

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

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March 20, 2012

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the March 20, 2012 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:33am 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, Michelle Owens, Avaline Wandel, Margaret Hern, Colin Snyder, Margaret Bakker

Corresponding:

Regrets: Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Winston Jibb, Pirie Mitchell, Ron Skinner, Flo Cartwright

Absent:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Tom Murray welcomed everyone, and lit the candle reminding everyone that the light is a symbol that Christ is within us and among us. Devotions were based on John 20: 20-21, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you". Before closing with prayer everyone was asked to share an experience that started with a prayer.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF February 21, 2011**

Motion: Moved by Margaret Hern and seconded by Paul Ross that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of February 21, 2011. **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- 18.5% of assessments have been received
- unfortunately some churches have not sent in any assessments yet
- a discussion was held on some of the changes occurring in Hampstead, Milverton, Donegal, Staffa, Ethel and Hibbert

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Michelle Owens

- two transfer requests will be brought to the next presbytery meeting
- a covenanting service with Nancy Knowles will arranged
- a short report concerning Atwood, Donegal, Trowbridge and Monkton stated that the new arrangement is work well
- a discussion was held concerning the amalgamation of Northstreet, Victoria and Benmiller churches and the up coming ordination of Tom Dunbar
- two churches are searching for ministers

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ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- no report

PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT: Betty Graber Watson

- spring visits are being arranged
- a meeting at Gorrie Wroxeter was cancelled
- Rebirthing is continuing at Dungannon and Hampstead

EDUCATION & STUDENTS:

- no report

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Margaret Hern

- next executive meeting is on April 2
- the Crediton United Church Women group has closed
- will be meeting on March 23 to discuss the up coming 50th Anniversary Party on May 7

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:

- no report

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Emily Phillips

- hopes to announce a chair elect at the next presbytery meeting

AS ONE THAT SERVES (AOTS):

- no report

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP: Colin Snyder

- would like to see more co-operation between the camps and hopefully the over flow of campers from Bimini will go to Menesetung
- have a youth delegate to go to Youth Form
- thanked the support group that supports Kathy Douglas, the Presbytery Youth Pastor, as Kathy Douglas continues to work with the youth and assists with the ministry at Atwood and Monkton charges

PENSION COMMITTEE: Paul Ross

- some retirees are finding it difficult to activate their pensions
- Paul Ross will be retiring from the committee as of the June meeting

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OF LONDON

CONFERENCE: Paul Ross

- was unable to attend last conference meeting
- Conference has approved the appointment of a search committee to replace Peter Kingsbury

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- the Personal Minister job will be divided in two position, Pastoral Relations (full time) and Pastoral Support (part time)
- Conference Annual Meeting will be compacted in to 2 days and they are asking that nominations be sent in early

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT:

Chairman Tom Murray

- thank you letter received from Nora Sander, General Secretary, General Council, for the positive feedback received, regarding the meeting summary prepared and distributed after the November 2011 meeting of the Executive of the General Council.
- thank you letter received from Michael Blair Executive Minister, Communities in Ministry General Council, for note received, concerning the Executive Summary from the General Council Executive.
- discussion was held concerning the February workshop on Effective Leadership and Healthy Pastoral Relationships, most felt it was very informative and liked that members of other presbyteries were able to join us
- thank you to Paul Ross, Michelle Owens and Neil Lackey for all their work in making the workshop such a success
- Tom Murray and Margaret Bakker attended meeting in London on March 18 for chairpersons and secretaries and learned that London Conference may be one of the test sites for the new Pastoral Relationships program, and that telephone polls need to be done by Skype or telephone conference calls

Chairman elect Harry Disher

- would like to undertake some experiments from June 2012 to May 2013
 1. Have a January meeting instead of a February meeting.
 2. Have Executive meetings sometime during the second week of the month (maybe in week one in March to avoid March break week.
 3. Have our current Divisions and Committees meet in clusters for part of their gathering time in order to -
 - a. Nurture and encourage one another and share mutual concerns
 - b. Have a greater resource pool available for training for Joint Needs Assessment; Joint Search Committees; Discernment Committees; Internship Site applications; Closure or Amalgamation, etc. discussions; Pastoral Oversight teams; Pastoral Charge supervision.
 - c. Design and prepare workshops to which local congregations could also be invited during some of our Presbyter meetings.

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The Clusters would be:

- 1) MINISTRY SUPPORTS AND TRANSITIONS: Pastoral Relations, Pastoral Care and Oversight, Education and Students, Finance and Administration
- 2) FAITH FORMATION AND MISSION: Division of Mission in Canada, Division of World Outreach, Division of Communication, Division of Stewardship

NEW BUSINESS:

- Colin Snyder made an inquiry into licensing to do sacraments in other charges, Pastoral Relations will look into the matter

CLOSING: Harry Disher closed the meeting with the prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Betty Graber Watson to adjourn was made at 11:34.

Tom Murray, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Next meeting tentatively set for May 15, 9:30am at Exeter United Church.