

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

**PG 2015 –
October 13, 2015**

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: A quorum being present, Gary Clark, Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery, declared the September 8, 2015 Executive meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:36 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”

The Christ Candle was lit to remind us that safety should never be taken for granted and that we are very fortunate to live in a safe country.

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

Regrets: Bob Kellington, Brent Caslick, Flo Cartwright,

Absent: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairperson Gary Clark led devotions by reading a devotion from The Four Agreements entitled Always Do Your Best. Devotions closed with prayer.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF September 8, 2015.**

Motion: Moved by Mary McIntosh and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of September 8, 2015.

Carried.

REPORTS:

LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking
- the next executive meeting is in November

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Mary McIntosh

- an exit interview will be set up with Rev. Michelle Down, St. John's United Stratford
- a discussion was held concerning the future of Calvary United, Dashwood and Zion United, Crediton, and Thames Road-Elimville United.

- Mary McIntosh will be attending the meeting on October 13 for Village United Churches formally known as the Group of 7 Churches

- Mary McIntosh will attend meeting for chairs of Pastoral Relations and Pastoral Care and Oversight committees in London on October 28

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Mary McIntosh

- Krista Elizabeth has resigned as co-chair of Division of Mission and Stewardship

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: - Terry Fletcher

- no report

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EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE: Mary Stewart

- will be holding interviews for Lay Worship Leaders at the next two Presbytery meetings
- would like to see short bios of Lay Worship Leaders on the website
- congregations should keep in mind that congregations without Paid Accountable Ministry are required to be in discussions with the Presbytery Pastoral Relations or Education and Students committee of Huron-Perth Presbytery if they wish to hire a person for more than two Sundays a month who is not on the Pulpit Supply List. Also if a worship leader receives more than \$500.00 from a congregation a T4A form should be submitted.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Avaline Wandel for Brent Caslick

1. **Motion:** Moved by Avaline Wandel and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request from the Trustees of Brucefield Community Church to amend their request from the April 28, 2015 meeting to modernize and repair the septic system from \$35,000 to \$65,000. Funds to be taken from their Capital Fund.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Avaline Wandel and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request from the Trustees of St. John's United Church to list their Church property located at 175 Waterloo Street, Stratford, County of Perth, Ontario for sale for the sum of \$1,200,000.00.

Carried.

3. **Motion:** Moved by Avaline Wandel and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request from the Trustees of Lakeshore United Church to amend the request from September 24, 2013 to sell the former Benmiller Church property, described as Land Titles PIN 41118-0117, and shown as Parts 2,3&5 on Plan 22R-6096, subject to a Bell Canada easement over Part 5, by auction to selling it to the Township of Ashfield Colborne Wawanosh for the sum of \$8,000.00 to be used as a parking lot for the Benmiller Community Hall.

Carried.

4. **Motion:** Moved by Avaline Wandel and seconded by Terry Fletcher that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request from the Trustees of Duff's United Church in Walton to list for sale their property located at Concession 17 South Part Lot 1, Grey, as in GYA13065 & GYA10717, Municipality of Huron East County of Huron, which has or is being severed into 3 lots. Fred Lobb with Heartland Realty will be the listing agent with each property listed at: Church and parking lot \$70,000.00, Manse and garage \$115,000.00, Treed lot for \$8,000.00.

Carried.

- working on plans to have a Trustees and Cemetery workshop on November 14 at Brucefield United Church
- the committee will meet on October 29, 2015 to set up the budget for next year

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

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ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- all but 2 pastoral charges have their books up to date

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Avaline Wandel

- There will be a Fall Rally at Lakeshore United Church in Goderich on Oct. 20, 2015. The guest speaker will be Rev. Kate Ballagh-Steeper, minister at Lakeshore United. She is a former chaplain of the London Community Chaplaincy, and she will share the joys and challenges faced by families living in poverty today

DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP:

- a discussion was held on the upcoming Missionfest at the October Presbytery meeting

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:

- no report

OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

- attended the closing service for Central United Church on September 27 and Mary McIntosh representing Huron Perth Presbytery gave the Words of Closure

- the closing service for St. John's United was held on September 27 and Anne Gregory representing Huron Perth Presbytery gave the Words of Closure

- attended the Inaugural Service and the Corner Stone ceremony for Avondale United, Stratford on October 4, at which Jim Tyler representing Huron Perth Presbytery presided over the Act of Amalgamation

- attended the closing service for Duff's United Church in Walton on September 27 and Gary Clark representing Huron Perth Presbytery gave the Words of Closure

- Covenanting service for Rev. Colin Snyder, Trinity United, Listowel, Atwood United, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference will be October 18, at 2:30pm.

- Covenanting service for Rev. Mary Fletcher Northside United, Seaforth, Caven United, Huron Perth Presbytery and London Conference will be November 15 at 10:00am.

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Gary Clark

- a discussion was held concerning future Presbytery meetings, the March Presbytery meeting will be held on April 2 because the 4th Saturday in March is Easter Weekend

- at the October 27 Presbytery meeting Missionfest will be held and a representative from Five Oaks will be the guest speaker

ADJOURNMENT: After prayer, a motion by Betty Graber Watson seconded by Terry Fletcher to adjourn was made at 11:30 am.

Gary Clark, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative date and place for next executive meeting: Nov 10 at Londesborough United Church