

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH EXECUTIVE
CONFERENCE: LONDON
LOCATION: LONDESBOROUGH UNITED CHURCH, LONDESBOROUGH**

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March 8, 2016**

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: A quorum being present, Gary Clark Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery, declared the March 8, 2016 Executive meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:38 am by stating; "In the name of Jesus Christ the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as the chair of Huron Perth Presbytery, I now declare this executive meeting constituted, for worship, fellowship and the transaction of such business as may properly come before us this day"

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairperson Gary Clark opened the meeting by lighting the Christ Candle and asking for a moment of silent prayer to feel God's presents among us as we do the work before us.

IN ATTENDANCE: Gary Clark, Mary Stewart, Mary McIntosh, Ken Hunking, Brent Caslick, Avaline Wandel, Betty Graber Watson, Terry Fletcher, Kevin Steeper, Margaret Bakker

Regrets: Kate Ballagh-Steeper,

Absent: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF February 9, 2016.**

Motion: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meetings of February 9, 2016.

Carried.

REPORTS:

LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking
- No report

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Mary McIntosh

- Thames Road-Elmville will be holding a congregational meeting on March 20 to discuss remaining a learning sight and calling a half time minister
- Villages United (in Middlesex Presbytery) part of the Group of Seven Churches, have hired 2 student ministers part time to assist with Pastoral visiting
- the Ministry Position Description form for Egmondville United has been received. All the forms have been received and a vacancy has been declared.
- Stephen Hildebrand has resigned as minister at Egmondville United but would like to continue to work in ministry as pulpit supply and would like to retain his sacrament licence for baptism and communion. Executive will send a letter supporting his request to London Conference.

Motion: Moved by Mary McIntosh and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Stephen Hildebrand be made a member at large to Huron Perth Presbytery. **Carried.**

- Calvary United, Dashwood are looking into working with neighbouring churches

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- Zion United, Crediton has completed the paper work to declare vacancies for a Minister of Governance and Sacraments and a Congregational Designated Minister. The duties of Minister of Governance and Sacraments are to: guide Congregation Designated minister, oversee governance of congregational meetings and all committees, and perform sacraments, weddings and funerals as well as pastoral care. The duties of the Congregational Designated Minister will be to lead worship, consult Minister of Governance and Sacraments and to minister to the Crediton community for growth.

Motion: Moved by Mary McIntosh and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron Perth Presbytery, having received all necessary documentation, approve a vacancy for 1/12 time, for Minister of Governance and Sacraments at Zion United Church, Crediton effective March 8, 2016.

Carried.

Motion: Moved by Mary McIntosh and seconded by Mary Stewart that Huron Perth Presbytery, having received all necessary documentation, approve a vacancy for part time position of Congregational Designated Minister at Zion United Church, Crediton effective March 8, 2016.

Carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- Trustees of Duff's United, Walton received a letter from Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa explaining the responsibilities of trustees when a congregation/church closes. The zoning change has been completed at Duff's United, Walton and the sale should proceed.

1. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Betty Graber Watson that Huron Perth Presbytery agree to share 25% wages, housing and benefits of Kathy Douglas, Huron Perth Presbytery Youth Minister, with Clinton United Church for the period March 1, 2016 to February 27, 2017 and authorize Margaret Bakker, secretary of Huron Perth Presbytery to sign the formal agreement between Clinton United and Huron Perth Presbytery. Huron Perth Presbytery treasurer to supply monthly invoice.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Ken Hunking to formally acknowledge that Huron Perth Presbytery participate in the new Restorative Care Plan (RCP) to Presbytery employers starting July 1, 2016 and authorize Margaret Bakker, secretary of Huron Perth Presbytery, to sign the participation agreement.

Carried.

- the committee will host a Trustee's workshop on April 9 at Brucefield United Church

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: - Terry Fletcher

- No report

DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP: Kate Ballagh-Steeper

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EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE: Mary Stewart

1. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Trish McGregor be approved as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from February 27, 2016 until August 31, 2016 and added to the Huron-Perth Presbytery Pulpit Supply List.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Mary Stewart and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Barb Hicks be approved as a Licensed Lay Worship Leader from September 1, 2015 until August 31, 2016.

Carried.

ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- No report

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Avaline Wandel

- the Annual Gathering-Spring Fling will be April 4, with snowdate April 10, at Londesborough United Church. Special music by Barb Bosman and guest speaker Bev Hagedorn of Stratford/Perth Shelterlink.

- 54th Annual Gathering of London Conference United Church Women will be April 14 at Sprucedale United Church, Chatham. The theme will be "It Only Takes a Spark"

- Westminster Weekend, is April 29-May 1 at Best Western Stoneridge Inn, London, Theme Speaker will be Rev. Paul Ross, Worship Leader will be Rev. Harry Disher

-Camp Day will be on June 6 at Camp Bimini.

- Fall Executive meeting will be at Avondale United Church, Stratford on September 19

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Kevin Steeper

- plan to host a workshop to share information on sponsoring a Refugee Family at the April 26 Presbytery meeting

- a refugee family from Sudan have arrived in Goderich

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Co-Chair Betty Graber Watson

- no report

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Gary Clark

- covenanting services have been tentatively set for:

- Sunday May 1 at 3pm for Rev. Laurie O'Leary and Exeter United Church

- Wednesday May 4 at 7pm for Rev. Randy Banks and Brucefield United Church

OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

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ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Betty Graber Watson seconded by Terry Fletcher to adjourn was made at 11:33 am.

Gary Clark, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative date and place for next executive meeting:
April 12 at Londesborough United Church