

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

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CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the July 10, 2012 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:41am by stating; "In the name of Jesus Christ the one true Head of the Church, and by the authority vested in me as the chair of Huron Perth Presbytery, I now declare this meeting constituted, for worship, fellowship and the transaction of such business as may properly come before it"

IN ATTENDANCE: Harry Disher, Betty Graber Watson, Brent Caslick, Avaline Wandel, Margaret Hern, Winston Jibb, Tom Murray, Margaret Bakker

Corresponding: Neil Lackey

Regrets: Paul Ross, Michelle Owens, Colin Snyder, Ron Skinner, Flo Cartwright

Absent: Pirie Mitchell, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairman Harry Disher welcomed everyone as Winston Jibb lit the Christ Candle. Devotions were based on Psalm 2 and Psalm 68 and closed with prayer.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF May 15, 2012**

Motion: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Winston Jibb that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of May 15, 2012. **CARRIED**

REPORTS:

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Winston Jibb

- plan to have workshop at the November Presbytery meeting on Migrant Workers

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Margaret Hern

- the executive meeting was held on June 26

- London Conference has raised over \$30,000 for the Morogoro Project in Tanzania

ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

Five members of Huron Perth Presbytery attended the Archives presentation in London on April 24, 2012. Erin Greeno, central Ontario Conference Archivist did the presentation stressing the importance of everyone sending their documents and books in for safe storage. If any Church requires information from the books once they have been transferred, Archives will look up the pertinent information, photocopy and send it out at no cost.

Individuals wanting information should ideally come to the Archives to do their own research, however, they are always welcome to email or call the Archives to confirm whether they have any information relating to their topic. In some cases, if there are few records to sort through, the Archives staff can copy what is available for a fee of \$1.00 per photocopy plus postage and send it to the individual. It is always best to contact the Archives before visiting, to ensure that there is useful records onsite (some of the collection is stored offsite and they usually require a day or two to retrieve those records.)

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As for requests for Baptisms/Marriage Records, the records are restricted, the information can only be given to the individual whose information it is. The information can be sent to a requestor with the permission of the person whose information it is.

I have obtained the records from Holmesville, Roy's, Staff and Zion and these have been organized and are ready to go. Hibbert has sent most of their records but still have records to finalize after the sale of their Church. I have picked up Nile, this was a Historic Roll and Register that had been filled, but these Registers and Historic Roll are still being used by Dungannon Union and Trinity. I have had contact with Krista Vandersar regarding the Millbank Church and hope to have whatever is available by the end of the summer. Ethel Church books should be available after the sale has been finalized and they can be officially closed. Benmiller and Victoria Street will be available after the amalgamation is completed. I was in contact with Erin Greeno last week and they are up to date with records that have been submitted so we shall try and have the eleven boxes that are completed transferred down allowing them time to process before September.

It is important to ensure that Churches that are closing should show in their Minutes, Official Board or Trustees, that the records are to be forwarded to Archives. It would also help if they would take whatever records they would like to be photocopied and kept at the local Museum. If this is not possible I will do so, if the records are in good condition. (A number of the records that I catalogued to send were extremely fragile and I would not feel comfortable allowing them to be handled prior to them being sent to Archives.)

If anyone is planning a trip to General Council Offices, please check with Brent Caslick or myself to see if there is anything ready to be transported, remembering that arrangements have to be made with Archives prior to shipping.

PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT: Betty Graber Watson

- committee is on holidays for the summer

Scheduling is difficult as many of our Pastoral charges are in various stages of transition. Changing ministers, changing rules, changing boards and churches all have to be taken into considerations as we schedule our triennial visits. Celebration and reassurance are an important part of these visits for clergy and congregations. At issue now is keeping in touch with the local churches where many changes continue to affect our timing of visits.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

1. **Motion:** Moved By Brent Caslick and seconded by Tom Murray that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of the **Blyth United Church** Trustees to accept an offer of \$159,900 for their **manse** located at 772 Mill Street in the Village of Blyth, legally described as BLK C Pl 173 Blyth, Excerpt R333380, Township of North Huron, County of Huron.

Carried.

2. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Margaret Hern that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of the **Gorrie United Church** Trustees to accept an offer of \$175,000 for their **manse** located at 2046 Albert Street South in the village of Gorrie, legally described as Lot 199, Plan 276, Howick Township in the County of Huron. **Carried.**

3. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Avaline Wandell that Huron-Perth Presbytery approved the auction sale price of \$14,000 for the **Ethel United Church building** and its land, located at 44418 Brandon Road in the Village of Ethel, legally described as Lot 5, Plan 242, Municipality of Huron East, County of Huron. **Carried.**

4. **Motion:** Moved by Brent Caslick and seconded by Margaret Hern that Huron-Perth Presbytery approve the request of the **Atwood and Monkton Pastoral Charges** to cover 50% of the Salary and benefit costs out of the Atwood & Monkton Manse capital funds, to pay for one Intentional Interim Minister for one year, renewable on appropriate request up to one additional year with 25% (Maximum \$20,000 per year per Pastoral Charge) coming equally out of each Pastoral Charge Manse funds, with the understanding that if the two Pastoral Charges are successful in obtaining funds from the “Seeds of Hope”, the amount of capital withdrawn will be reduced by the same amount equally. **Carried.**

- 50% of assessments have been received
- three churches have not paid any assessment

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Neil Lackey presented a report concerning Monkton and Atwood Pastoral charges

- Neil Lackey presented information from the meetings held by the Atwood Pastoral Charge and the Monkton Pastoral Charge

Motion: Moved by Avaline Wandell and seconded by Betty Graber Watson to receive the reports and motions from the meeting of the Atwood Pastoral Charge Board and the Monkton Pastoral Charge Board held on July 3, 2012 and that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive adopt items one through ten and their subsections as follows. **Carried.** 1 abstention

1. That having received reports and motions from the Board of Monkton Pastoral Charge and the Board of the Atwood Pastoral Charge responding to the Monkton – Atwood Project, Huron Perth Presbytery:

- a) Declares that the Monkton and Atwood Pastoral charges are in a time of Transitional ministry.
 - b) Receives the reports and acknowledges the congregational and board meetings as equivalent to a Joint Needs Assessment process.
 - c) Requests from the Monkton-Atwood Charges a detailed position description, financial budget and appropriate Pastoral Relations forms, for the proposed position as a requirement to enable the appointment requested.
2. That Huron Perth Presbytery commend the project team and participants for their visionary and practical work.
3. That Huron-Perth Presbyter confirm Michelle Owens in the continuation of her called ministry to the Atwood Pastoral Charge, recognizing the transitional nature of that called ministry, and commend her willingness to work with an interim ministry towards a sustainable future for United Church ministry among the Trowbridge-Atwood-Donegal-Monkton Congregations.

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4. That Huron Perth Presbytery, while not limiting the scope of Interim Ministry work, authorize the Monkton and Atwood Charges to jointly search for an appropriately skilled full time Interim Minister to be appointed for one year, renewable on appropriate request for up to one additional year, commencing as early as September 1, 2012 to focus on the future configuration of the United Church's ministry in the Monkton-Trowbridge, Atwood-Donegal area.
5. That the financial arrangements for funding the Full Time Interim Minister be as follows:
 - a) 50% from the Monkton Pastoral Charge operating Funds
 - b) 25% From the capital of the Monkton Pastoral charge Manse Fund Holdings
 - c) 25% from the Atwood Pastoral Charge Manse Fund holdings
6. That the Atwood Pastoral charge and Monkton Pastoral charge be commended for their willingness to cooperate and work together in discerning the future of United Church ministries in their area.
 - a) That it is understood there will be cooperation between the two pastoral charges to fund the Interim ministry through the Monkton Pastoral charge Treasury.
 - b) That Salary, Pension and Benefits of the Interim Ministry full time position, for purposes of ADP payments will be administered through the Monkton Pastoral Charge Treasury.
 - c) That the Atwood Pastoral Charge will contribute 25% of the costs of the Interim Ministry full time position to the Monkton Pastoral charge treasury on a timely basis so ADP can continue uninterrupted.
7. That through the Pastoral Care and Oversight Committee Huron-Perth Presbytery receives reports no less frequently than every 4 to 5 months following the first 4 months of the interim ministry.
8. That through the Pastoral Relations Committee, presbytery appointees be named for the Joint Interim Ministry Search committee and the Joint Transition Team (local members for each of the joint committees having already been appointed by the Atwood Charge and Monkton Charge boards meeting on July 3, 2012).
9. That in view of the cooperation of these pastoral charges and congregations involved, in addition to the joint transition team, the Ministry and Personnel committees will meet jointly with the Ministry Personnel authorized in the preceding motions at least once every 3 months for the duration of the Interim Ministry.
10. That the ministry call of Michelle Owens, notwithstanding that she has agreed to work for up to two years with an appointed ministry personnel in interim ministry, is without time limit and therefore even when the Interim Ministry position concludes, and the recommendations are made, it is not automatic that the call of Michelle Owens also concludes.

PRESBYTERY REPRESENTATIVE TO THE EXECUTIVE OF LONDON

CONFERENCE: Paul Ross

- Paul Ross sent regrets
- no report

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London Conference Executive decisions are 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.

HIGHLIGHTS LONDON CONFERENCE JUNE 20, 2012

LIFE AND FAITH -- It was received with regret the news that the Life and Faith program is ending. London Conference extends their appreciation for this ministry to London Conference's representative, Rev. Matthew Penny of Lambeth United Church.

NOMINATIONS -- Rev. Heather McLean has been nominated to the position of Chair of the London Conference Interview Board, and Ross Mitton of Essex Presbytery has been appointed to the position of member-at-large on the Division of Finance and Administration. Nominations still has key vacancies to fill; please visit www.londonconference.ca for more information.

STAFF SUPPORT AND PERSONNEL PORTFOLIO -- The Executive accepted the Search Committee that Rev. Rick Hawley be offered the position of 0.5FTE Conference Personnel Minister for the term July 15, 2012 up to January 31, 2013. Rev. Elaine Graham has also accepted the position of Conference Personnel Minister Pastoral Support, 0.5FTE to begin July 1, 2012.

GUEST PRESENTATIONS – PEGI RIDOUT, DIRECTOR 5 OAKS & ROB DALGLEISH, EDGE -- Pegi Ridout, Director from 5 Oaks presented an overview of the current programming available for ministry personnel and lay people. Pegi noted that legacy gifts to 5 Oaks would be appreciated and are used to fund the Distinguished Lecture series, leadership and pastoral care programs. Rob Dalglish presented the "EDGE: Network for Ministry Development" program to the Executive, including a video presentation and successful work provided to Manitoba Northwest Conference. More information can be found at <http://www.edge-ucc.ca/>

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA – PLANNING, BUDGET AND SUPPORT

The Division of Mission in Canada committee seeks "To support growth and transformation in Presbyteries and Congregations by encouraging, educating and challenging." The committee is currently hosting a Cuban camping exchange, and Kaitlyn Pugh (from Camp Bimini) and Mark Wilkins (Pearce-Williams) are currently in Cuba. Upcoming events for youth include the Summer: YATs Hook-up and Fall: DMC Treasure Hunt. Please visit www.londonconference.ca for more details on how to register.

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN -- The 50th annual gathering was held in Aylmer Ontario, April 15-16 2012. Each presbyterial was asked to report on their fundraising to date for the Morogoro Project. London Conference UCWs have raised more than \$20,000. Since the national goal was originally \$50,000, it would appear that the goal will not only be met, but will be surpassed. A symbolic cheque will be presented to the Division of Missions at the 50th Anniversary celebration at Ancaster in July.

PLANNING COMMITTEE -- With 7 ministry personnel confirming their retirement at the 2013 Annual Meeting, and another 18 ministry personnel eligible for retirement it is time to start investigating the feasibility of holding retirement celebrations at the Presbytery level. The Planning Committee is urging Presbytery Executive's to hold these discussions in earnest.

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OFFICE OF SECRETARY:

- received the Residential School Update May newsletter
- received a copy of a letter sent to Benmiller United Church Elders concerning the closing and demolish of their building -- letter filed

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON:

- still working on agenda for next meeting
- would like to see committees meet as clusters at 3:00 o'clock and then meet as committees at 4:00, have only time sensitive motion brought to the court and meeting adjourned by 9:00.
- may invite London Conference President Paul Browning to attend the October meeting and have only one workshop that day
- meeting location and time for March not finalized yet

CLOSING: Harry Disher closed the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Brent Caslick to adjourn was made at 11:32 am.

Harry Disher, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Next meetings tentatively set for - September 11, 2012 9:30am at Blyth United Church