COLLIER STREET UNITED CHURCH

SPECIAL OFFICIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 21, 2017

Chair, Larry Murray, opened the meeting at 7:02 p.m., thanking Board members for taking time from their summer break to attend this special meeting. Rev. Hewitt Holmes opened with a reading and prayer from Voices United.

Present: Rev. Hewitt Holmes, Darcy Dolmage, Bev Stockdale, Robert Murdock, Larry Murray, Bev Pattenden, Jean Cooke, Brian Young, Dorothy Ramsay, John Boer, Christy Manuel & Donna Martin.

This Special Official Board Meeting was called to address the Final Report of the Research Committee on the reasons for people leaving Collier United Church in recent times.

Motion: Moved by Dorothy Ramsay, seconded by John Boer that the discussion be held in 'in camera' and the necessary information be shared in the minutes. **Carried**.

The Chair, read to members of the Board a Covenant by the United Church of Canada on *Holy Manners* in meetings of this nature. This was to ensure that members of the Board would provide space for openness, respect, silence and regard for others during the meeting.

The members were asked to share on the report "in camera".

It was decided that a draft of the research results (in context) be prepared by a team of 5, consisting of 3 members of the Board and 2 members of the Research Committee for the congregation's information. Once completed, the Board will approve the final presentation to the congregation of Collier Street United Church. A congregation meeting will be called on Sunday, September 17, 2017 to present the findings.

It was also agreed that following the congregational meeting, a full copy of the original research be available to any member in the Board Room for their viewing. ***This report will not be taken away from the Board Room***. Members of the Board will be available in the room.   **Carried**.

The circulated reports were given to the Secretary, Bev Pattenden for destruction.   The meeting was adjourned.

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Chair, Larry Murray   Secretary, Beverly Pattenden