

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

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CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the January 28, 2011 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: Emily Phillips, Tom Murray, Ken Hunking, Brent Caslick, Gary Clark, Margaret Hern, Margaret Bakker

Corresponding: Heather McLean.

Regrets: Krista Vandesar, Pirie Mitchell, Flo Cartwright, Winston Jibb, Betty Graber Watson,

Absent:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Emily Phillips welcomed everyone and told a little about herself and how she loves to celebrate holidays and special occasions. Her scripture reading told "What Love Is" and everyone was asked to say "What would be your favourite Valentine gift to yourself".

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF JANUARY 28, 2010

MOTION: After a clarification on the UCC Protect insurance and a spelling correction it was moved by Ken Hunking and seconded by Brent Caslick that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of January 28, 2010. **CARRIED**

REPORTS: The letters/check list/guide for the Covenanting Service was discussed and the recommended changes will be made and brought to next executive meeting.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- 4 churches have paid in full and 6 churches have sent in part of their assessments
- Huron-Perth presbytery has sent an allocation to London Conference
- The Resource Centre and Camps Bimini and Menesetung have been given their grant money
- A discussion was held concerning the per resident membership assessment from conference and how the assessment may be changed in future years.
- Ken Hunking will chair the next finance and administration committee at the February Presbytery meeting at which time a letter, from Camp Menesetung, requesting assistance will be discussed
- A discussion was held concerning the policies on the sale of surplus church property/manse and decided to make a sheet with guide lines to assist churches going through this process.
- Updates were given concerning the churches in Holmesville, Nile, Millbank, Fullerton and final documents for Lingelbach

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ANNUAL MEETING REPORT: Emily Phillips

At the moment there are 20 registered for bus transportation and 4 maybe, as well as 6 will be traveling by car and 1 undecided. That is not enough to fill a bus, so hope more will register for the bus, and will check with neighbouring presbyteries to share bussing if possible. The cost for a 56 passenger is approximately \$97 per person, and a 47 passenger is approximately \$104, plus HST and driver accommodations. Congregations are encouraged to subsidize their youth with the costs.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Margaret Hern

The annual meeting was held on January 31 in the Londesborough Church. The theme was the Circle of life and the guest speaker was Kate Monk and she spoke on trees and their interaction with life. The next meeting will be on March 21 at Parkview. A vice president is required.

NOMINATIONS: Ken Hunking

Still looking for a Chairperson-elect for 2012

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Gary Clark

- Gary Clark is assisting Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, become familiar with the work of the committee as she is the new co-chair
- Larry Sayers, at Dungannon Union, is off on medical leave
- Hensall is requesting a part time (1/8 time) Ordained/Diaconal Minister
- committee may be looking at different ways for churches to work together and provide supervision for those that require it

FUTURES COMMITTEE: Tom Murray

- Reported on a Retreat held by Knox United in Belgrave. The retreat had four sessions and the different groups addressed the following questions:

1. What's advanced into our Lives these past Twenty-Five Years?
2. What's altered within Our Churches these past Twenty-five Years?
3. What do we need to Adopt for Our Future Hope?
4. What are we missing from the Ancient?

- Recommend this type of workshop/town hall meeting for a presbytery meeting in the future

NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE: Heather McLean

- gave highlights from London Conference Executive meeting which are included with these minutes for information purposes.

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CHURCH FEBRUARY 16, 2011

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2010

Moderator's Visit (Gary Clark)

Plans are in full swing for the Moderator's visit on the Spirit Express, October 18 – 23, 2011. You can expect to hear the news shortly.

INFORMATION UPDATES

Human Rights Mediation: On December 2, 2010 in Sudbury, the Ontario Human Rights Tribunal convened a mediation session to seek resolution of the Application filed by the Rev. Norine St. Jean. We regret to report that the mediation was not successful. Therefore, a hearing of the Application will be scheduled by the Tribunal in due course. Margaret Szilassy from Hicks Morley LLP will continue as our legal counsel.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Recommendation London Conference change its assessment formula used to fund the conference financial needs to do ministry, to a ceiling of 3% of Line 40 in the Yearbook -- Expended for Operation of Pastoral Charge (ie. cost of doing ministry that each pastoral charge records in the yearly statistic forms) starting at the rise of conference 2011.

- This means we will cease using resident membership as the criteria for determining conference assessments.
- This means that the cost of doing the ministry of conference will be 2.3 – 3% of a presbytery's line 40 from the yearbook over the next three years (assuming Algoma Presbytery remains in London Conference and that only one executive secretary will be required in 2012).
- This means we are using 8 Presbyteries to base our figures on.

COMMITTEE REPORTS – NOMINATIONS

There are positions open in Staff Support; Finance and Administration; and Communications.

CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE FUTURE GOVERNANCE MODEL

Motion It was moved, seconded and carried that London Conference Executive change its presbytery membership from the chairperson of each presbytery to one representative from each presbytery who will serve for a three year term with the process starting at the rise of conference 2011.

TAKE AWAYS:

1. Nominations for President-Elect. Refer to Appendix 1 & 2.
2. Budget Forum held on March 25, 2011. 1 voting member per presbytery. Invitation to follow.

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FEBRUARY 16, 2011

PRESIDENT-ELECT OF LONDON CONFERENCE

The Role of the President-elect of London Conference

MANDATE (section 430 b of The Manual (2007) of the United Church of Canada)

The Conference may elect a President-Elect who shall normally succeed to the office and be installed at the next annual meeting.

ROLE

The President-Elect shall provide support to the President and to grow into the role of President

DUTIES

- ✓ (section 432 of The Manual (2007) of the United Church of Canada) Acting President. In the event of the death, removal, or permanent disability of the President... in a Conference where there is a President-Elect, that person shall succeed to the office to complete the unexpired term of the predecessor, and then continue in office in the succeeding term.
- ✓ Chair the Planning Committee for the Annual Meeting of London Conference, developing an agenda for these meetings which includes worship and deals with all matters relating to the Annual Meeting. This person will consult with the Executive Secretary and President re the planning committee agenda as required.
- ✓ Be the Planning Committee representative on the Conference Executive, providing a progress report and seeking permission/approval on those items on which the Executive has decision-making authority.
- ✓ Attend the "President-Elect Gathering" hosted by the national church once a year, usually in Toronto.
- ✓ Represent the Conference at the request of the President at those functions the President is unable to attend.
- ✓ Chair meetings and perform other duties as required at the request of the President or Conference Executive.
- ✓ Through various means introduce yourself to the conference.
- ✓ During the Annual Meeting be present at the business table and available for consultation as required.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT-ELECT

The Conference will support the President-Elect

The Conference will, in writing, inform both the President-Elect's congregation and presbytery of the calling forth of the President-Elect to a new role within the denomination. Further, Conference will encourage the President-Elect, the congregation and presbytery to review the candidate's previous commitments and adjust them accordingly.

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PRESIDENT OF LONDON CONFERENCE

The Role of the Conference President

MANDATE (section 430 of The Manual (2007) of the United Church of Canada)

The Conference shall elect from among its members a President, who shall hold office for a term of one (1) or two (2) years. The Conference may not delegate the election of a President.

The Conference may elect a President-Elect who shall normally succeed to the office and be installed at the next Conference meeting.

The President shall be ex officio a member of all Conference Committees [and Divisions] during the presidential term of office.

The President shall have the right to preside at services of ordination or commissioning, and to administer the Sacrament of Holy Communion at regular meetings of the Conference and its Executive while in office.

ROLE

The President shall provide spiritual leadership to the Conference.

DUTIES

- ✓ Constitute the meetings of the Conference, its Executive and Sub-Executive and preside at its meetings – preserve good order, seek good governance, take the vote and announce Decisions.
- ✓ To develop a theme to inspire and lead the Conference during the coming year.
- ✓ Attend the Conference President's Gathering hosted by the General Council Minister, Regional Relations – if such a gathering convenes during the term of the presidential term.
- ✓ Attend as a Commissioner the meeting of the General Council, if the General Council meets during the incumbent's term of office.
- ✓ With the Executive Secretary, respond to media relations issues and represent The United Church of Canada.
- ✓ In consultation with the Executive Secretary, respond to correspondence addressed to the President.
- ✓ To provide coaching/mentoring for the President-Elect.
- ✓ To meet regularly with the Executive Secretary.
- ✓ In consultation with the Executive Secretary be responsible for the agenda for Conference Executive meetings.

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- ✓ To be a member of the Planning Committee and Worship Committee in preparation for the Annual Meeting.
- ✓ To provide an accountability report to the Executive and Annual Meetings.
- ✓ To visit each of the eight Presbyteries to encourage and build up the mission of the church in the Conference and its Presbyteries.
- ✓ Communicate with the Conference through articles in each issue of The Bridge published in The Observer, greetings and Conference mailings as appropriate.

CONFERENCE SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT

The Conference will provide the President

- ✓ A \$1,200 token of appreciation to the pastoral charge (if the President is ministry personnel actively serving a pastorate)
- ✓ An honourarium at the Annual Meeting
- ✓ Mileage costs to each presbytery meeting once, as well as overnight accommodation in Algoma Presbytery. (in accordance with United Church guidelines)
- ✓ Mileage and accommodation at the Annual Meeting

OTHER NOTES

The President, if he or she so chooses, may decide to

: accept guest speaking engagements; or

: attend the committee and division meetings of Conference.

The costs associated with guest speaking or attendance is the responsibility of the inviting congregation, organization or committee.

The President may be invited to attend and help celebrate special anniversaries and events at the invitation of congregations, mission units, divisions, committees and other groups.

This is at the President's personal discretion.

SECRETARY REPORT: Margaret Bakker

- have not received any correspondence from Nile United Church

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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: Emily Phillips

- will distribute post cards with info for the 87th Annual Meeting of London Conference in Sault Ste. Marie at the next Presbytery meeting
- the March Presbytery meeting will be on Saturday and hopes to have everyone attend the three following sessions:
 1. Accessibility by Krista Vandesar and Harry Disher
 2. Future Committee
 3. Sabbatical and time off by Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa
- the April meeting will be getting material ready for Conference
- the Moderator will be in our area October 18-23
- Conference board is looking to change the representative term from 1 year to 3 years and that the Chair of Presbytery will not be the representative to the board, as is now the case. This is to help facilitate long term planning which is difficult to do at the moment when many Presbytery chairs are only on the board for one year and then the board has a large number of new members every year. The new representative will give reports from the board to the Presbytery.
- the next executive meeting will be held on March 18 at 9:30 am in Blyth

CLOSING: In closing Emily Phillips asked that everyone keep others in the prayers, especially the UCWs, Larry Sayers and his family, Leslie Searles and her family, Tom Murray and his family. Prayer was given and closed with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn was made at 12:15.

Emily Phillips, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

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**HURON PERTH PRESBYTERY
TREASURER'S REPORT
for the period ending February 18, 2011
with prior year's comparison**

	2011 BUDGET	MEMBER		2011 ACTUAL	2010 ACTUAL					
RECEIPTS:										
GROSS ASSESSMENTS - (\$29.60 per Resident Member)	\$ 318,302	\$ 32.70	9.2%	\$ 29,363	\$ 46,217					
LESS: Assessment Amount (\$ 20) transferred to the reserve	\$ (1,947)									
MISCELLANEOUS	100			4,307	677					
YOUTH MINISTRY GRANT from Conference	-			-	2,500					
SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM	-			375	1,570					
CONTINGENCY RECOVERY	-			-	-					
INTEREST	200			22	23					
COVENANTS	300			364	-					
DRAW FROM ACCUMULATED RESERVE	4,500			-	-					
TOTAL RECEIPTS	321,455	\$ 33.02		34,431	50,987					
EXPENSES:										
LONDON CONFERENCE ALLOCATIONS	144,063	\$ 14.80		10,000	18,895					
PRESBYTERY ADMINISTRATION:										
EXECUTIVE EXPENSES	500	\$ 0.05		-	-					
ANNUAL MEETING OF CONFERENCE	2,500			-	-					
OFFICE OF SECRETARY	400	\$ 0.04		-	-					
OFFICE OF TREASURER	400	\$ 0.04		-	-					
HONORARIA - SECRETARY	2,600	\$ 0.27		-	-					
- E-MAIL NETWORK CO-ORDINATOR	500	\$ 0.05		-	-					
- TREASURER	800	\$ 0.08		-	-					
DIVISIONS AND COMMITTEES:										
MANSE	50	\$ 0.01		-	-					
PENSIONS	50	\$ 0.01		-	-					
PASTORAL RELATIONS	1,500	\$ 0.15		-	-					
PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT	600	\$ 0.06		-	-					
EDUCATION & STUDENTS	2,200	\$ 0.23		-	-					
- CONTINUING EDUCATION SUPPORT	1,000	\$ 0.10		-	-					
COMMUNICATIONS	200	\$ 0.02		-	-					
MISSION IN CANADA	500	\$ 0.05		-	-					
YOUTH	1,000	\$ 0.10		-	-					
WORLD OUTREACH	200	\$ 0.02		-	-					
FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION	450	\$ 0.05		-	-					
STEWARDSHIP	100	\$ 0.01		-	-					
PRESBYTERY PROJECTS, GRANTS:										
RESOURCE CENTRE	21,000	\$ 2.16		5,000	5,000					
CAMP BIMINI	12,000	\$ 1.23		5,000	7,000					
CAMP MENESETUNG	12,000	\$ 1.23		-	7,000					
CONTINGENCY	2,000	\$ 0.21		-	-					
PASTORAL SUPPORT MINISTER	49,000	\$ 5.03		8,467	7,252					
YOUTH MINISTER	65,600	\$ 6.74		11,955	9,469					
	321,213	\$ 33.00		40,422	54,616					
		\$ -								
(DEFICIT) BALANCE	242	\$ 0.02		(5,991)	(3,629)					
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011				
MEMBERSHIP	10,998	10,613	10,321	10,236	9,826	9,734	Bank Balance - Feb 18/11	\$ 13,541	\$ 9,171	
							Savings Account	\$ 4,901	\$ 9,865	
							Special Reserve Savings Account	\$ 23,950	\$ 24,265	
							Membership Shares-Cr Union	\$ 50	\$ 50	
							Loan to-Camp Menesetzung	\$ -	\$ -	

Paid in Full: Centralia-Zion West, Crediton, Parkview-Stratford, Wingham

Paid in Part: Auburn, Brucefield-Kippen, Brussels-Ethel, Benmiller/Victoria St.-Goderich, Londesborough, Monkton