

**PRESBYTERY: HURON-PERTH EXECUTIVE  
CONFERENCE: LONDON  
LOCATION: MAIN STREET UNITED, MITCHELL**

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**FEBRUARY 19, 2010**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Acting Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the February 19, 2010 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:35am for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before it.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Ken Hunking, Chris Beaumont, Emily Phillips, Gary Clark, Brent Caslick, Winston Jibb, Margaret Hern, Betty Graber Watson  
Regrets: Flo Cartwright, Alex McGilvery, Pirie Mitchell  
Absent: Krista Vandersaar, Ruth Long  
Corresponding: Heather McLean.

**POINT OF ORDER:** In consideration of Ken Hunking being in recovery from a heart attack, Chair-Elect Emily Phillips consented to stand as Acting Chairperson for today's meeting.

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** offered by the Acting Chairperson

#### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF JANUARY 25, 2010**

**MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of January 15, 2010. **CARRIED.**

#### **PASTORAL RELATIONS**

- 1) In consultation with Huron-Perth Presbytery, Holmesville United Church has decided that its last service will be in June 2010.
- 2) Hensall, Milverton, Central United (Stratford), Wingham, Dashwood-Zurich, and Crediton are all in process of finishing their Joint Needs Assessments.

#### **DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 1) The Chair and Treasurer was pleased to announce that 15% of assessments have been received, helping greatly with early 2010 commitments.
- 2) **MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive receive the 2009 year end financial statement of the Resource Centre for information. **CARRIED.**

#### **LONDON CONFERENCE REPORT**

- 1) The Rev Judith Gilliland is the new Congregational Futures Development Minister for London Conference, taking up her duties on May 1, 2010.
- 2) London Conference will be moving its offices this Summer to the property of the former Empress United Church at 76 Blackfriars in London.
- 3) Carole Hockey retires as at August 1, 2010, and a new staff person will be hired to fill the position.

**LONDON CONFERENCE REPORT (cont'd)**

- 4) London Conference will be sending a letter to all Presbyteries advising that London Conference is immediately assuming its responsibilities and authorities in the application of TM 428 concerning disposition of surplus personal and real property where a congregation has closed or amalgamated.
- 5) "The Capital Archive Fund" pamphlet is to be immediately withdrawn from use.
- 6) Provincial legislation with regards to building accessibility that is coming into effect over the next few years will have a significant impact on congregations. London Conference DMC will be hosting a workshop on the issues this Spring. Time and place to be announced.

**OTHER**

- 1) DWO is without a Chairperson
- 2) London Conference has advised that it is prepared to offer the Racial Justice Workshop in Huron-Perth in the Seaforth area on a mutually agreeable time the week of May 3-7, 2010. Brent and Chris will work on firming up arrangements.
- 3) The Secretary raised the matter of a statistical analysis of 2008 membership numbers showing that Huron-Perth at a 38% Non-Resident ratio far outstrips the national ratio of 22.7% and that over 52% of our pastoral charges (22 of 42) have Non-Resident ratios double or near double the national ratio. No definitive response was formulated.
- 4) The document "A New Day" is London Conference's response to the General Council call for input into the church's Triennial Planning process. It was put out over the distribution system and is commended for review by Presbyters and congregations. Deadline for responses is today so it is not possible for Huron-Perth to formulate an articulate contribution in so short a time.

**ADJOURNMENT** declared by the Chair at 12:00pm

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Emily Phillips, Acting Chair

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Chris Beaumont, Secretary