

**Minutes for Toronto Southeast Presbytery ICIF
January 16, 2018 4:00 pm**

Present: John Joseph, Jennifer Palin, Chris Levan, Debra Schneider, Barbara White, Jeff Ince, Andrew Macpherson

Opening: Barbara White

Epiphany the light of hospitality - We are connected to the ground of all being

Previous Minutes: approved

Reports from Organizational Representatives

1. **Toronto Urban Native Ministries** – Jennifer Palin
 - Advent project at Don Mills UC raised over \$4000 and go ahead for development of a sweat lodge (portable)
2. **Interfaith Relations with Muslim Communities** – Jennifer Palin
 - Mawlid an-Nabi Success at the Metropolitan Sun Jan 14th
3. **Toronto Area Interfaith Council** – John Joseph Mastandrea
 - Logistics of the “langar” (food prepared by the Sikh community) meals
 - Make sure union employees still get a wage
4. **Greater Toronto Council of Christian Churches** – John Joseph Mastandrea
 - Important new dates: **April 1st** Sunrise service at Saint Luke’s UC
5. **Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto** –John Joseph

MOTION: Jennifer Palin / Debra Schneider that Barbara White to get funding for Christian Jewish dialogue of Toronto. The details of this motion include the development of a website to promote a film. The costs include pre-and post production of a 20-minute film that will include the stories of individuals who are struggling to navigate and survive in our current social support structure.

CARRIED.

6. **World Interfaith Pride Fair** – John Joseph Pride
 - 2018 June 24
 - 30th Anniversary of the United Church Declaration all people regardless of their Orientation will be considered for ordination.
 - Accepting donations from Churches
 - Cheque to Pride event is made to Metropolitan United Church
7. **North American Interfaith Network** – John Joseph
8. **Parliament of World Religions** - John Joseph
 - If have event at church can make it a pre-parliament event
 - i. Toronto Host for 2018 World Parliament of Religions November 1 to November 7 2018
 - ii. On-line tool kit from Scarborough World Missions is free (Andrew will order one for the March meeting)

Disbursements: (These amounts will be disbursed in 2018)

\$200	Toronto Interfaith Council
\$2500	Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto
\$1000	Toronto Urban Native Ministries-Education & Dialogue
\$150	Greater Toronto Area Council of Churches
\$750	Interfaith Relations with Muslim Communities (To Be Determined)
\$1050	Interfaith Pride Fair (30 th Anniversary of UCC 1988)
\$100	Interchurch Sunrise Service (pay to Metropolitan UC)
\$250	Emmanuel College Event (To Be Determined)
\$1000	Colorado School of Celtic Consciousness at Five Oaks Education and Retreat Centre (Scholarship)

MOTION: Barbara White / Chris Levan that these amounts be disbursed in 2018 to the listed organizations. The amounts allocated for Interfaith Relations with Muslim Communities, and the Emmanuel College Event will be disbursed if an event takes place for either.

CARRIED.

MOTION: Andrew Macpherson / Chris Levan that ICIF grant a scholarship of \$1000 to Debra Schneider in order that she can participate in the continuing education program related to the school of Celtic Consciousness.

CARRIED.

New Business:**Next Meeting:**

- March 20th 2018 at 4:00 pm – at Toronto Southeast Presbytery at 963 Pharmacy Avenue
- Opening - Debra Schneider
- Closing – Jennifer Palin