

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

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January 17, 2012

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the January 17, 2012 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: Tom Murray, Emily Phillips, Harry Disher, Paul Ross, Betty Graber Watson, Brent Caslick, Winston Jibb, Michelle Owens, Ron Skinner, Avaline Wandel, Margaret Bakker

Corresponding:

Regrets: Pirie Mitchell, Margaret Hern, Flo Cartwright, Krista Vandarsar, Cheryl Ann Stadelbauer,

Absent:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Tom Murray welcomed everyone. As Winston Jibb lit the candle, Tom Murray read a short devotion from Celtic Treasures. The devotion was based on Ezekiel 37, (Ezekiel and the dry bones) and closed with prayer.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF November 15, 2011**

Motion: Moved by Winston Jibb and seconded by Betty Graber Watson that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of November 15, 2011.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- the committee has completed the financial statement with one assessment still due
- beginning this year presbytery staff will be paid through ADP
- the assessments for 2012 have been sent out
- a short report was given on the closing of Millbank Church, and on some of the changes that are occurring in other churches

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Michelle Owens

- to accommodate changes in Pastoral Relations at Stratford Central with the leaving of Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa the following motion was made

Motion: Moved by Michelle Owens and seconded by Emily Phillips that approval be given for a temporary change in **Cindy Bourgeois'** call and approval for a short term contract with **Kathi Urbasik-Hindley** on the terms presented but not recorded herein. Carried.

- Ethel church will be closing and Finance and Administration will appoint a representative to assist them
- a supervisor will be appointed for Dungannon Union

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- Tavistock has approved a contract extension until February 29, 2012 for Rev. Kathi Urbasik Hindley and Rev. Carmen Holborough

ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- at the end of 2011 Archives had 6 pastoral charges outstanding to bring us up to date within the three year review cycle. Of these 6, arrangements are being made to visit 2 of them in early 2012, 1 church is in rebirthing, 1 charge is under supervision and the other 2 are closed or closing within 6 months.

- at the end of 2012 all churches will be current with the three year cycle

- Avaline Wandel has taken on Archives for United Church Woman. Huron Perth needed an Archivist and as these books do not have to be reviewed it seemed logical to incorporate the two positions.

PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT: Betty Graber Watson

- no visits have been made since last Presbytery meeting

- hope to set up a transitions team to assist churches in making major transitions such as church closure

EDUCATION & STUDENTS: No report

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OF LONDON

CONFERENCE: Paul Ross

- no meeting held since November meeting

- due to another commitment is unable to attend executive meeting in February and if we are allowed to send an alternate, Harry Disher will be attending

UCW: - no report

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Emily Phillips

-would like suggestions of people to contact concerning the office of chairperson for 2013-14

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Winston Jibb

- no report

AOTS: Ron Skinner

- has concerns concerning the local charter, as no information has been received lately

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP

- no report

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CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

Chairman Tom Murray-

- at the next executive meeting will bring some thoughts on what the prime directive of Huron Perth Presbytery is

Chairman elect Harry Disher

- looking in to possibilities of making changes for next year, such as having a Presbytery meeting in January instead of a February meeting

- looking in to changing the meeting agendas, having more workshops, changing the time and makeup of groups /committees

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Benmiller, Victoria and North Street Amalgamation talks

- a group has been meeting informally

- the executive was asked to conduct a telephone poll to vote on a motion that was prepared out of a conference call hosted by Neil Lackey, held on December 20 between Neil Lackey PSM, Michelle Owens PR, Betty Graber Watson PO, and Brent Caslick F&A.

The motion reads as follows:

Whereas official communication has been received from **Victoria Street-Benmiller** Official Board and from North Street Council:

Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Michelle Owens that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the motions to engage in formal amalgamation discussions as requested by Victoria Street-Benmiller and North Street; with the following recommendations:

1. That the congregations establish a planning group composed of 2 appointed representatives from each congregation and one named alternate from each congregation. [It is hoped that the alternate would attend as often as possible to listen.] If one of the appointees is unable to attend it is expected the alternate would take part in the discussions.

2. Request the Finance and Administration committee of Presbytery and the Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee of Presbytery to each appoint one observer from their respective committee to the planning group.

3. Request that Neil Lackey invite Judith Gilliland [Conference Officer] to be the facilitator for the planning group.

The result of the poll was to accept the motion.

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Michelle Owens that the executive receive the results of the telephone poll held on January 5th to give approval for the formal amalgamation discussions by **Victoria Street-Benmiller and North Street** . Carried.

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2. 6 month pilot project between **Monkton United and Atwood Trowbridge Donegal**

- a letter received from **Monkton Church** states:

On Dec. 20, 3 motions were carried at a meeting of the Official Board of Monkton United Church in Monkton:

1. That Monkton United accept the proposed sharing of ministry with the Atwood/Trowbridge/Donegal. Kathy Douglas (quarter time), Elaine Graham (quarter time) and Michelle Owens (fulltime) would create a team to offer Worship, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and Outreach.

2. That Monkton United enter into a new contract with Elaine Graham to help with pastoral care (quarter time) Jan 1 to June 30, 2012.

3. That the Monkton United Joint Search Committee be put on hiatus until further notice

- a letter received from **Atwood Church** states:

On January 10, a motion was carried at a meeting of the Official Board of the Atwood Pastoral Charge:

That the Atwood Pastoral Charge agree to co-operate with the Monkton United Church to accept their proposal and to proceed with the 6-month pilot project. In this proposal, the three personnel in ministry, Kathy Douglas (quarter time), Elaine Graham (quarter time) and Michelle Owens (fulltime) would create a team to offer Worship, Christian Education, Pastoral Care, and Outreach.

- after a discussion on the pilot project and the role of Youth Ministry in Presbytery a motion was made

Motion: Moved by Paul Ross and seconded Winston Jibb that the executive give approval to the proposal in the letters from Monkton and Atwood Churches for a 6 month pilot project and request that the participants give an assessment upon completion of the pilot project.

Carried. 1 abstention

3. General Council seeking feedback on Pastoral Relations

- after much discussion it was decided to send feed back to General Council on the changes that may be coming to Pastoral Relations

Motion: Moved by Paul Ross and seconded by Brent Caslick to invite Wendy Cranston from General Council to the next presbytery meeting to give a presentation and participate in a workshop on the proposed changes in Pastoral Relations in the church.

Carried.

-Tom Murray will send invitations to neighbouring presbyteries and conferences to attend the workshop

4. Report on the review of Presbytery Youth Worker

- the report will be given at the February Presbytery meeting

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CLOSING: Tom Murray closed the meeting with the prayer, A blessing of earth, sky and sea.

ADJOURNMENT: A joint motion by Brent Caslick and Betty Graber Watson to adjourn was made at 11:37.

Tom Murray, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Next meeting tentatively set for February 21, 9:30am at Clinton United Church.