

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

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**OCTOBER 15, 2010**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the October 15, 2010 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, Gary Clark, Brent Caslick, Krista Vandesar, Winston Jibb, Betty Graber Watson, Tom Murray, Margaret Bakker

**Corresponding:** Heather McLean.

**Regrets:** Margaret Hern

**Absent:** Pirie Mitchell, Ruth Long, Flo Cartwright

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Emily Phillips spoke of Thanksgiving, how fortunate we are and how we should always be thankful. Devotions were closed with a prayer from Kenya, call Lord of Harvest.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2010**

**MOTION:** Moved by Winston Jebb and seconded by Krista Vandesar that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of September 17, 2010.

**CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA-STEWARDSHIP:** Krista Vandesar

- will do some follow up work on the charts that show the amounts that churches give to M&S
- Mission Fair for the November Presbytery meeting – asking churches to share stories of some of the mission work they do
- Youth Ministry – how do we assess the job and the position and do the camps need a chaplain
- offered to work with other committees on church visits

**PASTORAL RELATIONS:** Gary Clark

- received a change in Pastoral Relations from Marion Jackson-Tyler
- St. Marys, Monkton, Thamesview will be requiring committee members to assist with JNAC
- may have to look at new and creative ways to increase the number of people available to work on JNAC committees, -- increasing the number of members at large or creating church cluster groups to assist each other in doing a JNAC

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**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Brent Caslick

- 70% of assessments have arrived but 3 churches have not sent in any money at all
- The final service for Holmesville Church will be October 17 and for Lingelbach United Churches will be October 24.

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

Fall visits are proceeding. The future look of our group is in discussion as we look to the future in terms of needs and reality. Stewardship, Archives and Pastoral Relations have brought us issues that will change how we do our visits. Discussion in our committee will continue as we look to the future.

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:** Winston Jibb

- gave a report on the speech given by Peter Kugba-Nyande of his life in Sierra Leone

**NOMINATIONS:** Ken Hunking - Still looking for a Chairperson-elect for 2012

- received a letter requesting funds from Christian Studies in Winnipeg, letter will be given to Education and Students committee

**U.C.W.:** No representative

**FUTURES COMMITTEE:** Tom Murray

-gave a report on workshop held at September Presbytery. A copy of the result of the workshop recommendations were sent to United Church of Canada and a copy of the work sheets are included with the minutes as an appendix.

-received a note from Cynthia Gunn Legal/Judicial Counsel, The United Church of Canada, stating "appreciation to Huron-Perth Presbytery for participating in our consultation process."

-gave a report on the need for the church to look at new reality, the decline in Church population, and short discussion was held on "not how do we do church better but get back to Christianity"

Krista Vandarsar gave a report on Transportation cost to London Conference Annual meeting to be held in Sault St Marie. Cost is estimated to be approximately \$110.00 plus taxes for transportation and approximately \$119.00 per night for accommodations. More research is being done and results will be made available at the next meeting.

**NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE:** Heather McLean

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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**HIGHLIGHTS LONDON CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE 2010.19**

LAMBETH UNITED CHURCH SEPTEMBER 15, 2010

NEW CONFERENCE STAFF MEMBER

Search Committee Report (Lynne Dunlop)

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that London Conference Executive receive the recommendation of the Search Committee and call Elizabeth Exley as the Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adults Minister effective January 1, 2011.** We welcome Betsy to this position in the New Year.

INCORPORATED MINISTRIES

1. To strengthen and support Incorporated Ministries, the following policy was adopted.

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried that London Conference Executive approve the London Conference Policy on Required Independent Review of Financial Statements of Incorporated Ministries**

**Action item** Each presbytery to receive a list of Incorporated Ministries in their presbytery.

**Action item** By mid-October 2010 all Presbyteries and Incorporated Ministries will receive a letter updating them on this work.

**Action item** Forward the background papers to Presbytery Chairs for info regarding background of The Manual, section 429.

PLANNING FOR ANNUAL MEETING

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried that each presbytery provide time on their agendas prior to the annual meeting to inform delegates and presbytery members in an effort to generate understanding of the rationale behind the London Conference budget. All presbyteries will receive invitation to budget forum.**

In 1992 London Conference decided upon providing childcare for the annual meeting. Those were the days when having a room, toys and dedicated volunteers were sufficient to look after children. Today the duty of care of meeting government requirements for childcare under the age of 8 are complex and beyond the capabilities of the local arrangements people for our annual meeting.

**Motion: It was moved, seconded and carried that, lamentably, London Conference will not provide childcare nor make arrangements for childcare at the 2011 Annual General Meeting.**

• **Recommendation:** That celebrations for retirees happen in the presbytery in which ministry personnel are serving at the time of retirement.

**Action item** Chairs/divisions are to report back before the next executive meeting on general opinions of removing retiree recognition from the AGM and supporting it at the presbytery-level.

**Action item** If your presbytery is sending a coach bus of delegates, determine how much "bus space" you need, and communicate news of the conference and available bus space to Youth Young Adult Network via Kenji Marui.

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Travel to the Annual meeting – there is a need for delegates to have current passports or proper identification and delegates should purchase out-of-country medical/travel insurance if they choose to travel to Sault Ste. Marie via the United States.

### **Mission in Canada**

**Action Item** Identify individuals in your pastoral charges that would be suitable to provide accessibility & disability training to others by October 4, in order to arrange “Train the Trainer” sessions. Forward those names to Kenji Marui.

### **Acting Executive Secretary**

Heather noted that to improve communication and dissemination of information, highlights of executive meetings will be sent to chairs and secretaries with a request to put London Conference Executive decisions in their minutes for information.

### **EXCITING PLANS WITH OUR MODERATOR**

The Spirit Express will be coming to London Conference October 18-23, 2011. This train will be carrying our Moderator, The Right Mardi Tindal and will be travelling through our Conference giving our members the opportunity to ride the rails and talk about God. A Spirit Express team is being formed; Gary Clark is a member and if other members from presbytery would like to be on the committee, tell Gary you are interested.

### **NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE:** Heather McLean

Heather McLean, Acting Executive Secretary updated us about the following:

1. Highlights from the Sept 15, 2010 Conference Executive meeting:
  - Betsy Exley, new Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Minister, beginning Jan 1, 2011
  - Update on Incorporated Ministries – letter to IMs and Presbyteries later in October with update on this work
  - Annual Meeting – request to provide agenda time at Presbytery’s meeting prior to May’s annual meeting to discuss/learn about conference budget/other important items.
  - Retirees recognition to Presbytery?
  - No child care starting in 2011 at annual meeting due to duty of care standards
  - Be aware of bus travel into US requiring proper ID and medical insurance coverage for delegates to annual meeting
  - Identify individuals who will take the trainers training for accessibility/disability training

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2. IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL CONGREGATIONS AND THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA: Accessibility Training:

- With Bev Robinson's help, Kathy Nantais will take the lead in offering training to the "chosen trainers" for the accessibility/disability training – **November 13, 2010 from 1:30pm to 4pm at Riverside United Church in London.** Then it is expected that these trainers will lead a workshop early in the new year in order to help congregations meet the deadline of 2012
- We are suggesting that pastoral oversight add this requirement of accessibility training to their check list when they do their oversight visits
- Judith Gilliland will be the conference staff person to carry this forward into 2011

Encouraging Effective Leadership: Friday November 5, 2010

- An all clergy day-away presented by London Conference staff, Best Western Stoneridge Inn, 9:30am to 3pm

Looking Ahead to Retirement:

- Pre-retirement seminar – Tuesday, Nov 16, 2010, Lambeth UC. From 10am to noon.

The Hope Book – has not been sent to each pastoral charge. The Hope Book is the London Conference alternative gift catalogue where mission and gifts come together.

**CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:** Emily Phillips

- Recognition of retiring personal – will contact Paul Ross for recommendations
- Covenanting Service for Cindy Bourgeois is on October 31 at 10:00am.
- October Presbytery meeting - will have Rev. Maya Landell as Theme Presenter
  - Bev Robinson, London Conference, will give a report
  - Camp Bimini and Menesetung have been invited to give a presentation
  - each congregation will be asked "how they count their resident members"
- November Presbytery meeting – will have a Mission Fair
  - Finance and Administration will give budget report

**CLOSING:** Prayer was given by Emily Phillips and everyone joined in to say the Lord's Prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Betty Graber Watson made a motion to adjourn at 12:02.

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Emily Phillips, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary