

**Executive Secretary Report from Jody Maltby
to Toronto Conference Executive
November 14, 2018**

As reported by email on October 11, 2018, it was the decision of President Audrey Brown and myself that the Executive will deal only with the business that is outstanding and will support a clean transition to the Regions. As such, the business before us includes:

- Approving the minutes of September meeting;
- Omnibus motion (this is needed to approve items related to Incorporated Ministries)
- A decision about the request of Toronto Southeast Presbytery regarding funds from the sale of Victoria Park UC (this was deferred from our September meeting as there were no representatives from TSE at that meeting).

We canvassed the Executive to determine whether to meet in-person or by video conference. The majority of those who responded expressed a preference to meet by video or no preference.

While not a factor in our decision, I note that we are following the example of the General Council Executive which also had its term extended to the end of December. The GCE has not met in person since before GC43.

Disposition of Assets of Victoria Park United Church

The Executive first considered this matter at meeting held by conference call on July 12, 2018.

On the advice of the Executive Secretary, the Executive considered items (a) and (b) as separate motions and made the following decisions:

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb/Sharon Aylsworth that the Executive of Toronto Conference approves the request from Victoria Park United Church for the disposition of approximately \$600,000 from the sale of the VPUC Property, as follows:

- a) Approximately \$600,000, being 20% of the estimated net sales price of the VPUC property (perhaps \$3 million) as an allocation to the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund, Policy 2017-001, held at Toronto United Church Council.

MOTION by Terry Davies/Angus MacLennan that the motion be amended to have Toronto Conference hold the funds until the end of October to allow discussion with the four presbyteries and the regional transition commissions.

MOTION TO AMEND CARRIED

MOTION AS AMENDED CARRIED

MOTION by Betty Lou McNabb/Sharon Aylsworth that the Executive of Toronto Conference approves the request from Victoria Park United Church for the disposition of \$34,000 from the sale of VPUC Property as follows:

- b) Distributions to various charities supported by VPUC in the past:
 - I. The Bluffs Food Bank \$15,000
 - II. Yorkwood Community Church \$15,000
 - III. Eastminster United Church \$ 4,000

MOTION

CARRIED

The Executive revisited the discussion at its meeting on September 12, 2018. The following was recorded in the minutes:

There was a full discussion about the request from Toronto Southeast Presbytery regarding \$600,000 from the sale of Victoria Park United Church. The Executive agreed to defer a decision to November so that representatives from Toronto Southeast can participate.

Background to the Request (previously provided for the July 12th meeting of Executive)

Toronto Southeast Presbytery has forwarded a Plan of Disposition of Assets by Victoria Park UC, which closed on June 30, 2018.

Under section G.1.5.7 of *The Manual*, if there is any remaining congregational property after a congregation disbands, it is up to the Conference, after consulting with the presbytery, to decide how to use that property for the benefit of the United Church. Toronto Southeast Presbytery has confirmed that they do not wish the property to be held for future ministry use.

According to the Property Policy of Toronto Conference (found at page 3-41 of the Policy Handbook), the Executive may consider

- Any proposed use made by the congregation and accepted by the presbytery for the mission of the congregation or the wider United Church; and
- requests from the presbytery based on the following:
 - a) A statement from the presbytery indicating how the granting of funds for a particular ministry falls within the mission strategy of the presbytery
 - b) A description of the process presbytery used to determine its support for the request
 - c) A description of the financial situation of the particular ministry including revenue, expenses, and all other sources of income related to the specific request.

A copy of the request from Toronto Southeast Presbytery and the Toronto Southeast Presbytery Major Capital Fund Policy is attached.