

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

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February 17, 2015
LONDESBOROUGH**

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: After a delicious brunch of pancakes, sausage and fruit and a quorum being present, Mary McIntosh, Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery, declared the February 17, 2015 Executive meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:45am 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”

IN ATTENDANCE: Mary McIntosh, Ken Hunking, Brent Caslick, Betty Graber Watson, Gary Clark, Flo Cartwright, Aveline Wandel, Terry Fletcher, Harry Disher, Margaret Bakker
Regrets: Mary Stewart, Krista Elizabeth, Bob Kellington, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
Absent:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairperson Mary McIntosh led devotions “Reflections on Lent” and asked everyone to share in one word “How do you prepare yourself for Lent?” Devotions closed with prayer.

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Aveline Wandel that Flo Cartwright, representing the World Outreach Committee, be accepted as a corresponding member for this meeting. **Carried.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF January 20 , 2015

Motion: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Gary Clark that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of the executive meetings of January 20, 2015, with the (subtraction) correction to the Finance and Administration motion to take \$755 from the Visioning Fund not \$655.
Carried.

REPORTS:

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: Harry Disher

- Parkview United, Stratford has completed and sent in their annual Telling Our Story: Ministry and Mission Profile

- a discussion was held concerning some of the changes that will be happening in the churches in Exeter, Crediton, Atwood, Listowel, Hensall, Fordwich, Walton, Bluevale, Brucefield, Seaforth/Caven, Stratford and Clinton. Paperwork, to date, is not yet complete for these churches and the committee will bring motions to the court when it receives the completed information.

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DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Flo Cartwright
- no report

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON ELECT: Gary Clark

- Elise Feltrin and Gary Clark will be hosting a workshop, entitled 'Holy Currency', at the next Presbytery meeting
- a lay person is needed to sit on the London Conference Settlement Committee
- if churches plan to declare a vacancy they are asked to contact London Conference as soon as possible so training sessions can be set up for the interview process
- Gary plans to attend a workshop on Comprehensive review in April

LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking

The executive of London Conference met on Nov 26 in Windsor.

The Executive Secretary is working with Iona College, Windsor, to bring their by-laws and finances in line in order that their affiliation with The United Church of Canada may continue.

The executive approved a motion re London Conference New Ministry Fund. 90% of the fund will be expended within London Conference and the other 10% outside the Conference.

Remaining Property - Approved that remaining property (that which is left once a congregation has disbanded) will be disbursed as follows:

- after covering maintenance and selling costs and paying 2% to the Archive Capital Fund
- 25% to the presbytery in which the property was located
- 25% to the Unrestricted Reserves of London Conference
- 25% to the Mission and Service Fund
- 25% to the New Ministries Fund of London Conference

General Council 42 in August

Work of the council will be prioritized along the following principles"

Category 1: Proposals that deal directly with the Comprehensive Review Task Group Report and Recommendations

Category 2: Proposals other than those of Category 1 which contemplate changes to the Basis of Union that affect denominational identity and would require a Category 3 Remit.

Category 3: Proposals calling the church to take a time-bound stand on national or global issues for which the church does not have an existing policy or statement.

Category 4: Proposals which contemplate changes to existing General Council policies and procedures.

Category 5: Proposals calling the church to broader support for existing statements.

A Sessional Committee to address the work of the Comprehensive Review Task Group will be established. Each Conference will nominate one Order of Ministry/DLM and one Lay person.

From the two nominees, one will be chosen for the Sessional Committee. London Conference agreed to select our nominees from those already elected as Commissioners.

Children at Conference - This year, this gathering will be held on a different weekend than the Annual Meeting of London Conference.

- the executive will meet February 18, 2015

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ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- no report

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Avaline Wandel

- no report

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

- the Trinity United, Listowel and Atwood United search committee will be attending a training session with Michelle Owens

- Duff United, Walton are holding meetings to decide their future

- Bluevale United and Wingham United are holding meetings to look at a two year experiment to work together

- Blyth United and Brussels United are looking at a permanent working agreement, but plan to remain as two separated pastoral charges

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Aveline Wandel that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of the Zurich United Church Trustees to list the Church property known as Lot 81, Lot 82, Pt Lot 83, Pt Lot 84, Plan 320 in the Village of Zurich, Municipality of Bluewater, County of Huron for sale with Caldwell Banker for a listed value of \$110,000.

Carried.

- one pastoral charges has not sent in their complete assessments for 2014

- Kathy Douglas will be working ¼ time with Clinton United as Youth Minister. A working agreement will be made with Presbytery and Clinton United concerning time and wages

- a member of the committee will be attending the London Conference Budget committee meeting.

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: Terry Fletcher

- working on rebuilding the website and would like to change the logo area on the website

- Susan Campbell is collecting information on individual church websites and facebook accounts

- Mary Fletcher is collecting information concerning the Observer magazine subscriptions and if the churches should be promoting the magazine

- hope to have a sign up sheet at Presbytery to see if there is interest in having a power point workshop

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Harry Disher

- will not be filling Chair Elect position until we know what the changes in the church governance structure will be

Motion: Moved by Harry Disher and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron Perth Executive remove Doris Spence, Beth Tubb and Helen Shute from the Members at Large list.

Carried.

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OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Mary McIntosh

- the covenanting service for Rev. Scott Bougher and Emmanuel United, Sebringville and Zion United, Rostock will be on Sunday March 1st at 2 pm at Emmanuel United Church
- the covenanting service for Rev. Terry Fletcher and Londesborough United and Knox United, Auburn will be on Sunday March 22nd at 11:00am at Londesborough United Church
- a new date has not yet been set for the Ministry and Personnel Workshop that was cancelled in January due to bad weather
- future meetings – executive – March 10 at Londesborough United
 - April 14 at Londesborough United
 - May 12 at Londesborough United
- Presbytery meetings – February 28 at Parkview United, Stratford
 - March 28 at Central United, Stratford
 - April 28 at Clinton United
 - May 26 at Camp Bimini
- London Conference Annual meeting June 5,6,7

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Brent Caslick seconded by Avaline Wandel to adjourn was made at 11:41 am

Mary McIntosh, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary