00 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : we will need to keep Whova-ing to have a place for chat!

16:09:03 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : @Bill Booth why not? Aren't we going hybrid?

16:09:03 From Blair Odney : Yay Bill

16:09:05 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : you haven't seen my kids at work

16:09:29 From Julie Lebrun : Thanks...I just didn't want to leave anyone out

16:10:22 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : "travel loan repayment required..."

16:10:59 From Beth Bourke : I like Allison's suggestion

16:11:09 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : I like 'required' implies forced. given implies grant

16:11:11 From Peter Jones : so do i

16:11:16 From Bill Booth He/Him : imposed

16:11:19 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : For those waiting for an email to vote it takes several minutes to come though on my phone; fortunately I can access the polls directly

16:11:28 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : Not happy with change from required to given.

16:11:59 From Ryan Tristin (he/him) : I appreciate that, Julie Lebrun. I have yet to find a poll in time! Well, I did vote on the bumper sticker slogan.

16:12:00 From Philip Newman : ,Äülevied against refugees,Äü ,Ä¶?

16:12:02 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : how about "that refugees have been forced to take"

16:12:13 From Nick Judson : Are you not really meaning travel expenses?

16:12:20 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : The refugees were not given a choice as to whether they were given a loan or not.

16:12:50 From Sally Bullas - Campbell River UC : That's better.

16:15:33 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : nothing stopping our region from asking our Justice person to do something here...

16:15:37 From Diane(she/her), Kamloops UC : Some refugees choose to pay their own way and do not take a loan.

16:15:40 From Joseph : Can the question be called?

16:16:34 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : This is not related to the motion on the floor

16:18:20 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57907

16:18:50 From Mauricio Araujo : Poll 21-07
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57907

16:20:27 From Joyce Wagland : Please spell behaviour the Canadian way

16:20:35 From Carmen Lansdowne : send to Leadershift and YES this is exciting!

16:20:57 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : So grateful for Leadershift and the training that has been offered!!!

16:21:03 From Teri Meyer : Fully concur!!!!

16:21:04 From Ross DUNNING : Could we standardize the terminology ie - 2SLGBT IA+

16:21:15 From Cari C-H (she/her) : And thank you, Allison for the way you have already been facilitating this work.

16:21:43 From Joyce Wagland : Thanks!

16:22:09 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Shouldn't "for which" be "with which"?

16:22:20 From Dave Moors he/him : How do we send this without voting

16:22:30 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : So moved

16:22:35 From Valerie Neilson : Does the mover have a comment?

16:22:36 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : i would really support this - in a format really accessible to congregations of any size or demographic. Online webinars don't work for everyone.

16:22:46 From Philip Newman : second

16:22:51 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : yes Heidi

16:23:21 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57907/

16:23:40 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Is the poll to approve or to refer?

16:24:00 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : But are we approving this? Or sending to Treena's office?

16:24:32 From Judi Ritcey : Even with refreshing, I still have the last poll, not this current one,

16:24:42 From Rhona Panton : The vote was completed prior to the poll arriving on my screen

16:25:03 From Graham (he/him) : Rhona - the motion that was just announced was the previous one, not this one

16:25:30 From Rhona Panton : had the same problem all afternoon but worked fine this am

16:26:03 From Sue Rodgers : someone pass the twizzlers and chocolate please!

16:26:11 From Simone Carrodus : Are we going to have a tea break soon???

16:26:12 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : LOL

16:26:24 From Robin Murray : since the poll did not say to forward but said to approve I had to vote no

16:26:29 From Anna Paton : ready for some chocolate!!

16:26:37 From Katherine Brittain : so ready for chocolate....

16:26:57 From Carmen Lansdowne : choooooooooocolate

16:27:00 From Beth Bourke : yup need chocolate

16:27:20 From Donna Ziegler : have to confess I have been nibbling on my dark chocolate

16:27:41 From Judith Clark : have trouble voting for a motion that is different from what is "intended".

16:28:39 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : marvellous -what a great group of people!

16:28:45 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Thank you!

16:28:50 From Carmen Lansdowne : agreed!

16:28:53 From Beth Bourke : blessings to you all! many thanks

16:28:53 From Treena Duncan : thank you all for responding to the call!!!

16:28:56 From Beth Walker (she/her) : wonderful

16:28:58 From Ross DUNNING : Excellent group!

16:28:58 From Janet Cawley : good list !

16:29:09 From Sue Rodgers : amazing group

16:29:33 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : re: last poll - can the minutes record that the language in the last poll was not accurate and that the proposal has been referred to the Executive Minister?

16:29:45 From Margot Newton : Well done -all of you!

16:30:01 From Judith Clark : that would make me content.

16:30:02 From Treena Duncan : the motion will be accurately reflected in the minutes, the typo was on the voting slide

16:30:03 From Cari C-H (she/her) : There never is, Simone.

16:30:45 From Mauricio Araujo : Commissioner Poll:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57905/

16:30:53 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : This group is good at catching errors.

16:31:14 From Jeff Seaton : Allan you are awesome!

16:31:22 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : Why are we stating the person's gender on the list?

16:31:39 From Treena Duncan : One of the criteria is gender balance

16:31:49 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : Melanie it's part of our criteria

16:32:07 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : And other is not an option?

16:32:41 From Emily Cooke (she/her) : Non-binary was an option on the form.

16:32:52 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] :
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57905/

16:32:52 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : Thanks!

16:33:04 From marilyn gough (she/her) : Will it be possible to go back and listen to the keynote talks again on Whova? Or other platform?

16:33:25 From Graham (he/him) : @Melanie, this is self-identified

16:33:27 From Mauricio Araujo : Commissioners Poll:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrccg_202106/Polls/57905

16:33:56 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Thanks Graham!!!

16:33:58 From Peter Jones : Thank you, Graham!

16:34:01 From Leenane : Woot!

16:34:01 From Sandra Nixon : Thanks Graham!!

16:34:04 From Margot Newton : Thanks Graham

16:34:04 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Yayyy Graham!

16:34:10 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : Thanks Graham for all you do for the church!

16:34:11 From Sally McShane : Thanks Graham.

16:34:14 From nancycalbot : Thank you Graham for your faithful work.

16:34:17 From Carmen Lansdowne : Thank you Graham!

16:34:17 From Jaylynn Byassee : Thank you, Graham! And, thanks for the quick break! :)

16:34:17 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : YAY Graham!! thank you!

16:34:21 From Sharon Copeman : Thank Graham

16:34:30 From heather (she/her) : Thank you Graham

16:35:06 From Will Sparks : Please don't cut Cameron short!!!!

16:35:29 From heather (she/her) : Don't cut our guests' time short please.

16:35:29 From Jaylynn Byassee : Haha! We hear y'all. We'll keep listening if she goes over! ;-)

16:35:46 From Cameron Trimble : Thanks Will. I will just talk faster. ;)

16:37:00 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : IN NEW YORK!!!!

16:37:01 From Pamela Evans : are we listening to Hamilton?

16:37:06 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : yes

16:37:06 From Thea Copeman-Haynes : Yay Hamilton!!!

16:39:05 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Hamilton!!!

16:39:11 From Jaylynn Byassee : Work. Work.

16:40:13 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : still haven't seen Hamilton. Looking forward to In the Heights movie - which we can actually see in theatres!

16:40:23 From Linda Lee Henriksen : Thanks so much, Graham, for your work!

16:41:31 From Pat McGrath : Good arm twisting Graham

16:41:58 From Janet Cawley : "forgiveness of travel loans made to refugees moving to Canada"

16:43:15 From Rhona Panton : Thanks Graham

16:44:26 From Carmen Lansdowne : little fun fact...at times like now when we are attentive to a speaker - having your camera turned off reduces your greenhouse gas emissions by 98%.

16:44:51 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Really? Thanks Carmen, that's very good to know.

16:44:57 From Simone Carrodus : okay!!

16:45:01 From Katherine Brittain : @Carmen - is that true? Wow! How cool!

16:45:09 From Joyce Wagland : Thanks!

16:45:29 From Treena Duncan : except then the poorpresenter is talking to a bunch of black squares!! don't everyone turn off your camera :-)

16:45:33 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : How much greenhouse gas emissions does Zooming generate?

16:46:05 From Dave Moors he/him : Land

16:46:06 From Amy Campbell she/her Lekwungen Esquimalt BC : clouds

16:46:06 From Mauricio Araujo : A cow.

16:46:06 From Graham (he/him) : A cow

16:46:08 From Diane(she/her), Kamloops UC : fields

16:46:08 From Arleigh Alexander : A cow

16:46:10 From Julie Lebrun : snow

16:46:10 From Lydia Ruenzel : fence

16:46:11 From Julie : a field

16:46:12 From Kevin Sprong : Cow looking at me
 16:46:12 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : snow
 16:46:12 From Andrea+ she/her : a cow
 16:46:12 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : snow
 16:46:12 From Minnie, she/her : snow
 16:46:14 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : a fire
 16:46:15 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : snow
 16:46:15 From Joyce Wagland : car engine
 16:46:16 From Tim Bowman [He/Him] : Terrain, from a very great height
 16:46:17 From Sally McShane : cow
 16:46:17 From Margot Newton : cows
 16:46:17 From Pamela Evans : a face of a monkey
 16:46:17 From Jamie : cow
 16:46:18 From Sarah Brownlee : Water
 16:46:19 From Brenda Fawkes : footprint
 16:46:20 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : lake
 16:46:20 From Joanne Wiens : snow, trees
 16:46:21 From Anna Paton : snow storm
 16:46:21 From kris Jensen : Cloud formation
 16:46:21 From Sue Rodgers : a person
 16:46:21 From Katherine Brittain : mountain?
 16:46:21 From Sharon Birney : rock
 16:46:22 From Colleen Nichol : Snow and rocks
 16:46:22 From Ross DUNNING : COW
 16:46:22 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Land below
 16:46:23 From Sharon Copeman : a map
 16:46:23 From Judi Ritcey : a foot
 16:46:23 From Michael Hare : icefield
 16:46:23 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Camera shot through clouds over europ
 16:46:24 From Gayle : trees
 16:46:25 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : NOW ALL I CAN SEE IS A COW
 16:46:25 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : man resting
 16:46:26 From Sue B Trail, BC : frozen lake and town
 16:46:26 From Jenny Sprong : outline of someone's head
 16:46:26 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : A whale,Ãs tail?
 16:46:26 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : fire and a fence
 16:46:26 From Bill Booth He/Him : iced over water
 16:46:27 From Cari C-H (she/her) : a grid
 16:46:28 From Lynn McGrath : a town
 16:46:28 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : Ariel view of snow and land
 16:46:28 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : arial photo, field
 16:46:28 From Hilary : cloud
 16:46:30 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : rows and perpendicular row
 16:46:31 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : possible petroglyph
 16:46:32 From Heather Clarke : scene from the plane over glacier
 16:46:33 From Judi Ritcey : Italy
 16:46:35 From Dianna : cLOUD OVER LAND
 16:46:35 From Judy Fyles : map
 16:46:35 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : I see the cow shape.
 16:46:35 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Road Trees
 16:46:37 From Katherine Paton : rock
 16:46:40 From Jaylynn Byassee : whale
 16:46:48 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Rorschach, is that you?
 16:46:56 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : @John HA
 16:47:53 From Matt Emery : You're an influencer!

16:49:52 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : "what you see depends on where you stand" Janet Ross, CCS

16:50:42 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Wow!

16:50:42 From Sue Rodgers : amazing

16:51:01 From Linda Thoreson : very cool talk of perspective

16:51:01 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : I have one.

16:51:09 From Anna Paton : several

16:51:39 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : You mean those cameras are old now?!

16:52:09 From Diane(she/her), Kamloops UC : We need to know how the sausage is made?

16:55:00 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : I love this one.

16:55:49 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Awesome. Just be the PIC and fly the dang plane!

16:55:54 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : This past year we said that we were trying to build the plane while already in flight.

16:56:09 From Katherine Brittain : @Maggie - too right!

16:56:45 From Jay Olson : Maggie - I have just been flying the plane, not building a dang thing.

16:57:38 From Valerie Neilson : it's almost like Cameron was with us as we discerned proposals

21:04 and 05 and now is explaining what we went through

16:59:19 From Winston Lanyon : I'm breaking out in hives now, too!

16:59:30 From Kevin Sprong : Please change the picture

16:59:48 From Treena Duncan : @Kevin LOL

16:59:50 From Winston Lanyon : :D

17:00:08 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : that's much better

17:01:04 From Kevin Sprong : We are a storied people

17:02:48 From Dave Moors he/him : time to write a new narrative in the church, Canada and North America

17:03:11 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : God is the crack where the story begins
We are the crack where the story gets interesting Pdraig O'Tuama

17:03:24 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : the "Can I have your shoes" theology

17:03:50 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : Maggie, I have just been enjoying getting to know O'Tuamas work

17:04:02 From Blair Galston, PMRC Archivist : It feels like we are excavating all these levels right now. Painful.

17:04:03 From Will Sparks : Precisely @Dave Moors. I think we are in the early stage of a potential rewrite. Here,Ãs hoping.

17:04:28 From Blair Odney : We are given dominion because we are created in the image and likeness of God. We have dominion as God has dominion. If God is the creator of all that is, and loves it, surely God has dominion in love. shouldn't we, if we're made in the image and likeness?

17:04:41 From Blair Galston, PMRC Archivist : ,Ã and liberating.

17:05:22 From Kevin Sprong : And places in history where patriarchy was not the dominant story

17:05:27 From Dave Moors he/him : @Will Sparks note the difference between what is written on the tablets in the arms of the Statue of Liberty and the actual narrative of manifest destiny and white supremacy lived out in north Amercia

17:05:32 From David Ewart (he/him) : Does God have dominion??? I don't believe so.

17:05:44 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : the Indigenous narrative is more holistic and very different than the western narrative

17:06:20 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : yes John, they are

17:06:37 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : Vine Deloria explores this in We talk You listen.....

17:06:46 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : and so thankful, John, for the Indigenous perspective to teach

17:06:52 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : God is Red

17:06:54 From Sally McShane : Yes John!

17:07:09 From Teri Meyer : It takes a village...a healthy one.

17:07:48 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : Yes the holistic paradigm that is creation reflective

17:08:29 From Daebin Im, Minister of Vancouver Japanese United Church : I felt that I was brainwashed by toxic story.

17:09:45 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes the ancient teachings still resonate today...

17:09:46 From Kevin Sprong : All my relations

17:10:14 From Margot Newton : I am very thankful for that John

17:10:31 From Teri Meyer : Unveiling and seeing in order to name, clearly - name the demons, the addictions in order to cast out. Can't cast out what is hidden.

17:11:34 From Andrea+ she/her : Ubuntu, I am because you are.

17:12:07 From Jan Bihl : I am very much appreciating your wisdom and your prayers John. Thank-you.

17:12:08 From Kevin Sprong : Andrea: YES!

17:13:02 From Jeff Seaton : I don't think the problem is with Genesis 2. Our stories can be told as stories of interdependence and interconnection.

17:14:13 From Marc Coulombe : Bowling along

17:14:16 From Marc Coulombe : *alone

17:14:24 From Matt Emery : I agree in ways with @Jeff. The needed stories *are* there in the Judeo-Christian tradition. We have a lot of dirty bathwater, for sure, but there is a baby there somewhere.

17:15:01 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : @Matt, we need to declutter perhaps

17:15:29 From Jeff Seaton : thanks Matt. that's my favourite metaphor in my book.

17:15:43 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes Jennifer, deconstruct and I think decolonize

17:15:54 From Will Sparks : If you can tell the story of having dominion over creation as interdependent, I'm impressed. We need to develop the capacity to critique our sacred stories without throwing them out completely.

17:16:07 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : @John, yes, exactly. Thank you.

17:16:36 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : Yes Will there is a power in the oral tradition that still carries forward truth....

17:17:05 From Heidi Koschreck, West Coast Canada : Testimony in the marketplace.

17:17:21 From Keith Simmonds (he/him) : the story of when we saw ourselves separate and apart and taking from. the story of how we cut ourselves out of the garden?

17:17:36 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : of course the broken story is limiting our narrative, Cameron

17:18:02 From Bill Booth He/Him : It is not the story that are the issues but our interpretation of the stories. No matter how intentional we are we impose our cultural norms on the stories 2000 years or older, from a different culture and language.

17:18:04 From Jay Olson : Cameron - Kai-Fu Lee's exploration in AI, global economics and what it is to be human!

17:18:18 From Connie Thompson : Will Sparks: agreed.

17:18:20 From Jenny Sprong : Monopolies on programmes! :-(

17:18:23 From Jeff Seaton : yes Keith. original sin is our refusal to stay in right relationship with our creator and all creation.

17:18:38 From Carol Hobbs DeRosa : It is built into our Revenue Canada tax system - tax savings opportunities favour the rich

17:18:40 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : I saw what you did.

17:18:42 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : A little levity?

17:18:50 From Dan : I'm also reminded of the brilliant 2003 Massey Lecture (and book) by Thomas King, "The Truth About Stories".

17:19:07 From Kevin Sprong : The algorithms actually exacerbate the divide

17:19:11 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : the elder would say technology must be guarded by wisdom

17:20:11 From Heidi Koschreck, West Coast Canada : THis has actually been raised in terms of whether we should continue with online worship or not. One argument against it is that we would be contributing to the use of technologies which are ultimately harmful to the young and to our planet. Then there's the reality that the platforms are clearly deeply flawed and designed to enrich the already wealthy.

17:20:14 From Jeff Seaton : amen John

17:20:33 From Lori Megley-Best : Thank you John!

17:20:58 From Kimiko Karpoff : that was the culmination of the story arc of the show The Good Place. no one could get to the good place because of the complexity and algorithms

17:21:36 From Lori Megley-Best : yes, Heidi, we need to be thoughtful and do some theological reflection on our use of technology in worship, Not just do it because we can.

17:21:46 From Kevin Sprong : Theory U

17:22:48 From Blair Odney : David Ewart - I think I remember this question.

17:22:56 From Blair Odney : It's still with us.

17:23:11 From Kevin Sprong : What insights "do" you gain . . . ?

17:23:22 From Winston Lanyon : What is our probable future if we change nothing and continue on the obvious course?

What is our desired future?

What insights do you gain from seeing the gap?

17:24:34 From Margot Newton : Glad even tech guru flubs once in a while

17:24:40 From Bill Booth He/Him : we have always been adding in new tech over the years. if not we would be in stone building with wood bring stoves. No lights, no microphones etc.

17:24:48 From Teri Meyer : @Kimiko - LOVE the Good Place

17:25:23 From Beth Walker (she/her) : hurray Alan

17:25:25 From Leenane : Thanks Alan for your work this weekend

17:25:26 From Margot Newton : Many, many thanks Allan

17:25:40 From Heidi Koschzeck, West Coast Canada : @Bill - what's important about adding new tech thoughtfully, prayerfully and with full consideration of the issues

17:44:57 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Amen Shannon!! Us not me!

17:45:17 From Richard Day : no change = no life = extinction

17:45:29 From Linda T. She her hers : Thank you group 9 very good discussion with lots happening:)

17:45:40 From Dave Moors he/him : Developing new eyes and new hearts that watch for the subtle signals involved in murmuration will encourage leadership of the whole

17:46:06 From David Cathcart : Our desired future looked an awful lot like what we were in the past.

17:46:08 From Ralph Bischoff : Does Cameron know that we are not on the set of Orange is the New Black? Wonderful session!

17:46:11 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : one of the desired futures is to embrace the youth, embrace diversity

17:46:12 From Richard Day : connect , worship together, sow seeds, network = growth and abundance

17:46:48 From Louise Cummings : I've been reading Suzanne Simard, Looking for the Mother Tree..talking about the life that the big old Mother Trees send to the seedlings rising up around them, and the life that the seedlings also contribute to the Mother Tree. Hope in new beginnings..and Mother Trees being true to themselves also.

17:47:08 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : we also thought that we must use technology and listen to our stories, narratives and learning from one another

17:47:18 From Teri Meyer : @ David C. That's an 'awesome' lot.

17:47:19 From Shannon Tennant (she/her) : I agree, David, and I think that's my worry.

17:47:32 From Shelagh MacKinnon : @Louise Braiding sweetgrass

17:47:48 From Connie Thompson : Serving the need to belong.

17:48:24 From Jay Olson : I recommend the following read: AI Super-Powers, China, Silicon Valley, and the New World Order by Kai-Fu Lee. He wrestles with the question of what it is to be human in relationship to AI.

17:48:24 From Margot Newton : @Louise Yes! The connections keep the forest strong...even invisible connections that are unseen

17:48:26 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : constant change and evolving as a church can have vibrant futures

17:48:50 From Rhona Panton : agree John

17:49:16 From Cari C-H (she/her) : If you always do what you always did, you always get what you always got. Insanity is doing the same thing over & over, expecting a different outcome.

- 17:49:19 From Ryan Tristin (he/him) : I wonder about relationships: to go towards recognizing and working with the strengths and passion of interfaith coalitions, and supporting indigenous peoples' movements worldwide. Living into the big big motions we passed, and doing the hard work of being ready to be wrong, ready to listen, ready to change!
- 17:49:30 From Katherine Paton : evolutionary imperative: grow or die
- 17:49:30 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : for example the TRC and UNDRIP offers us new vision, new insight and how do we want to be with those changing principles
- 17:49:32 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : How do we define what is ,Äüworking?,Äü Do we need to reframe the standards we,Äöve bought into?
- 17:49:42 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : God has worked with people going through hard times before!
- 17:49:59 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Absolutely, @Eric!
- 17:50:30 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : our ability to implement TRC and UNDRIP enables us to see how we want to be in community, in society in our community of faith
- 17:50:37 From Blair Odney : When we only have one experience, its all we have to drawn on.
- 17:51:17 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : yes John SNow Stoney Nakoda
- 17:51:48 From Jenny Sprong : God does move through people - in our group we found it difficult to move beyond the status quo. We recognised the difficulty to change - no matter what the issue is.
- 17:51:48 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : one of the gaps we have identified is the calls to the church as written by the Elders of the UCC
- 17:52:25 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : our calls to the church become the workplan as identified by former Moderator Jordan Cantwell
- 17:53:04 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : In cognitive behavioural therapy they ask well what if? What if the thing we are afraid of comes to be? Will we still be us? Will we still have meaning and purpose? Will life still be possible? If the answer is "yes" to any of those questions, then we will still be the church.
- 17:53:59 From Matt Emery : Some of us haven't even had 1 service!
- 17:54:25 From Deb Walker she/her : right??? We haven't!
- 17:54:32 From Will Sparks : Between COVID and the awakening related to residential schools, not to mention the devastating killing of a muslim family in Ontario, I think we are disoriented making the ,Äüobvious course,Äü less obvious. And maybe that is good news. Maybe there is an greater opening to a desired and different future
- 17:54:39 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes , Heidi and this will be part of our impartation of vision from community and from our elders and our youth
- 17:54:55 From kris Jensen : I think we are all missing the flight. We are all dying, it,Äös the only way to get off this earth, so is the church. What concerns me more is the ministry of Jesus, and how that carries on, cathedrals or not.
- 17:55:20 From Jay Olson : My experience too Beth
- 17:55:25 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : @Matt - yup. I still have yet to have an in-person worship service at the congregation I serve. However, Covid-19 helped us make a major step to exit our home for 44 years.
- 17:55:27 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : Will Sparks I hope we recognize this
- 17:56:37 From Jan Bihl : yes, Kris!
- 17:57:03 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : Listening to the voices that have been silenced is going to be so important in co-creating the renewed church. The Holy Spirit will guide.
- 17:57:10 From Blair Odney : Kingdom is both here and coming
- 17:57:13 From Joanne Wiens : "Hope TO" is more active than "Hope FOR".
- 17:57:21 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : anyone else have a list of about a dozen more books to read after this event?
- 17:57:33 From Anna Paton : Will, I agree and we need to recognize this, as Brenda Timm has said
- 17:57:38 From Bill Booth He/Him : next weeks lectionary story. David and Goliath. What is our Goliath? What is our scary monster challenge? That my theme next week..
- 17:57:58 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Yes
- 17:59:44 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : @Heidi yes! And a stack on my bedside table

17:59:46 From David Cathcart : daunting feels like an understatement

18:00:26 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : will the chat be part of the recording? There are a lot of good comments and suggestions in here.

18:01:16 From PMRC Tech : You can save your chat by clicking on the three dots next to file.

18:01:40 From PMRC Tech : And the chat will be available some day, some how, but saving your own is easiest/quickest.

18:01:59 From Elaine Julian : We need to look hard at directing financial resources from church closures to reconciliation work.

18:02:26 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : @bill, but David was uniquely prepared to defeat Goliath - what is your congregation uniquely suited to do?

18:02:38 From Treena Duncan : me too!!! totally love going to church in my PJs

18:02:49 From Katherine Brittain she/her : Good question, Ingrid!

18:03:15 From Joyce Wagland : Coffee!!

18:03:27 From Jeff Seaton : Love your question, Ingrid! Collaborative sermon development in the chat!

18:03:28 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes Elaine, some Communities of Faith are doing that change right now.... and new model

18:03:32 From Will Sparks : That,Â a huge number of our churches

18:03:36 From Bill Booth He/Him : @Ingrid. David chose to rely on something unexpected, not the tradition weapons but what he had at hand and he trusted in the promise

18:03:37 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : that's the size of most UCC churches I believe.

18:03:55 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : @Bill - exactly

18:04:59 From Carmen Lansdowne : agree. Canada now feels like the USA did in 2008 when I moved to California to do my PhD

18:05:05 From Jeff Seaton : Fact bubble dilemma pushes us to understand the ,other,

18:05:21 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : How do we deal with intentionally directed misinformation? How do we deal with elements that are desiring division in our society?

18:05:31 From Bruce McAndless-Davis : how so Carmen?

18:05:36 From Carmen Lansdowne : I think without attention to this we are headed in that direction.

18:05:38 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes Carmen, we are a shadowy reflection of the US sometimes

18:05:42 From Nancy Painter (she/her) : Exactly, Carmen. I agree.

18:05:59 From Carmen Lansdowne : @Bruce in terms of political polarization

18:06:17 From Sandra Nixon : ,Fact bubble, reality is a huge insight and already a reality as we deal with polarized perspectives re the pandemic.

18:06:22 From Jeff Seaton : I think part of our responsibility with ,fact bubble, issue is to be on the watch for our own blind spots and herd mentality

18:07:02 From Ralph Bischoff : Exactly Jeff!

18:07:38 From Carmen Lansdowne : @Cameron. yes! Trevor Noah,Â childhood style. :-)

18:07:41 From Kimiko Karpoff : many of the people in the online community I hold are part of other chrches

18:07:43 From Carol Martin : fact bubble .. new conversation and sermon opportunities

18:08:26 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : some binge Netflix shows, I, like many have so appreciated experiencing worship i

18:08:35 From Dawna English : Jumping around even within the same denomination.

18:08:35 From Joyce Wagland : We're doing a summer exchange with churches in Ottawa and Newfoundland.

18:09:01 From Treena Duncan : @Joyce... that is so great!

18:09:16 From Bill Booth He/Him : @joyce. Awesome. no boundaries.

18:09:40 From Graham (he/him) : Last year for World Communion I had one of my friends from Newfoundland Labrador join us to co-preside at communion :)

18:10:10 From Bill Booth He/Him : oooh. Graham. I love that.

18:10:11 From Julie : interesting to think about the potential death of church membership; attendees as receivers more than participants? Like the online shopping cart - our cart is filled with a

number of products from different "companies." I wonder how that evolves belonging - makes it deeper? More communal? more fractured? More universal? Hmmmm...

18:10:31 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : Yes Graham, we at VST have worshipped continually with our Hawaiian and other Polynesian cohorts...

18:10:33 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : and what the implications are for local givin

18:11:22 From PMRC Tech : I, as Allan, would love to be a 'member' of the UCCan, ro a regional council, and participate in all if it. :)

18:11:34 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : We have an active member who is part of M&P and lives in another province. Part of their role is to share the ,Äðextended,Äð or ,Äðvirtual,Äð community experience with us.

18:12:01 From patriciabannighen : ,ÄúShopping cart,Äù online, seems to me to be too impersonal, as we are just consuming, not necessarily participating.

18:12:02 From Ingrid Brown (she/her) Weird Church : two of our core members live in australia

18:12:16 From Blair Odney : @ PMRC Tech Would you like the link to our worship?

18:12:26 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes Cameron weaving with others is powerful, some indigenous have just completed this with the Maori of New Zealand

18:12:27 From Joyce Wagland : We have so many opportunities now for communication across Canada - and beyond, actually . . .

18:12:40 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : @Ingrid - exactly! Membership, as we,Äðve known it, is soooo 1980.

18:12:52 From Bill Booth He/Him : we have worshippers who are children of some of our seniors. the parents are delighted to have their kids

18:13:00 From Jeff Seaton : I love the paradox of connecting at a distance but finding ways to invest in the local.

18:13:22 From Sandra Nixon : Reweave and ,Äúrethink,Äù how we weave relational fabric of community

18:13:27 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : yes Jeff the power of connection...

18:13:40 From Joyce Wagland : See - we're doing this already - let's consider this to be part of our planning for the future!

18:13:55 From Julie : :) imagination on fire!

18:14:18 From PMRC Tech : @Blair, more interested in your board meeting. :) I'm a business geek remember, though I do love good worship too.

18:14:20 From Lori Megley-Best : I agree. I do not want to be part of or leading a shopping cart church. Can,Äôt believe that people choosing a lot of different churches for whichever part they like will deepen our sense of community at all. People will walk away when there is something uncomfortable or a disagreement. Not work it out. Doesn,Äôt seem faithful to me. And not the church I want to be part of.

18:14:43 From Margot Newton : @John The sharing between indigenous spiritual tradition groups sound so exciting and nourishing

18:14:49 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : i'm with you Lori

18:14:58 From Anna Paton : I'm with you Lori...

18:14:59 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : the partnerships are envisioned in the TRC and UNDRIP and our own UCC calls to the church, we have done the heavy lifting....

18:15:01 From Blair Odney : @PMRC Tech ,Ä¶ Our Board chair is here. We operate by policy Governance and they are governance

18:15:09 From Blair Odney : governors

18:15:28 From Marie Paul she/her : YES, I used UN documents to help define future contexts for my ministry paper

18:15:36 From Blair Odney : growth at the intersection of leadership and spirituality is their agenda this year.

18:15:41 From John Snow Stoney Nakoda : alignment of values are key

18:16:35 From Valerie Neilson : I feel similar to you Lori. A sense of community is different when we are not physically together or invested in 'the whole'

18:17:08 From Deb Bowman (she/her) : Sharon Parks says identify which threads are precious and which ones we can let go of

18:17:39 From Jeff Seaton : I think there is a lot that can be pared away from our churches; I also think that we often pare away the wrong things.

18:17:40 From Winston Lanyon : Thanks, Cameron!

18:17:41 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Thank you Cameron, your wisdom and grace have been immensely helpful.

18:17:42 From Joyce Wagland : Thank you!!

18:17:43 From Beth Bourke : thank you again Cameron. Blessings to you! Namaste

18:17:50 From Victoria Andrews : Thank you Cameron!

18:17:51 From Jennifer Ferguson : I agree with Lori and Val,Ä¶I lament the church being a commodity that people consume rather than engage and participate in fully.

18:17:51 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you, Cameron!!

18:18:01 From Allison Rennie (they/them) : thank you Cameron

18:18:04 From Margot Newton : Many, many thanks...

18:18:10 From Maggie Watts-Hammond : Thanks Cameron - gave me so much to think on.

18:18:11 From Jennifer Ferguson : Thank you so much Cameron

18:18:24 From Jaylynn Byassee : Thank you!! Cameron!

18:18:25 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Huge thanks Cameron Trimble!

18:18:26 From Ralph Bischoff : THANK YOU !!!

18:18:27 From Matt Emery : I likewise agree with Lori & Val

18:18:30 From Beth Walker (she/her) : I wonder when we become consumers picking what we want, we are weaker as a hole

18:18:33 From Connie Thompson : Thank you, Cameron. Love your conclusive statement and the art illustration.

18:18:34 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Helpful and full of blessings!

18:18:35 From Julie Lebrun : Thank Cameron!!

18:18:44 From Jeff Seaton : Thank you Cameron!

18:18:45 From Anna Paton : take we away!!! Up Up and AWAY!!

18:18:45 From Dawna English : Thank you!

18:18:46 From Beth Walker (she/her) : thanks you Cameron

18:18:51 From Elise Feltrin : sign up for Cameron,Ä¶s newsletter ,Ä¶Piloting Faith,Ä¶ it,Ä¶s great! Thanks Cameron!

18:18:52 From Brenda Fawkes : Can't she just fly over the border :)

18:18:53 From Will Sparks : Lori and Val, part of me agrees but I don,Ä¶t think it is an either or situation

18:18:54 From Carol Martin : thank you Cameron

18:19:01 From Arleigh Alexander : Awesome Cameron Thank you!

18:19:05 From Kevin Sprong : Very great change starts from very small conversations, held among people who care.

18:19:10 From Barbara Godsmark : Thank you Cameron, fantastic session!

18:19:14 From Kevin Sprong : Margaret Wheatly

18:19:19 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : thank you Cameron! My dad's a pilot (89 years and still flies every day he can) so will share lots of your presentation :)

18:19:28 From Treena Duncan : Thank you Cameron

18:19:34 From Sue Rodgers : Thank you Cameron

18:19:53 From Katherine Brittain she/her : next year in PG!

18:19:54 From Nancy Colton : I,Ä¶d vote forPG!!!!

18:20:06 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : Can we do Vanderhoof instead of PG?

18:20:07 From Sharon Copeman : Thanks you Blair for your work thru this gathering and before over the time of your serving.

18:20:10 From Jay Olson : Prince George - yes!

18:20:11 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Thank you Cameron

18:20:21 From Winston Lanyon : Link to the Agenda/Reports:
<https://pacificmountain.ca/wordpress2021/wp-content/uploads/GM-2021-PMRC-Agenda-and-Reports-V7.pdf>

18:21:03 From Nick Judson : My poll said this poll is not open

18:21:10 From PMRC Tech : Poll should be open now

18:21:19 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : No poll?

18:21:20 From Treena Duncan : refresh your screen

18:21:20 From PMRC Tech : I saved a draft instead of opening before.

18:21:22 From Beth Bourke : me too, i'm still getting previous polls

18:21:35 From Sally McShane : Yea Deborah!!

18:21:38 From Jeff Seaton : Thank you Blair, Treena, and Bob, and all leaders for guiding us through the weekend!

18:21:46 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : yup no poll here

18:21:54 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Refreshing and no poll yet

18:21:55 From Matt Emery : I also have no open poll for the enabling motions (and everything worked fine for me every other time)

18:21:57 From Rhona Panton : Thanks to all who organized and led.

18:22:10 From PMRC Tech : Third time the charm?

18:22:10 From Melanie Ihmels (she, her) : Is there!

18:22:11 From Treena Duncan : Congratulations to John Snow on winning the Chancellors Scholarship!

18:22:16 From Katherine Brittain she/her : @Jake -Vanderhoof? my parents used to live near there!

18:22:20 From Rhona Panton : HI Matt and this one is the first one that worked for me this afternoon

18:22:22 From Matt Emery : Now we're good re: poll

18:22:22 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Poll has just arrived. Please refresh and it should be there

18:22:30 From nancystalbot : Thank you to all the leadership.

18:22:31 From Sandra Nixon : Poll takes time to show up for everyone, just showed up for me.

18:22:40 From Bob Fillier (he/him) :
<https://whova.io/email/click/286c7a497c59e93b2c1fec34e0ce3ab0/0947aab5ae3ae75ec76c9a480a5a25cb/>

18:22:43 From Russell Redman : Great meeting! Thanks to all the organizers.

18:22:45 From Mauricio Araujo : Enabling Motions Poll:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57915

18:22:53 From Winston Lanyon : Yay, Jay! <3

18:23:00 From Sandra Nixon : Thank you Jay!!!

18:23:10 From Nancy Colton : Thank you, Jay!

18:23:15 From Katherine Paton : thanks jay!

18:23:17 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : Thanks everyone!

18:23:19 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : we are very blessed in our leaders

18:23:29 From Nick Judson : Poll finally worked

18:23:34 From Shelagh MacKinnon : Amen!

18:23:37 From Brenda Fawkes : absolutely yeah Blair!

18:23:46 From Winston Lanyon : Enabling motion:
https://whova.com/portal/webapp/pmrcg_202106/Polls/57915

18:23:47 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Thank you to all serving as leaders for this gathering!

18:24:03 From Sharron Onciul : Thank you to everyone who worked to make this weekend possible. It is a privilege to be part of our church family. Blessings to everyone from Ladysmith United. ☺

18:24:35 From Kim McNaughton (she/her) : Yes, thank you to all who put this meeting/this ministry together.

18:24:36 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Thank you everyone,Ä¶without you,Ä¶this could not have happened. Literally. You are the Pacific Mountain Regional Council.

18:24:47 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Amen!

18:24:48 From Sue Rodgers : Great meeting. Thank you! Although I miss meeting you in person there are so many gifts in doing this online. I learned so much from all of you. Blessings to you all as we reopen and find the future.

18:25:11 From Kevin Sprong : Question? Are we only allowed to use a rainbow candle if we have completed the Affirming process?

18:25:12 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Theme song for the next year????

18:25:29 From Treena Duncan : I LOVE this hymn

18:25:36 From Carmen Lansdowne : oh... didn't want to interrupt Cameron but here is one of the articles that talks of hidden environmental costs of video conferencing.
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2021/01/210114134033.htm>

18:25:52 From Rhona Panton : thanks Carmen

18:25:54 From Carmen Lansdowne : @Treena. me too

18:25:57 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : David Kai is an awesome human and musician.

18:26:10 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : Yes he is

18:26:11 From Blair Odney : Let me echo Bob...YOU ARE THE PACIFIC MOUNTAIN REGIONAL COUNCIL. We can't do any of this without you. Thank you for the gracious gift of your hearts, your wisdom, your time.

18:26:11 From Bill Booth He/Him : you can light a rainbow without being member of affirm united but you can, use the affirm logo.

18:26:20 From Brenda Fawkes : Thanks Carmen for the link

18:26:20 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : What's the name of this song/hymn?

18:26:30 From Kevin Sprong : Thank you Eric

18:26:39 From Bill Booth He/Him : We Are A Rainbow.

18:26:45 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : We are a Rainbow

18:26:46 From Treena Duncan : we are a rainbow, David Kai

18:26:53 From Judy Fyles : We are a rainbow by David Kai

18:27:19 From Jay Olson : Pacific Mountain Regional Council called to be the Church! Thankyou for the exquisite privilege you have given me over these past few years. Always, Jay

18:28:30 From Margot Newton : Thanks everyone

18:28:32 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : feeling grateful for this experience

18:28:44 From Marie Paul she/her : rainbow colours proud, bold, free

18:28:44 From Brenda Fawkes : Thank you for these fine musicians

18:28:50 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Thank you Jay! And grateful for this time and the incredible leadership we have been blessed by!

18:28:55 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : love that 80s keyboard sound

18:29:07 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : Another exceptional gathering! Thank you to all who made it so!

18:29:17 From Treena Duncan : Thanks so much Ivy

18:29:27 From Jan Bihl : Thank-you all!

18:29:57 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : It's so good to be together, at least in some way.

18:30:03 From Colleen Nichol : Thank you for such a rich Spirit-filled and Spirit-led gathering, one that enabled such significance action to emerge.

18:30:05 From Kevin Sprong : By far, the best Regional conference I have ever attended

18:30:34 From Treena Duncan : thank you, Kevin

18:30:53 From Blair Odney : Thank you Kevin. You are part of making it so.

18:31:14 From Laura Hermakin (she/her) : for the gift of love in this place

18:31:25 From Arleigh Alexander : This was an outstanding meeting. Thanks to all!

18:31:45 From Simone Carrodus : Thanks to everybody who worked to make it so!

18:36:54 From Margot Newton : Abundant thanks

18:37:24 From Jenny Sprong : Thanks for family - especially grandchildren.

18:39:34 From Blair Odney : We also pray for all those affected by the silent crisis - those caught in the opioid overdose epidemic.

18:40:53 From Beryl Itani : Remembering my grandson who was one of the silent crisis. Beryl Itani

18:41:33 From revjanyoung@gmail.com : My condolences to you and your family, Beryl.

18:41:40 From Kevin Sprong : Closed captioning needs decolonizing

18:42:07 From Ralph Bischoff : Yes Kevin!

18:42:32 From Jenny Sprong : Prayers for all those grieving the death of loved-ones due to COVID-19 complications.

18:42:33 From Teri Meyer : This song always reminds me of CAri Copeman-preHaynes - in Alberta Hall at Naramata Centre - TentMakers!

18:42:36 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : "Walk together children and don't you get weary!"

18:42:58 From Ivy Thomas (she/her) : So sorry to hear that Beryl. Prayers of strength and comfort to you and your family.

18:43:02 From Cari C-H (she/her) : @Teri that,Ãs a long memory :)

18:43:33 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : Truly heartbreaking Beryl. I'm so sorry and prayers offered up for you and your loving family

18:43:37 From Teri Meyer : But a lovely one, Cari.

18:43:59 From Valerie Neilson : @Eric...you have the best messages ever. Thank you for sharing them

18:44:52 From Winnie Kowalewich : Thanks to all the organizers. The music was exceptional.

18:46:06 From Janet Cawley : Thanks everyone, see you tomorrow!

18:46:06 From Matt Emery : Very Godly Play...

18:46:39 From Andrea+ she/her : Beautiful!

18:46:42 From Tressa Brotsky [she/her/they/their] : my favourite way

18:47:00 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : my cat decided we're done. He just sat on the keyboard.

18:47:14 From Katherine Brittain she/her : pictures of abundance

18:47:30 From Margot Newton : Nice to see your picture with Annabelle, Judi

18:47:55 From Tammy Lindahl : Thank you for an inspiring AGM and all who made it possible.

18:47:59 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : We received about 70 photos! So much abundance in people's lives

18:48:33 From Margot Newton : Great pictures!

18:49:06 From Jaylynn Byassee : Signs of Hope and Abundance!

18:49:10 From Rev. Ibi Chuan : awesome!

18:49:14 From Beryl Itani : Thanks everyone. Blessing to all. Beryl

18:49:21 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : beautiful!

18:49:33 From Jennifer Swanson (She/Her) : A most excellent event,Ãthank you to all who made this possible!

18:49:37 From Katherine Brittain she/her : And the people say AMEN

18:49:37 From Daebin Im, Minister of Vancouver Japanese United Church : Thank you

18:49:43 From Anna Paton : AMEN!

18:49:45 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : amen

18:49:46 From Amy Campbell she/her Lekwungen Esquimalt BC : Amen

18:49:48 From Eric Hamlyn (he/him) : AAA-MEN!!!!!!!

18:49:49 From tif mcnaughton : Amennnn!

18:49:52 From Mary Nichol, she/her, First Third Ministry : Amen!

18:49:56 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : AMEN!

18:49:59 From Keri Wehlander (she/her) : Amen! Blessings, all!

18:50:02 From John Crowdis - Trinity, Nanaimo (he/him) : Thank you! Looking forward to tomorrow!

18:50:11 From Beth Bourke : amen.. I don't want this to end. Blessings to you all. Namaste

18:50:17 From Jen Cunnings (she/her) : Bless you!!

18:50:19 From Bob Fillier (he/him) : Blessing All!

18:50:22 From karenmillard : Thank you for an amazing conference

18:50:30 From Beth Walker (she/her) : blessings everyone

18:50:31 From Heidi Koschzeck, She/Her, Langford BC , Lekwungen territory : bye everyone. see you in digital church!

18:50:31 From Winston Lanyon : Blessings!

18:50:35 From Marie Paul she/her : Amen and thank you

18:50:38 From Ryan Tristin (he/him) : Thank you Allan and Mauricio for helping us connect

18:50:39 From Lorraine Ashdown : thank you Blair and everyone! Blessings to all..

18:50:56 From Brenda Timm, Peachland United : many thanks and blessings to all

18:51:13 From Jake Highfield (he/him) : just the cool kids are left