

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

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**May 15, 2012**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the May 15, 2012 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:34am for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before it.

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Emily Phillips, Harry Disher, Paul Ross, Betty Graber Watson, Brent Caslick, Michelle Owens, Avaline Wandel, Margaret Hern, Colin Snyder, Winston Jibb, Pirie Mitchell, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa, Margaret Bakker

**Corresponding:**

**Regrets:** Tom Murray, Ron Skinner, Flo Cartwright

**Absent:**

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** Emily Phillips, past chairperson, welcomed everyone and lit the candle as a symbol to 'know that we have light in our lives'. After a prayer, devotions were based on John 9:25-27 and closed with everyone asked to share "One piece of advice your mother gave you and if you follow it or not".

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF March 20, 2012**

**Motion:** Moved by Betty Graber Watson and seconded by Winston Jibb that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of March 20, 2012. **CARRIED**

**REPORTS:**

**PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OF LONDON**

**CONFERENCE:** Paul Ross

- have not met since last presbytery meeting
- the Annual Conference meeting May 4-6 was a great success

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Brent Caslick

- 34% of assessments have been received
- - unfortunately some churches have not sent in any assessments yet

1. Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Margaret Hern that Huron Perth Presbytery approve the request of the Trustees of **Victoria Street United** Church to accept the offer of sale of the land located at Lot 127, Plan 457, Town of Goderich, save and except Part 2 on Plan 22R2422 for \$115,000 with the expected closing date of July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 and subject to the conditions noted in Schedule A of the Agreement of Purchase and Sale.

**Carried**

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- trustees will be informed that 2% of the final selling price of any real property owned by a Church less (if applicable) Real Estate Commissions and Lawyer Fees must be submitted to the London Conference Archives Fund. Huron-Perth Presbytery Finance & Administration Committee will help them complete the necessary form to accompany their cheque. An example of the Calculation would be - (\$115,000 less \$7,000 Real Estate Commission and less \$1,000 Lawyer fees equals \$107,000 times 2%, equals \$2,140 payable to London Conference)

2. Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Paul Ross that Huron Perth Presbytery receive and accept with regret the decision of the Woodham Congregation to close the **Woodham Church** building on June 30, 2013. **Carried.**

3. Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Avaline Wandel that Huron Perth Presbytery not approve the request of the Trustees of **Ethel United Church** to disperse the building property and contents of the Ethel United Church by public auction on Wednesday June 27, 2012 at 6:00pm with no reserve bid on the building and property. **Carried.**

4. Motion: Moved by Michelle Owens and seconded by Pirie Mitchell that the Trustees of **Ethel United Church** will obtain two fair market value assessments for the Ethel United Church building and property, subsequent to that, the Finance and Administration Committee of Huron Perth Presbytery, in consultation with the Trustees of Ethel United Church, will determine the value of the reserve bid. **Carried.**

- a discussion was held concerning travel reimbursement at Gorrie Wroxeter and presbytery representatives will be attending their next meeting on June 18

- three churches will be conducting closing service in June

1. Ethel United Church – June 3 at 11:00am
2. Hibbert United Church – June 3 at 2:00pm
3. Benmiller United Church – June 24

**PASTORAL RELATIONS:** Michelle Owens

- many churches are making changes, only 10 congregations in the presbytery have not had motions brought to the court in the last year

- a discussion was held on some of the changes occurring in Dashwood Zurich, St. Marys, Mitchell, Clinton

- will examine our members at large list and may bring a motion to next meeting to add some people to that list

**EDUCATION & STUDENTS:** Pirie Mitchell

- Pirie Mitchell will remain another year as head of education and students

- Presbytery at the moment has three students, as well as one student returning to the program after some time off, one in the Designated Lay Ministry program and another person looking into the ministry program

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH:** Winston Jibb

- no report

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**UNITED CHURCH WOMEN:** Margaret Hern

United Church Women Report for Huron-Perth for Presbytery and London Conference

United Church Women June 26th executive

In the words of Elaine MacMillan of Hampstead, " May 7th was Utterly Completely Wonderful!"

Monday May 7th a Universal, Collection of Women from Huron-Perth gathered in the Stanley Township Community Complex in Varna for an Uplifting, Celebratory, Weekday 50th anniversary party. They arrived at 3:00 p.m. with their Usual Cheerful Wives and brought with them Useful Chairpads and Walkers, and Unique Canes and Well Wishes. Lovely table decor and delicious punch set the party scene.

Everyone enjoyed Uplifting Choral Warbles from "thatotherchoir", directed by Louise Dockstader, and an Uplifted Carefree Wit in skit form, performed by Wanda Keith and Deb Rathwell. This skit, an overview of 50 years, featured a walk on cameo appearance by a Charter member, the mother of one of the participants. The program portion began at 4:00p.m. with a brief history lesson on our beginnings,....those first seeds planted following the 17th General Council meeting held in Windsor, Sept. 1956 .

Some locals brought display items for viewing and conversation starters. There were several beautiful quilts, and North Street, Goderich, had a collection of scrapbook clippings and original programs from annual meetings of the 60's and 70's. Huron and Perth were separate Presbyteries until 1968. The first Huron-Perth President was Mrs. Harold Babensee of Stratford. The inaugural meeting held in Seaford. Lunch was a \$1.00.

The Unified Culinary Workers from Kippen, Brucefield, Varna & Goshen served the 268 present a Utilitarian Cooked 'W-oast' beef dinner with anniversary cake for dessert. One dear soul was so disappointed because there was no pie! There's always pie in Varna! The anniversary cake cutting followed a tribute to all women of Huron -Perth, past, present and future. We thank Marg Engeland (and friends) for her tribute, and Muriel Coultis, Marlene Coulthard, and Margaret Hern for the ceremonial cut.

At 7:30 p.m. all went home to their beds amidst Universal Cheer & Well wishes, with gratitude to the Unique Community of Women who are the United Church Women of Huron Perth.

Recognizing that Huron Perth United Church Women is part of a picture that spans the world -----for 50 years we have studied, boycotted, collected labels, protested on corners, held enough bazaars and bake sales to feed the world, planted Food Grains crops, baked cookies for campers, opened soup kitchens, led worship, got the sanctuary painted, knitted, quilted, cleaned and carpeted.....we've done it all! My thanks to all of these Unique Caring Workers. Huron-Perth Presbytery is blessed to have so many caring women in their communities and congregations.

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An email report on May 16th tells us that to date London Conference Women have raised a total of almost \$20,000.00 for the Morogoro Project in Tanzania. Our event in Varna has approximately \$189.00 profit to send on, and our locals continue to forward their anniversary gift following local celebrations. I am sure the National United Church Women objective of \$50,000.00 for the Women's Training Centre in Morogoro, Tanzania, will be reached. Once again the United Church Women are successfully involved in the world. The observation that "involvement in the world would be necessary," if the new United Church Women organization would survive at all, was made by the London Conference United Church Women President in 1965. 50 years is a wonderful witness to our survival! UCW 1962-2012.....keep the party going!

**ARCHIVES:** Avaline Wandel

- attended a work shop on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Richards Memorial United Church, London
- recommends that churches send their historical record books to archives for safe keeping
- if information is required from these books it can be obtain at no cost from archive
- is trying to obtain books from Holmeville, Nile, Ethel, Millbank, Benmiller and Hibbert Churches

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

- no report

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP:** Colin Snyder

- no report

**AS ONE THAT SERVES (AOTS):**

**CHAIRPERSONS ELECT REPORT:**

- executive meetings will be second Tuesday of the month, meetings in September and October to be held in Blyth United Church, other locations to be announced later
- at June meeting hope to have divisions work in cluster groups and obtain ideas for future workshops
- in September plan to have a workshop Sexual Abuse Policies, as well as orientation program for new delegates
- plan to announce locations of future presbytery meetings
- a discussion was held concerning summer meetings and it was decided that executive meetings be at the call of the chairperson
- would like to see local congregations be come involved in presbytery workshops

**CONFERENCE LIAISON-** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

- our new liaison will be Judith Gilliland

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**CLOSING:** Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa closed the meeting with the prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** A motion by Michelle Owens to adjourn was made at 12:00.

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Tom Murray, Chair

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Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Next meetings tentatively set for - July 10, 2012 (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday) 9:30am, Main Street, Mitchell  
- September 11, 2012 9:30am at Blyth United Church