

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

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March 18, 2011

CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT: a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the March 18, 2011 meeting of the Executive of Huron-Perth Presbytery to order at 9:35am for the purpose of transacting such business as may be brought before it.

IN ATTENDANCE: Emily Phillips, Ken Hunking, Krista Vandarsar, Winston Jibb, Betty Graber Watson, Ron Skinner, Margaret Bakker

Corresponding: Heather McLean.

Regrets: Tom Murray, Brent Caslick, Gary Clark, Margaret Hern, Pirie Mitchell, Flo Cartwright,

Absent:

OPENING DEVOTIONS: Emily Phillips welcomed everyone and read a devotion from a Chicken Soup book, called Just Another Day. It reminded us to think big thoughts and relish small pleasures and to always remember that this is the day the Lord has made, let us be glad in it. For our March check in we were asked to say what we liked to do during the spring break when we were young.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH
PRESBYTERY OF FEBRUARY 18, 2010**

MOTION: : Moved by Winston Jibb and seconded by Ken Hunking that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of February 18, 2010.

CARRIED

REPORTS:

PASTORAL RELATIONS: No Report

PASTORAL CARE AND OVERSIGHT: Betty Graber Watson

- position description for pastoral support minister is complete and on web site
- will seek approval from presbytery for the job and to hire Neil Lackey for the position
- will be looking at some of the churches that are involved with 'rebirthing' experiment

AOTS: Ron Skinner

- news letter available twice a year
- no meeting since November
- would like to see more awareness of the organization

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION: Ken Hunking

- request from Hibbert Church to do church repairs and to use funds from manse sale
- Krista Vandesar will let her name stand for the position to represent presbytery as delegate to London Conference Executive
- still looking for chair elect for 2011-12

DIVISION OF MISSION IN CANADA-STEWARDSHIP: Krista Vandesar

- Youth Minister position will be reviewed
 - camps are accepting registrations, Camp Bimini 60% full
 - summer team is well underway
 - Spring Stewardship news letter was sent out, showing what is in a food hamper inviting congregations or church groups to 'Do the Challenge', try to eat only what's on the list in the Food Hamper Content.
 - There will be Accessibility Training Workshop given by Krista Vandesar and Harry Disher
 - Saturday, April 9 – 9:30-11:30 am Central United, Stratford
 - Monday, April 11 – 7-9pm Wingham United
 - Saturday, April 30 - 9:30-11:30 am Exeter United
 - Monday, May 2 – 7-9 pm Trinity United, Listowel
 - Saturday, May 14 - - 9:30-11:30 am Clinton United
- Church's should set up committees to deal with Accessibility

DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH: Winston Jibb

- no chair for the committee, rotating chairperson but finding it hard for the meetings to be coherent and then difficult to take on a project
- will look into finding material concerning funding for Japan

NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE: Heather McLean

- budget meeting will be held to discuss changes in assessments, and will be looking at using 3% of line 40 in the yearbook rather than cost per resident member
- presbyteries will have to decide what percentage they will use for their assessments
- that London Conference Executive has decided to change its presbytery membership from the chairperson of each presbytery to one representative from each presbytery who will serve for a three year term with the process starting at the rise of conference 2011.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT: Emily Phillips

- for March meeting theme will be accessibility, sabbatical leave both from congregation and minister view point, archive update, and futures groups will give a report
- events in Japan were discussed and what we can do to help

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- Division of World Outreach will take on a project to help collect funds for Japan
- a jar for change will be set up at next presbytery meeting to collect for fund for Japan
- April meeting theme will be to prepare for Annual meeting and discuss remit concerning Articles of Faith
- After a discussion on bussing to the Annual Meeting the following motions were made:

Motion made by Betty Graber Watson and seconded by Winston Jebb to hire a 47 passenger bus. Carried

Motion made by Winston Jebb and seconded by Betty Graber Watson to recommend to Presbytery that the youth and children attending London Conference Annual meeting be charged half price for the bus fare. Carried.

- the next executive meeting will be held on April 15 at 9:30 am in Blyth

CLOSING: In closing Emily Phillips asked that everyone keep others in the prayers, especially the people of Japan and our missionaries there, Nancy Knowles and her family, Tom Murray and his family, families of the teens in Stratford who just passed away and the families of the fire fighters who died in Listowel. Prayer was given and closed with everyone saying the Lord's Prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Adjourn was made at 11:25.

Emily Phillips, Chair

Margaret Bakker, Secretary