

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

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**April 15, 2011**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the April 15, 2011 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:36am for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before it.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Emily Phillips, Ken Hunking, Winston Jibb, Betty Graber Watson, Brent Caslick, Pirie Mitchell, Gary Clark, Avaline Wandel, Margaret Bakker

**Corresponding:** Heather McLean.

**Regrets:** Flo Cartwright,

**Absent:** Ron Skinner, Tom Murray, Krista Vandarsar, Margaret Hern,

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Emily Phillips welcomed everyone and read a devotion from Mark 11: 2-11. For our April check in we were asked to name a symbol around Lent or Easter and what it means to you.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF MARCH 18, 2011**

**MOTION:** : Moved by Ken Hunking and seconded by Winston Jibb that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of March 18, 2011.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Brent Caslick

- a technology grant is forth coming
- all assessments for 2010 have been received
- attended a budget form on March 25, at which all 8 presbyteries had a representative present
- Huron Perth may be paying less assessment to London Conference when it is changed to 3% of line 40 rather than the per resident member assessment
- a decision will have to be made by each presbytery whether to stay with resident member assessment or change to a percentage of line 40, when making their assessment to the pastoral charges

**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE:** Ken Hunking

- an election will be held as three people have shown interest in letting their names stand for the office of Presbytery representative on London Conference Executive.

Motion made by Betty Graber Watson and seconded by Pirie Mitchell that the candidate with the most votes on the first ballot will be declared the representative of Huron Perth Presbytery on London Conference Executive. Carried.

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- after a discussion on who may vote in the election the following motion was made:  
Motion made by Gary Clark and seconded by Pirie Mitchell that the executive recommend to Presbytery that delegates elected by congregations will be made full voting and speaking delegates at Huron Perth Presbytery after the Presbytery secretary has received written confirmation from their pastoral charge secretary stating who their pastoral charge delegates are. Carried.

**PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT:** Betty Graber Watson

- has been meeting with Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, new co-chair for pastoral relations and offered to assist them with search teams, so each team will have at least two or more people on it
- had successful 're-birthing' visits with Bayfield, Grand Bend, North Street Goderich
- spring visits are scheduled for Forwich, North St. Goderich, Calvary Listowel, Clinton, Belgrave, Trinity Listowel

**PASTORAL RELATIONS:** submitted by Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa,  
presented by Gary Clark

- Renewal of Appointments - We are continuing to work with pastoral charges that are renewing appointments. In order to be renewed, the pastoral charge needs to be enrolled in ADP. It is a condition on the appointment form and we are ensuring this is in place before bringing motions to the Court.
- JNAC's and Search Committees\_- Joint Needs Assessment Committees are underway at Dungannon Union, Thamesview and Sebringville-Rostock.
- Pastoral Relations has been approached to work with a JNAC at St. Marys, in light of the minister's planned retirement, and at Gorrie-Woxeter to accommodate a review of ministry needs with the anticipated shift to part-time from full-time.
- Search Committees are underway at Monkton U.C. and Grace U.C. Tavistock.  
The committee is desperately short of people to assist with these and members of the executive are asked to urge their committee members to consider volunteering for this work. They do not need to be members of Pastoral Relations to help the Presbytery cover these important jobs. We have situations where less experienced volunteers are working on their own with congregations and that is not fair either to them or the pastoral charges they are serving.
- Congregational Designated Ministers - We are drafting a template for pastoral charges that are meeting some of their staffing needs with a Congregation Designated Minister, to craft a position description and submit it to Pastoral Relations for our assessment according to the January 2011 guidelines.
- Discussions with PC&O - Pastoral Relations and Pastoral Care and Oversight met to discuss sites where experiments in ministry are underway and to review how to evaluate these and proceed from this point.

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- Screening - The General Council Executive recently adopted a new screening policy for ministry personnel effective immediately. Any ministry personnel who do not have a Vulnerable Sector Verification or level 2 police check may wish to start that process as soon as possible. This level of screening can take up to six months and will be required as part of the new measures. Please note, for individuals who are the same gender and share a birthday with a registered offender, this level of screening will require fingerprinting.
- Committee Meetings - Pastoral Relations is going to experiment with a new format for our meetings to allow ourselves time to develop greater training/expertise on policy matters. If no action is required on ongoing work, brief written comments will be distributed for information.
- Follow Up to March 22nd Meeting - Pastoral Relations was thrilled with the response to the March 22nd meeting "Bold Ideas for a Changing Time" held in Egmondville and hopes to follow that up with another though the time frame is not yet clear. Many suggestions were offered for future possibilities.

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Winston Jibb**

- collected funds for new roof for Asian Rural Institute in Japan
- Deborah Elliott and Don Gibson's Mission Interpretation Tour is starting to fill up and looking into having a mid week event with them

**EDUCATION & STUDENTS: Pirie Mitchell**

- No Report

**ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel**

- attended an Archive meeting in London on April 14
- Presbytery minutes are checked at conference each year and new forms will be used to check the minutes. Forms used to check minutes, guidelines for keeping minutes and sample page of minutes given to secretary.
- Section 460 of the Manual, subsection VI Second sentence states: Each Conference shall designate at least one church building within the conference as a Conference historic site where special services may be held annually: (2010). At present London conference does not have one. The only 2 we are aware of are Quinte Presbytery as well as Hamilton.
- brought to our attention that when a vote has to be taken by the members of a congregation only those that joined the congregation by Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are legally allowed to vote.
- many churches like to hang on to documents especially registers. These items could be scanned and kept in the Church and the actual Registers sent to Archives.
- Kent Presbytery reported on a successful archive workshop
- recommend that Huron Perth have a workshop as well

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**NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE:** Heather McLean  
- gave highlights from London Conference Executive meeting

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Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried that Mary Anne Silverthorn be appointed as Chairperson of the Finance & Administration division.

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**Planning Committee**

Motion: It was moved, second and carried that the Annual Meeting in 2012 be held on May 4 - 6<sup>th</sup> 2012 at the Hellenic Center, 133 Southdale Rd. W in London, Ontario hosted by Middlesex Presbytery.

**Take-Aways**

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Callahan event, "Hope, Mission, Money: Practical Suggestions", June 10 -12, 2011. Brochures were distributed.

A request has been made to put London Conference Executive decisions in the minutes for information purposes. This is done to improve communication and dissemination of information; therefore highlights of executive meetings are included in the minutes.

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The task group has planned that the Moderator visit us on the following days and we invite each Presbytery to use their time with the Moderator as they see fit. Some events just seem to make sense; for example, the train from Sarnia to London leaves at 6:22 am. and arrives in London at 7:34am so Middlesex may choose to host a Breakfast for her. If you would like some ideas for your presbytery please let us know, but you know better than us the greening projects and efforts of the congregations in your Presbytery. Be creative!

**October 18<sup>th</sup>:**

Train leaves Toronto at 10:55 and arrives in Stratford at 13:11. (Huron-Perth and Oxford)

**October 19<sup>th</sup>:**

Train leaves Stratford at 13:13 and arrives in Sarnia at 15:28 (Lambton)

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:**

Train leaves Sarnia at 6:22 and arrives in London at 7:34 (Middlesex and Elgin) *or* Middlesex could opt for the Moderator arriving at 19:56 from Sarnia.

**October 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Train leaves London at 10:06 and arrives in Chatham at 11:09 (Kent) *or* Kent could opt for the Moderator arriving at 15:05.

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Train leaves Chatham at 11:11 arrives in Windsor at 11:53 (Windsor) *or* Windsor could have the Moderator arrive at 15:51.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

The Moderator would leave Windsor at 13:21 (perhaps 17:30 but this has to be negotiated). Harrow United has asked if the Moderator would come to their church for the Sunday Service.

I pray that this is enough information to get each Presbytery planning. Let us know as your plans take shape so that the Conference can share in your excitement and so we can have a list of contact people in each Presbytery who will be the host.

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Items to consider:

- Who will be greeting her at the stations?
- Do you have someone who will be acting as a chauffeur?
- Where will the Moderator eat? Spend the night?
- What activities will the Moderator participate in during her visit?

Please submit your finalized plans regarding the Moderator's activities while she is in your presbytery to Gary Clark by Sept 9, 2011 in time for the September executive meeting.

Peace, The Moderator's Visit Task Group for London Conference

**Division of Mission in Canada**

The Division of Mission in Canada - Planning Budget and Support Committee seeks "To support growth and transformation in Presbyteries and Congregations by encouraging, educating and challenging." Following are some highlights of its meeting on April 6, 2011.

- A presentation was made by the Youth and Young Adult Network to Huron-Perth Presbytery's meeting, using a video resource developed in December 2010. We hope to expand and refine that resource by gathering further material and footage at the upcoming Youth Forum event.
- We are waiting further input from a consultant working with Algoma Presbytery who had expressed concerns about the "Welcoming Congregations" resource (responding to the first phase, "Customer Service" of the government's Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act). Until we hear otherwise, we don't see harm in proceeding with the material as circulated.
- Working with the Division of World Outreach to present a session at the Annual General Meeting of Conference on "Revitalizing the Church through Mission" using stories of our local congregations and our overseas personnel.
- Another cooperative venture is a camping exchange with the Presbyterian Church in Cuba. This summer, Liz Brene will be working with Pearce Williams camp in July and Camp Bimini in August. Two camp staff would travel to Cuba in the summer of 2012.
- We discussed tiered pricing for Conference youth events which informs participants of the true cost of such gatherings and allows for them to pay more for registration, if they wish and are able. No one will be forced to pay the higher price and confidentiality will be maintained. Some camps have implemented this with positive results. The events in question would be Youth Forum, Children at Conference, Youth at Conference, Young Adults in Transition

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**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: Emily Phillips**

- the Theme for April Presbytery will be 'Conference'
- have hired a bus to go to conference , and have 27 people taking the bus, 11 going by car and one person is a 'maybe' attend
- the cost per individual for the bus is \$100. for those over 21 and for youth \$50
- those taking the bus are asked to pay Brent Caslick at the next Presbytery meeting
- time and place for departure have yet to be determined
- Moderator Mardi Tindal will be in London Conference from October 18 to Sunday October 23 and Huron Perth Presbytery will work with Oxford Presbytery as hosts
- a survey will be handed out at next meeting in order to receive feed back on theme presentations, change in time and day of meetings, workshops
- Conference executive would like Presbyteries to send 'ministry fees' (assessments) in quarterly and therefore it is asking church's to send in their fees quarterly as well
- Emily Phillips was thanked for all her work at London Conference and at Huron Perth Presbytery

**CLOSING:** Emily Phillips closed with the Lord's Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Gary Clark to adjourn was made at 11:53.

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Emily Phillips, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary