

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

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October 9, 2012

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the October 9, 2012 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:40am 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 executive meeting constituted, for worship, fellowship and the transaction of such business as may properly come before it"

IN ATTENDANCE: Harry Disher, Betty Graber Watson, Avaline Wandel, Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa , Brent Caslick, Michelle Owens, Margaret Hern, Colin Snyder, Pirie Mitchell, Margaret Bakker

Regrets: Winston Jibb,

Absent: Ron Skinner, Flo Cartwright, Paul Ross, Tom Murray, Sharon Lohnes

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Chairman Harry Disher welcomed everyone and lit the Christ candle to remind us that the light of Christ shines among us. Worship was based on two events happening in October - thanksgiving and anniversary services in many churches. Everyone was encouraged to recognize and be thankful for the traditions and values of the past and at the same time realize that these evolve with time and to take note and make changes. Worship closed with a prayer written by Margaret Silf.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH PRESBYTERY OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2012

Motion: Moved by Margaret Bakker and seconded by Michelle Owens that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of September 11, 2012.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

ARCHIVES: Avaline Wandel

- has received the books from Millbank United for the Archives
- will be attending an Archive meeting in London on October 18

PASTORAL RELATIONS: Michelle Owens

Motion: Moved by Michelle Owens and seconded by Avaline Wandell the Huron Perth Presbytery appoint **Kathy Wreford** and **Paul Vollick** as Pastoral Charge Supervisors for Centralia United, Zion West United, Kirkton United, and Woodham United.

Carried. 2 abstentions

- update was given on new ministers in Dungannon Union and St. Marys

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Brent Caslick

- chairs of committees are encouraged to have their budget requirements in by the next presbytery so the budget can be set
- two churches have not sent in any of their assessments

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- the budget will be set at the November meeting and may have to look at making changes to staff positions. Both positions are very important to presbytery but financial constraints may make it necessary to re-examine the positions

Motion: Moved by Brent Caslick and Seconded by Michelle Owens that Huron-Perth Presbytery appoint **Tom Dunbar** and **Joe Laurie** to the Board of Trustees of the **Hibbert United Church** in order to assist the current trustees in transferring the titles and the properties of the Hibbert (Staffa) United Church Cemetery and the former Roy's Presbyterian Cemetery to either a new Cemetery Board or to the Municipality. **Carried**

- this motion is made in accordance to Section 258 (d) of the manual

- meetings of amalgamation are continuing at Goderich and Area United and at Brucefield, Kippen, Varna, Goshen United churches

PASTORAL CARE & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE – Betty Graber Watson

- regular visits are going well but there are many changes occurring in many churches

- it is recommended that when working with a rebirthing group that there be at least two members of presbytery present and that they are observers only

- a number of questions arising from a rebirthing were discussed and some examples are, if naming a church should United Church be a requirement as part of the new name, is a new PAR account required or can an old account be used, is voting by advance poll acceptable.

- a workshop for trustees may be set up to assist churches with amalgamation

UNITED CHURCH WOMEN: Margaret Hern

- Huron Perth Presbyterial Fall Rally will be held on October 15, 6:30pm, at Calvary United in Listowel

- the Presbyterial level of United Church Women may close due to lack of support to fill executive positions

- Margaret Hern shared the story of her nephew Ben, how he raised over \$30,000.00 for the South Huron Hospital by running a double marathon and all the support the family and community gave to this worth while cause.

- Michelle Owen and Elaine Graham have set up a program on Women in ministry that they are will to share with others

**DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA & STEWARDSHIP and DIVISION OF
WORLD OUTREACH: Colin Snyder**

- committees working together

- working on migrant workers workshop for November presbytery meeting

EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE – Chair -Pirie Mitchell

- gave a short up date of obtaining a vulnerable sector check (police check) and the cost involved if fingerprinting is required

- reported on the statuses of a student

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CONFERENCE LIAISON - Cheryl-Ann Stadelbauer-Sampa

- power point presentations, with information from London Conference, are available for presbytery's to use at their meetings
- the applications for the position of London Conference Personnel Minister must be in today
- the Effective Leadership and Healthy Pastoral Relations project was discussed at General Council and it is in the development stage. London Conference may become one of the test sites.
- a Pastoral Care and Oversight Reporting Form for Conference is being developed. It is hoped that this will enable churches to share more information on issues such as part time ministry, transitions, property issues, and to have the information be more current than the Annual Year Book.

OFFICE OF SECRETARY: Margaret Bakker

- discussion was held on membership of presbytery and attendance

OFFICE OF CHAIRPERSON: Harry Disher

- will have Conference President Paul Browning and Judith Gilland as speakers at the next presbytery
- discussion on conflict of interest in the church and when should a person abstain from voting at presbytery meetings

CLOSING: Harry Disher closed the meeting with a prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion by Pirie Mitchell seconded by Brent Caslick to adjourn was made at 12:04 pm.

Harry Disher, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary

Tentative dates and places for executive meetings are as follows:

November 13- Monkton United
December 11 – Monkton United
January 8 – Brucefield United
February 12 – Brucefield United
March 12 – Exeter United
April 12 – Exeter United