

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

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October 14, 2014
LONDESBOROUGH**

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, Mary McIntosh, Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery, declared the October 14, 2014 Executive meeting of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:37am 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, Avaline Wandel, Flo Cartwright, Margaret Bakker

Regrets: Harry Disher, Bob Kellington, Gary Clark, Krista Elizabeth, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa,

Absent: Mary Stewart,

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairperson Mary McIntosh led devotions based on Changes in Nature. Everyone was asked to share in three words or less ‘What are you Thankful for this Thanksgiving?’ Devotions closed with prayer.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF September 9, 2014

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Betty Graber Watson that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of the executive meetings of September 9, 2014.
Carried.

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- will be meeting with bank personal to discuss different accounts and services they provide

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick, seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron Perth Presbytery acknowledges with regret, the completion of the disbanding of **Millbank United** Church Congregation in October 2014.

Carried

-Woodham United is working on completing their disbanding

- Donegal United and Monkton United are working on the sale of their buildings

- Zurich United is working on legal matters to sell their property and close their church

- Grand Bend will have a special service on October 26 to announce their new name and have their first official service as a new congregation

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

- Co-chair George Russell is compiling a list of policies on privacy, workplace violence & harassment and duty of care in order to assist church create their own policies

- Rev. Valerie Pitt has been appoint to the part time position as Pastoral Support Minister for Huron Perth Presbytery effective October 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015

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ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- 15 bankers boxes are ready to be sent to Archives in Toronto
- doing regular visit to local churches to check their record books

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Avaline Wandel

- the United Church Women Fall Rally will be at Exeter United Church on Thursday, October 16. Registration is at 6:30 and the guest speaker will be Lillian Kluka - who was the first female Captain of a Great Lakes cargo ship.

DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP – submitted by Bob Kellington

- Lakeshore United Church in Goderich has graciously accepted to be our host for the Mission Fest in October 2015.

- after a discussion on the cost of the speaker for the October Presbytery meeting, with the theme of Stewardship, the following motion was made

- **Motion:** Moved by Betty Graber Watson and seconded by Flo Cartwright that the cost of the speaker for the October 2014 meeting will come from the monies allocated to the Division of Stewardship and Missions

Carried.

LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE: Huron Perth representative Ken Hunking

- telephone conference call held to approve the hiring of Krista Ford as part time Administrative Assistant, Finance in the Conference Office
- Bev Robinson as been approved as an interim minister

PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE: report submitted by Harry Disher

1. We have received a request from Rev. Bob McMullen to be relieved of his designation as Volunteer Associate Minister at Parkview United, Stratford.
2. Harry Disher is working with Hensall United to enable them to proceed with a new appointment for 1/4 time ministry. They need to refresh their Ministry and Mission profile, fill out the Demographic and Financial questionnaire for Conference, re-submit their "Position Description", and fill out the "Request for a Vacancy" form. They will also need to select and have trained an interview team. After a vacancy is approved, the position be posted, applicants can submit applications, interviews held and a successful candidate can be selected and then the request for an appointment can be filled out and submitted to Conference Settlement Committee. In the meantime, Rev. Rivkah Unland will continue as "weekend supply".
3. **Motion:** Moved by Flo Cartwright and seconded by Betty Graber Watson that Huron Perth Presbytery request the transfer of Rev. Doug Loucks from Niagara Presbytery, Hamilton Conference.

Carried.

4. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick, seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request for a transfer for Rev. Karen Eade, from Huron Perth Presbytery, London Conference to South West Presbytery Presbytery, Toronto Conference.

Carried.

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5. Exit interviews with Rev. Gary Clark, Interim Minister at North Perth Ministry Project; and with Rev. Jock Tolmay and Rev. Meg Runhart, Interim Ministers at Lakeshore United, Goderich, have been conducted. Paperwork in process.

DIVISION OF COMMUNICATIONS: Flo Cartwright

- is working on trying to set up a time when all committee members can meet
- is considering resigning as chair person and moving to another committee

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Mary McIntosh

- working with Monkton United Church trustees as they complete the sale of their building and property.
- Covenanting services are set for:
 - Tracey Whitson-Bahro and Thames Road-Elimville Pastoral Charge on October 19 at 2:00pm
 - Doug Loucks and St Marys Pastoral Charge on November 2 at 3:00pm
- will represent Huron Perth Presbytery at the amalgamation service for Greenway and Grand Bend United Church on October 26
- received a request, from Matthew Stevens on behalf of the Conflict Resolution Facilitators team, to present a workshop at a Presbytery meeting

OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

- received a letter from Blouin Dunn LLP with a Notice of Intent to Defend, Clinton United Church, in the court cases involving Daniel Paterson and Derek McClure. Copies of the letter and forms have been sent to Kathy McDonald, legal department, for United Church of Canada.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Betty Graber Watson seconded by Brent Caslick to adjourn was made at 11:32am.

Mary McIntosh, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative date and place for next executive meeting:
November 4 at 9:30 am at Londesborough United Church