

**DIAKONIA OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA  
NATIONAL GATHERING REPORTS  
April 17-20, 2018  
Winnipeg**

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**DUCC Coordinating Committee**  
**Accountability Report to the 2018 DUCC Gathering**

Since the DUCC meeting in Chicago in July 2017, the Coordinating Committee has met five times: in September, October, November, January, and March. The highlights of the business before us during this time is as follows:

- Follow up from business at the 2017 Gathering
  - New information was sent out clarifying that membership fees for DUCC do not constitute professional fees .
  - Recruitment of members for the Advocacy Cluster. The Cluster has met once.
  - Efforts were made to find local contact people for each Regional Cluster. These are in place.
  - Concerning the need identified for strengthening GC relationships, a letter was written to Jenny Stephens and an invitation to the DUCC Gathering issued and accepted.
  - The CC was instructed to make a decision about how much to contribute to Diakaid from DUCC . Helen researched if it is possible for DUCC to contribute to Diakaid, and receive and forward donations from DUCC members. She reported that CRA does not allow it. We encourage DUCC members to send their donations directly to Diakaid and have asked DOTAC to find an easy way to make online donations.
- We confirmed that we will continue to give a membership in DUCC to new graduates of SSSC and CCS. The card secretary is coordinating sending out the information about it.
- We received reports from the local arrangements committee for the 2018 DUCC gathering and coordinated the business and budget allocation.
- We received reports from the DUCC staff person, Eric King; the rep to DOTAC, Ted Dodd; the Treasurer, Helen Reed; and the Communication Cluster through Lori Crocker.
- The communication Cluster reported the following arrangements for DUCC communication: Kathy Toivanen has assumed responsibility for compiling and sending regular DUCC e-mails. Caryn Douglas has finished her term as DUCC webminder and was thanked. Debra Kigar will continue to look after our membership list. She has created a historical list for those who have died so that our membership list remains current. Helen Reed will send membership reminders and will communicate with Debra as memberships are paid.

- After consultation it was realized that some budgeted honoraria were no longer serving the original intent and were therefore not needed, so it was decided to remove them from the budget.
- We decided to offer up to 5 members in MB or SK \$100 towards registration costs for the Anglican-Catholic deacons' conference in Regina. Lori Stewart expressed interest and will attend on behalf of DUCC.
- We have supported conversations about Remit 6 and Ecumenical Diakonia through the efforts of our staff person, Eric King. He has taken the lead on getting the Advocacy Cluster together to address a new Ontario policy on not issuing clergy licenses to DM's and has coordinated discussion about the World Council of Churches document on Ecumenical Diakonia.
- Now that Remit 6 has failed there are implications for candidacy which Eric is following up on
- A decision was made to subscribe to ZOOM for future meetings of the Coordinating Committee and for the use of other committees that meet remotely.

### **DUCC Communications Cluster Report**

**Membership:** Lori Crocker – Chair, Eric Tusz-King – DUCC Staff person, Kathy Toivanen – Mail Chimp Coordinator, Deb Kigar – Data Base Manager, Annika Sankster, Kent Gibbons, Lynda Gow, Laura Hunter, Martha Martin, David Hewitt

#### **Meetings:**

Since the DUCC National Gathering in Chicago in July 2017, the Communications Cluster has met five times by conference call.

#### **Data Base:**

Deb Kigar manages the data base and consults with Helen Reed, Treasurer, with regard to those who are paid members and new members. Currently there are 90 paid members of DUCC and 300 in the data base.

250 people subscribe to the Mail Chimp communication.

The data base is well-backed up and is adjusted regularly as needed with updates to those on the list.

Deceased members are taken off the active list and are moved to another spreadsheet.

Contact information for individuals in various regional DUCC groups is provided upon request.

Thank you to Deb Kigar for her work in overhauling, updating and maintaining the data base.

#### **Mail Chimp and the DUCC Website:**

Caryn Douglas was the webminder of the DUCC website and coordinated the Mail Chimp communications for many years and stepped away from these vital contributions in the fall of 2017. Heartfelt thanks to Caryn for keeping the DUCC community faithfully informed for so many years!

Kathy Toivanen took over the role as coordinator of Mail Chimp and in her new role has sent out seven emails. Emails have been more frequent in part to include reminders about the national gathering in Winnipeg and because the DUCC website is currently without a webminder. Once the webminder position has been filled, it is anticipated that Mail Chimp Communications will be quarterly.

Thank you to Vicki McPhee who, in the interim, has updated important information on the website. The Communications Cluster hopes to have a new webminder in place at the conclusion of the National Gathering.

The Cluster discussed the issue of honoraria for the webminder and Mail Chimp positions and agreed that with current technologies that both positions could be fulfilled voluntarily.

Requests to communicate DUCC news or areas of concern related to DUCC should be sent to either the chair of the Communications Cluster or to the coordinators of the specific communication platforms. If required, there may be further consultation with the Coordinating Cluster prior to posting an item of communication.

**Cards:**

The DUCC Card Secretary is Kay Dean ([kaydean@eastlink.ca](mailto:kaydean@eastlink.ca)). Over the past year she has sent out about a dozen cards in the event of a death or illness and four cards to congratulate CCS grads. The requests for these to be sent have come from Lori Stewart, Caryn Douglas or Ted Dodd. To date she has not received any requests via the link on the website and wonders if it is working or if people haven't accessed it. Kay is also willing to send cards to celebrate anniversaries, retirements and other special occasions.

The Communication Cluster seeks to keep the DUCC community informed and aware and welcomes your input to foster and strengthen the lines of communication.

**Regional DUCC Cluster Reports  
2017-2018**

**Saskatchewan DUCC Report 2017—Jen Dresser**

We met by ZOOM three times in the fall for check-in and conversation. We spent some time talking about the One Order Remit. Gatherings ranged from 3-7 participants.

### **London Conference—Kathy Douglas**

There is no change in London Conference status. We have met twice for social and discussion.

### **Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario—Joan Jarvis**

Last May, our MNWO diaconal community met in Portage la Prairie for a meal and conversation prior to the start of our Conference Annual Meeting. It was wonderful to share together in a delicious Syrian meal prepared by a Refugee family that local church and community people had sponsored. We honoured Josh Ward on his commissioning and recognized and celebrated the retirements of Allison Halstead, Beth McLean, Heather Robbins, and Marg Scott. Small gifts were presented on behalf of the community. At a later time we acknowledged the retirement of Maylanne Maybee, CCS Principal, who also received a gift.

Monthly gatherings continue thanks to the generous hospitality of Ted Dodd. We recognize that this is only possible for folk who live in the Winnipeg area; however, the invitation is open to all who might be in Winnipeg on the 26<sup>th</sup> of the month which is when we usually gather. This is one way of recognizing that the 26<sup>th</sup> is the World Diakonia's designated day of prayer. We gather at noon for a wonderful meal prepared by Ted and augmented by contributions from others. Donations for lunch go to support the Centre for Christian Studies Leadership Fund.

Following the meal, we join together in a circle where we reflect on the question for the day...some of our themes were...

- Who is one of your diaconal mentors in ministry?
- What is one image of diakonia that is important to you?
- What are your stories of resilience?
- What does diaconal community mean to you?
- Where have you experienced the sacred?
- What or who gives you hope?
- What have been your experiences of fear and courage?
- Where have you experienced kindness?

This time of sharing experiences through story-telling reveals great wisdom, deep insight and often, tears and laughter. All who gather find this time to be very meaningful and profound! Ten people from MNWO attended the DIAKONIA World Federation which was held at Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois from June 28-July 5. Upon their return, our DUCC community appreciated hearing insights and experiences from those who attended at one of our monthly luncheons.

We are pleased that Ted Dodd has taken on the commitment of representing DUCC on the Central Committee of DOTAC and that he was elected to represent DOTAC, along with the President of DOTAC on the Executive Committee of the World DIAKONIA.

MNWO DUCCs agreed to host the national gathering April 17-20, 2018 in Winnipeg. Ken DeLisle and Ted Dodd are the Co-Chairs for the Planning Team and 28 people have taken on

various tasks. The theme we chose for this event is “courageous risking”. We have enjoyed the opportunity to work together and have established smaller teams to work on Program and Theme, Registration, Worship, Music, Transportation, Social/Entertainment, Facilitation & Announcements, and Community Building. It is great to have so many people volunteer to be part of organizing this event. We are excited to host and look forward to welcoming diaconal folk from across the country in April!

### **Montreal and Ottawa DUCC Cluster—Dorothy Naylor**

In their respective presbyteries M and O DUCCs

- offered leadership (and passion) in workshops and discussions related to Remit 6.
- met for a potluck supper prior to attending the CCS annual meeting via ZOOM.
- agreed to handle Local Arrangements for the national gathering in 2020.

Lisa Byer De-Wever. A CCS student, Lisa is in Praxis years completing her external courses; she also serves in community ministry at Saint Columba House in Montreal. Among her other involvements, she is co-chair of the Presbytery Right Relations Committee and is part of the Origins Project which engages youth from First Nations, Muslim, Jewish and UCC communities.

Terri Chedore. “As a diaconal artist and Licensed Lay Worship Leader I create artwork to enhance and animate scripture during worship leadership. I also provide paint workshops with hospital clients, and for church fundraisers.

Catherine Gutjahr. “After moving to Ottawa in 2016 I was called to team ministry as a Christian Development minister at Emmanuel Church where I enjoy leading faith study groups for all ages. I am currently accompanying the congregation in their visioning process.”

Alyson Huntley. “I am still working at the United Theological College, continuing to enjoy my work in ministry formation, particularly with students in the ordained stream. I had a sabbatical in 2017 which included time at Iona Abbey, a French refresher course in Quebec City, and a chance to catch up on reading, life, art and play.”

Patricia Lisson. Retired from Saint Columba House in Montreal in September 2017, Patricia continues many of her commitments, some of which are: Emerging Church - involving Montreal Presbytery, EDGE, and Saint Columba House; monitoring Canadian mining practices through the Beaconsfield Initiative. She also enjoys spending time with family in various parts of the country – including a new grandson.

Jan Lougheed. Jan, retired since 2014 writes: “I am enjoying life in retirement – carpentry, cooking, travelling and worshipping in a rural congregation with children, grandchildren, my husband Peter and his parents.”

Lorrie Lowes. "I hope to complete the CCS program in 2020. Meanwhile I am part of a team at Bells Corners UC. My ministry includes Christian Education and Pastoral Care. My work in CE includes writing a curriculum. In May, with the presbytery youth minister, I will be leading a young adult exposure trip to Zambia."

Sally Meyer. Sally's husband Jim Colley died in March after a lengthy illness. Sally has been in ministry with Lacolle-Clarenceville in Quebec. She sends her warm regards to all at the DUCC gathering.

Dorothy Naylor. "I am now without formal responsibilities and enjoying more time for reading and other learning opportunities; the Welcoming ministry at First United Church; exploration of the Enneagram for myself and with others. And something new – assisting a Syrian newcomer with English."

Janet Nield. Janet is in part-time ministry with two rural congregations – Navan and Vars, south of Ottawa. Other aspects of her ministry include a significant link with the neighbouring Anglican parish, and work with an Inter-Church refugee committee. Janet has just returned from Palestine, having been there with a group from the United Church of Christ.

Sue Taylor. We were happy to hear that Sue was named Companion of the Centre this year. After almost 30 years of social ministry in Ottawa, she has moved to an Abbeyfield seniors' community in Caledon East, north of Toronto. She continues to live out her diaconal ministry as she volunteers at a nearby hospice.

#### **Maritime Cluster -- Lori Crocker**

Some of us connect through the regular Conference Call meetings of the DUCC Communications Cluster which has a number of members from Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

We have a pattern of holding two in person meetings per year. One is a breakfast meeting held at the Annual Meeting of Maritime Conference usually in the latter part of May. At that meeting we share stories and news and take time to recognize important milestones such as new or graduating students, folks changing positions or retiring etc.

Each summer we try for a cottage meeting mostly for fun. In July of 2017 we shared a lovely day at the cottage of Eric Tusz – King, located near Springhill NS. Present were Dorothy Naylor ( who summers at the family cottage in Pugwash ), Lori Crocker, David Hewitt, Laura Hunter, Kent Gibbons and Eric Tusz. King.

As we work to clarify the regional networks of DUCC we are proposing that we look at creating an Atlantic Region which would combine the Maritime and Newfoundland and Labrador Conferences. The intent is to have periodic regional social calls to connect everyone.

At present the following are part of the Maritime Region. Those with an asterisk are active on the Communications Cluster.

Diaconal folks in the Maritime Region.

Barbara Copp, Nan Corrigan , \*Lori Crocker, \*Kay Dean, \*Kent Gibbons, Gail Golding, \*Lynda Gow, Ellen Flemming, \*David Hewitt, Lorna Huestis, \*Laura Hunter, Emily Kierstead, Sue King Darby, Jessie MacLeod, John McGonigle, Marlene Myles, \*Martha Martin, \*Annika Sangster, Carol Stephenson-Seller, \*Eric Tusz-King, Carolyn Wilson Wynne

### **British Columbia Cluster – Linda Ervin**

It has been difficult to connect with BC folks, due to geography. Diaconal folk did gather at the February Presbytery meeting to connect and get to know those new to the Presbytery. The group included Ian McLean, John Helps, Liz Bowyer, Sharilynn Upsdell, and Linda Ervin.

## **Barb Elliott Fund for Innovative Ministries April 2018 Report to DUCC**

### **2018 Grant Request**

#### **“Respecting Covenant: Risking the Journey of Reconciliation” Building Right Relationship at the 2019 DOTAC Conference, Vancouver, BC**

The DOTAC 2019 Theme and Program Planning Team is comprised of representatives of Canadian diaconal communities and is accountable to the DOTAC Central Committee. Members are: Wally Eamer, Association of Anglican Deacons in Canada; Sister Jean Widmeyer, Diaconess Community of the Evangelical Lutheran Church; Christine Ball, Order of Diaconal Ministries, Presbyterian Church in Canada; Caryn Douglas, Diakonia of the United Church of Canada; and Ted Dodd, DUCC representative to DOTAC Central Committee. Submitting Group: Diakonia of the Americas and the Caribbean (DOTAC) 2019 Planning Team Contact: Ted Dodd, 162 West Gate, Winnipeg, MB R3C 2E1 [teddodd@live.ca](mailto:teddodd@live.ca) 204.489.7619

### **2017 Grants Made**

**1. La Présence – Qi**, a project of the United Theological College in Montreal This project is UTC’s living laboratory in emerging ministry which continues into its second year, with generous support from the United Church Foundation, the Erskine and American Fund, and the Barbara Elliot Fund for Innovative Ministry. Amid the diversity of languages, religions, and cultures of the Griffintown neighbourhood, La Présence makes connections, talks about faith and spirituality, and offers spiritual practices, such as meditation, listening, labyrinth walks, and community meals. We have an upcoming workshop on dialogue between different religious perspectives and traditions, and are in the process of creating community listening circles. La Présence continues to be a place for theology students to learn skills for



transformational ministry and for the church to gain knowledge and expertise in creating new ministries.

**2. West Broadway Winnipeg** No summary or Report available at this time.

## **2016 Grant Reports**

### **1. Bill's Community Bike Shop *An inventive approach to youth empowerment at St. Columba House in Montreal***

The bicycle has become a ubiquitous mode of transport in Montréal. With the explosion in the number of bike lanes and dedicated paths, and the introduction of the Bixi bike rental system, more and more Montrealers are joining the trend and enjoying the environmentally friendly mobility that comes from cycling.

But if you live in vulnerable circumstances, and can't afford to purchase or even simply to fix your bicycle, you come to Bill's Community Bike Shop. Saint Columba House, a Pointe-St-Charles institution for a century, has been operating Bill's Community Bike Shop for several years.

### **2. Reconciling Peterborough's Soul at Bedford House % Shining Waters Presbytery, led by Lynn & Allan Smith-Reeve**

This project was designed to contribute to reconciliation between Indigenous and settler people in the Peterborough area. There were a number of actions taken and learnings from them.

- The Working Group experienced multiple stress factors, including: Increased demand on time of key Indigenous leader. Learning : Our dependence on Indigenous leaders to educate Christians was unrealistic. Multiple Indigenous voices tell us to do "our work" of education on Treaties and History of Settler exploitations.
- Bedford House Teams were created to deliver "The Blanket Exercise" and "Circle in a Box" which are participatory popular education models of telling history from Indigenous perspective(s) Learning: Imbalance of need: we need Indigenous teachers because it is their history to tell. Otherwise we are continuing to tell "our versions" of history.
- No direct media attention so we used a sponsorship strategy for 2 annual events, the Beats & Braids festival and the Reframe Film Festival. Big lesson learned – we should hold off on big media presence, and let Indigenous partners take the lead.
- 2 presentations to Presbytery (regional United Churches) reached 18 congregations, 254 participants, 2 other presentations. Many participants expressed interest in further education. Learning: Where participants engage, there is great enthusiasm for more.

## **2017 Q1-Q4 Activity**

This report covers the time period of January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.

<b>Summary: Opening Balance</b>		<b>\$ 165,895.53</b>
<b>Revenues</b>	<i>Donations</i>	\$ 350.00
<i>Realized Income (gain/loss)</i>		\$ 0.00
<i>Income Distribution</i>		\$ 0.00
<i>Unrealized Income (gain/loss)</i>		\$ 14,877.71
<b>Revenue Total</b>		<b>\$ 15,227.71</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	<i>Grants</i>	\$ 15,000.00
<i>Administrative Fees</i>		\$ 2,388.34
<b>Expense Total</b>		<b>\$ 17,388.34</b>
<b>Closing Balance</b>		<b>\$ 163,734.90</b>

### **DIAKONIA of the Americas and the Caribbean (DOTAC)**

At the National Gathering in 2015 at Crieff Hills, I was selected to represent DUCC on the Central Committee of DIAKONIA of the Americas and the Caribbean (DOTAC). I would be following Sharilynn Upsdell who would be completing her term at the World DIAKONIA Assembly in Chicago summer of 2017. Thank you to Sharilynn for faithfully fulfilling this role for DUCC for eight years. Her work on international symbols of diaconia, especially in the community pins, provides exceptional background and history for our diaconal movement.

In November of 2016, I went to Dumas Bay outside of Washington to shadow Sharilynn. At that meeting I was introduced to the workings of the Central Committee and their twelve member communities:

- Association of Anglican Deacons in Canada
- Association for Episcopal Deacons
- The Deaconess Community ELCA
- Diaconal Ministers of the ELCA
- Lutheran Deaconess Association/Lutheran Deaconess Conference/Conference of Lutheran Deacons
- Igreja Evangélica de Confissão Luterana no Brasil
- Diaconal Ministers –Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada
- The Order of Deaconesses and Home Missioners-- United Methodist Church
- United Methodist Deacons and Diaconal Ministers
- Wesley Diaconal Community -- Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas

- Presbyterian Church in Canada – Order of Diaconal Ministry

Each of the organizations embodies a unique culture and expression of diakonia. Deaconesses, deacons, diaconal ministers, and home missionaries are included within the ranks of these communities. Many of these communities are undergoing structural and spiritual changes. Denominationally, three of the communities are rooted in Methodism, two Anglicanism, five Lutheranism, one Presbyterianism, and then there is our hybrid ecclesial lineage in The United Church of Canada. Six of the communities are largely from the United States (but have individuals working in other areas of the world); four claim Canadian roots; one hails from Brazil and one organization represents the many islands of the Caribbean.

A large part of the work involves planning the international gatherings that occur every four years. The next DOTAC Conference will occur August 14-20, 2019 at the University of British Columbia campus in Vancouver. Plans are afoot to explore the theme, “Respecting Covenant, Risking the Journey of Reconciliation.” Speakers, workshops and site visits will examine the theme and theology through the lens of indigenous voices, creation and eco-theological concerns, and the eyes of global migration.

I was elected to serve as second representative (with the President) to the Executive Committee of the World DIAKONIA. My first meeting of this organization was a brief orientation at the end of the World Assembly in Chicago in July 2017. I will be attending my first full meeting of the Executive Committee at the end of June 2018 in Berlin. Stay tuned for details about the next World Assembly in 2021 in Darwin, Australia.

I think it is important that we keep up these opportunities for international and ecumenical diaconal connection. However, I hope we will also remember that we don’t just gather for the sake of gathering. We meet to remember hope and build strength. We will always have work to do -- advocating for diakonia in the church and in the world. In our ecclesial institutions, the vision of prophetic witness can get marginalized and side-tracked. In a world of brokenness and sorrow, we are tempted to look away and busy ourselves with distractions. Our assemblies enable us to grapple with our diaconal mission and embolden us to share the dream of a better world with the whole church.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ted Dodd

### **DUCC Year End Financial Statement for 2017**

2017 Year End Financial Statements	2017 Income Statement	Dec 31 2017 Bank balances
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<b>Bank balance forward</b> Chequing Account		+16,373.14
<b>Income</b>		
Membership 2017	11,383.34	
Donations	1,992.30	
Registration – National Gathering 2017	6,796.04	
Misc. Income: DUCC Pins	668.00	
<b>Total 2017 Income (year-to-date)</b>	<b>20,839.68</b>	20,839.68
<i>Membership 2018</i>		275.00**
<i>Registration – National Gathering 2018</i>		2,355.00**
<b>Total Income received in 2017</b>		<b>+23,469.68</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Administration (Misc)	35.70	
Clusters:		
Coordinating (Misc)	107.98	
Webminder Honorarium	600.00	
Regional Groups	125.50	
DUCC Liaison to UCC (Staff)	2,500.00	
National Gathering (Chicago 2017)	6,120.34	
Diaconal Connections:		
DUCC DOTAC rep	175.34	
World registration + travel (DOTAC Reps)	2,000.00	
DOTAC (Coffee Sponsorship)	677.70	
Travel Pool to Chicago	519.50	
DOVE	500.00	
Financial Expenses:		
Treasurer Honorarium	600.00	
Bank Charges + new cheques	351.00	
Institutional Membership (Misc)	200.00	
DUCC Pins (in/out) (Misc)	571.20	
Marketing (Banners & DUCC Bags) (Misc)	125.72	
<b>Total 2017 Expenses</b>	<b>15,209.98</b>	<b>-15,209.98</b>
Total 2017 Surplus/Deficit	+5,629.70	
<b>Bank Balance Chequing December 31, 2017</b>		<b>+24,632.84</b>
<b>Savings Account Jan 1, 2017</b>		10,000.00
Interest earned		57.22
<b>Balance: Dec 31, 2017</b>		<b>10,057.22</b>
<b>G.I.C. Jan 1, 2017 (Due January 13, 2018)</b>		10,000.00
Interest earned		220.49

<b>Balance : Dec 31, 2017</b>		<b>10,220.49</b>
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Treasurer: Helen Reed

### Financial Statements: March 31, 2018

Income Statement: Reconciled online with Bank Statement

	Actual 2018 March 31, 2018	2018 Budget	Notes
<b>Income</b>			
Membership 2018	2,795.78	9,000.00	
Donations	657.30	900.00	
Registration – National Gathering 2018	30,335.00	*25,000.00	To be in/out
Travel Pool- National Gathering (In/out)	4,000.00		
DUCC Pin (in/out)	57.00		
Misc. Income Grant to support DOTAC	5,000.00		Received from the Barbara Elliott Trust Fund.
<b>Total 2018 Income (year-to-date)</b>	<b>42,845.08</b>	<b>34,900.00</b>	
<b>Expenses</b>			
Administration (Misc)	236.90	400.00	<sup>a</sup> Postage & stationery \$191.25 <sup>b</sup> File Boxes 45.65
Clusters:			
Coordinating (Misc)		300.00	
Advocacy		200.00	
Membership		200.00	
Communications Cluster		125.00	
Website domain fee	187.11	200.00	
Software update		100.00	
Webminder Honorarium		600.00	
Newsletter editor honorarium			
Regional Groups		400.00	
DUCC Liaison to UCC (Staff)	600.00	2,500.00	
National Gathering (Winnipeg 2018)	805.80	*25,000.00 <sup>d</sup> 2,000.00	To be in/out
Diaconal Connections:			
DUCC DOTAC rep		1,500.00	
DOTAC conf registration + travel			

DOVE		500.00	
Financial Expenses:			
Financial Review		600.00	
Treasurer Honorarium		600.00	
Bank Charges + new cheques	<sup>c</sup> 154.00	200.00	
Institutional Membership (Misc)			
DUCC Pins (in/out) (Misc)			
<b>Total 2018 Expenses</b>	<b>1,983.81</b>	<b>33,425.00</b>	
Total 2018 Surplus/Deficit	+\$40,861.27	-\$1,425.00	

### March 31, 2018

#### Addition to budget:

At the March 8 Coordinating Committee Meeting, it was decided to add \$2,000.00 to the Budget to support the National Gathering in April. This change is reflected in the March Financial Statement and 2018 Budget.

### April 6, 2018

Bank Balances: Actual balances from Bank Account.

Chequing: \$66,713.11

Savings: \$10,203.88

GIC: \$10,227.19

Total funds: \$87,144.18

### April 6, 2018 – Treasurer notes

#### Notes:

#### DUCC Winnipeg 2018:

#### Registration and Travel Pool:

As of April 6, we had 82 registrations for the National Gathering. Two registrants are non-paying guests.

#### Administration:

<sup>a</sup>Postage and Stationery were costs for sending out 2017 Tax receipts.

<sup>b</sup>Replace the file boxes for the Treasurer.

#### Financial Expenses:

<sup>c</sup>Bank Charges are more than budgeted for. Usually they are about \$6.50 Banking + \$25.00 PAR. We are on a bank plan that gives us a certain number of free transactions. With the registrations for the Spring Gathering, we have exceeded that.

**National Gathering:**

<sup>d</sup>In March the Coordinating Committee agreed to support the National Gathering with an additional \$2,000.00 to cover unforeseen costs.

**Membership: March 31, 2018 62 members**

52 members supporting us through PAR (Annual: \$7,533.12 membership, 1,279.20 Donations)

10 members have paid their 2018 membership with Cheques/E transfer

*At December 31, 2017 we had 91 memberships with 48 memberships paid through PAR*

**Financial Accountability.**

The Chair of the Coordinating committee receives a reconciliation sheet with a copy of the bank statements each month.

We have not had a financial review of the accounts for 2016/2017.

I propose to bring the ledger to the National Gathering in April 2018. We will request that two members of DUCC review the finances.

**DUCC Staff Report****General Comments:**

- 1) DUCC continues to be a vibrant and healthy organization, with which I am pleased to be working.
- 2) DUCC's challenges relate to two areas:
  - a) Lack of understanding and clarity of diakonia and the diaconate
  - b) Changing United Church context and a structure which is preoccupied with issues that will impact diakonia and Diaconal Ministers, but it is not involving DUCC in the discussions and formulation of what is being developed.
- 3) Our biggest opportunity relates to the both of the above:
  - a) There are new opportunities in the United Church to rearticulate DUCC's understanding of diakonia and the diaconate, and during this period it is critical to identify places and opportunities to have DUCC's voice in the new structure.

**Involvement since the National Gathering in Chicago of 2017:**

- 1) Clarifying the roles and orienting volunteers related to communications. Assisting Communications Committee in coordinating this work with:
  - a) *Webminder* – Need a volunteer
  - b) *MailChimp* - (Kathy Toivanen) emails to all DUCC members and people interested in following DUCC's activities
  - c) *Database* – (Debra Kigar) maintains Excel file of DUCC members and potential members. This list can be used to send selected groups of DUCC members.

- d) *Card Secretary* – (Kay Dean) sends cards and emails to mark significant events
- 2) Monitoring GC (office staff and GC Executive) to identify issues or areas of interest to DUCC
  - a) Responded to notices looking for volunteers or staff vacancies excluding DM applicants
  - b) Collaborated with GCO Global Partnership staff on WCC/ACT document “Ecumenical Diakonia” to offer a webinar and then prepare a UCC response to the document involving DUCC, CCS and GCO staff
  - c) Developed a DUCC response to Ontario government’s change which makes DMs ineligible for receiving licence to perform weddings.
    - i) This also entailed reforming the Advocacy Cluster
- 3) Regular activities include:
  - a) Attending and reporting to the Coordinating Cluster and working with chair, Vicki McPhee to prepare for and follow-up from Coordinating Cluster meetings
  - b) Participating in the Communications Cluster meetings
  - c) Liaison with GC staff
  - d) Responding to emails from DUCC members for information or requesting action
  - e) Assisting in the communication between various parts of DUCC and Planning Committee for the National Gathering

Together in ministry,  
Eric Tusz-King



## Diaconal Ministers Serving in General Council Roles - June 2017

Committee Name	Constituent Name	Role	Conference	Start Date	End Date	Comments
Anglican Church-United Church Dialogue	Russell Mitchell-Walker	Diaconal	Sask	11/30/2016	12/15/2019	1st Term
Boundaries Commission	Mark Laird	Diaconal	Ham	9/30/2017	7/15/2018	
Conference Presidents-Elect and Leading Elders	Deborah Laforet	Diaconal	Ham	6/1/2017	6/1/2018	
Executive of the General Council	Brenda Curtis	Diaconal	Sask	10/21/2015	12/31/2018	Conference Representative
	David W. Hewitt	Diaconal	Mar	1/1/2011	1/1/2050	CES
	Debra Kigar	Diaconal	Ham	1/6/2016	12/31/2018	Chair - PC MEPS
	Jody Maltby	Diaconal	Tor	1/8/2017	1/1/2050	CES
	Kenneth E. DeLisle	Diaconal	MNWO	8/15/2015	7/15/2021	Conference Representative
General Council 42	Carey Wagner	Diaconal	Lon	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	Lon - MP
	Catherine Gutjahr	Diaconal	Tor	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	Tor - MP
	Gail Clarkson	Diaconal	Ham	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	Ham - MP
	Heather Sandilands	Diaconal	MNWO	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	MNWO - MP
	Keith Simmonds	Diaconal	BC	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	BC - MP
	Kenneth E. DeLisle	Diaconal	MNWO	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	MNWO - GCE
	Kim Horwood	Diaconal	BC	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	BC - MP
	Laura Fohse	Diaconal	Sask	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	Sask - GCE
	Mark Green	Diaconal	BC	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	BC - MP
	Russell Mitchell-Walker	Diaconal	Sask	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	Sask - MP
Vicki McPhee	Diaconal	ANW	8/8/2015	8/15/2018	ANW - MP	
KAIROS: Movement Building	Kenneth E. DeLisle	Diaconal	MNWO	1/1/1753	7/15/2018	PMM representative
Mission & Service Advisory Committee	Jennifer L. Dresser	Diaconal	Sask	11/30/2016	12/15/2019	
Nominations Committee	Brenda Curtis	Diaconal	Sask	10/21/2015	7/15/2018	1st term
Observer - UCC Representatives	Keith Simmonds	Diaconal	BC	5/4/2016	7/15/2018	
PC-Ministry&Employment Policies&Services	Debra Kigar	Diaconal	Ham	8/18/2012	12/31/2018	2nd term
PC-Programs for Mission and Ministry	Kenneth E. DeLisle	Diaconal	MNWO	8/18/2015	12/31/2018	GCE cascade
Roman Catholic-United Church Dialogue	Maxine McVey	Diaconal	Mtu	6/15/2017	6/15/2020	
Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee	Martha E. Martin	Diaconal	Mar	8/18/2012	7/15/2018	

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## **Nominating Report**

We are pleased to report that with the exception of a couple of key positions, we have many good people in place to be about the work of our organization.

Here is the scoop so far re: the people who will be serving throughout the next two year period from National Gathering 2018 to National Gathering 2020.

### **Coordinating Committee**

**Chair :** Vicki MacPhee

**Secretary :** vacant

**Treasurer:** Helen Reid

**Staff :** Eric Tusz-King

**DUCC Representative to DOTAC** Ted Dodd

**Communications/Membership Liason** Lori Crocker.

**Member at Large** Marlene Britton –Walfall

### **Communications/Membership Committee**

**Chair** Lori Crocker

**Secretary:** Kathy Toivanen.

**Database:** Deb Kigar

**Mail chimp:** Kathy Toivanen

**Web Minder:** vacant

**Staff Liason:** Eric Tusz- King

**Card Secretary:** Kay Dean

Deb Lafloret

David Hewitt

Laura Hunter

Kent Gibbons

Annika Sangster

Martha Martin

### **Advocacy Committee** (just getting regrouped)

Michelle Owens

Carolynne Bouey Shank

Ann Naylor

Catherine Gutjahr

Keith Simmonds

Staff Liason Eric Tusz-King

(with the possibility of others to be added as the work gets underway)

### **National Gathering 2020 Local Arrangements**

Dorothy Naylor and friends with the intention of the National Gathering being planned for the spring of 2018 (post Easter)

## **National Gathering 2020 Theme and Worship**

TBA

### **Barb Elliot Trust Fund**

Nan Corrigan

Susan Butler- Jones

Denise Davis Taylor

### **Kaufman Fund**

Lynda Appleby

Judy Astley

Ellen Bayton- Walker

### **Retiring from Committees and Positions:**

**Secretary of the Coordinating Committee - Lori Stewart** - A big thank you goes out to Lori for her dedicated service and patience , keeping all our minutes together, doing correspondence , setting up Conference Calls, coping with computer glitches, and trying to shift through spirited conversations while capturing our decisions clearly and concisely for the minutes.

**Webminder and Mail Chimp - Caryn Douglas** – Once again we say thank you to Caryn for all her dedicated work over many years on the databases, on the website, sending out Mail chimp, and being our resident historian, helping us keep track of our memorials that we may honor those who go before us in worship during our National Gatherings. Especially we thank Caryn for filling in even after she had let us know she did not wish to continue. When things needed to be done in the transition time she attended to the tasks and nudged the appropriate people or committee. Her expertise has been and will continue to be a real gift to us.

### **Positions still needing to be filled at this 2018 Gathering**

*These are three key needs that we have at this time, so please folks give this prayerful thought as you prepare to come to Winnipeg.*

- Coordinating Committee Secretary
- Website Minder
- Theme and Worship people for the 2020 National Gathering