

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

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**MAY 21, 2010**

**CONSTITUTION OF THE COURT:** a quorum being present, the Chairperson of Huron-Perth Presbytery declared the May 21, 2010 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:** Ken Hunking, Chris Beaumont, Gary Clark, Brent Caslick, Winston Jibb, Margaret Hern, Pirie Mitchell, Emily Phillips, Betty Graber Watson, Ruth Long, Krista Vandesaar  
Corresponding: Heather McLean.  
Regrets: Flo Cartwright  
Absent: Alex McGilvery,

**OPENING DEVOTIONS:** opening prayers were offered by the Acting Executive Secretary of London Conference.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE OF HURON-PERTH  
PRESBYTERY OF APRIL 16, 2010**

**MOTION:** Moved and seconded that Huron-Perth Presbytery Executive approve the minutes of their meeting of April 16, 2010 with editorial corrections. **CARRIED.**

**PASTORAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 1) A number of congregations are engaging in experimental ministry through engagement in a variety of new types of relationships not yet finalized but only unfolding.
- 2) Monkton United has completed its JNAC for presentation to the June Presbytery.
- 3) Crediton is engaged in a six months non-standard discernment process with Mark Graves concerning ministry supply in various areas e.g. Pastoral Care, Worship, Christian Education.
- 4) Pastoral Relations is working with Dashwood-Zurich and Hensall to normalize ministry in those Pastoral Charges.

**DIVISION OF STEWARDSHIP & MISSION IN CANADA**

- 1) There is continuing dialogue with the Anglican Church of Canada around possibilities for union. Information on the dialogue is on the United Church web site.
- 2) The Summer Travelling Day Camp has 4 confirmed church sites with others registering an interest. Lindsay Morris is the Co-Ordinator with Senior Staff interviews soon to be conducted.
- 3) Upcoming Youth retreats include April 23 – War & Peace at Central United, Stratford; May 14-15 – Water at Camp Menesetung; and July – Cape Croker Camp and First Nations cultural experience.

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- 4) \$500 has been committed to applicants going to the Islington GO Project initiative. Applications have been received from Lindy Bancroft of Milverton, Amanda MacCannell of Listowel, and Christy Harris of Tavistock.
- 5) The Committee is looking into whether its presence should be with Pastoral Care & Oversight on its Triennial visits or if it should simply submit questions for which PC&O should seek answers.
- 6) The Stewardship Committee and Division of Mission in Canada have merged on a one year test basis but not decided on what its name should be.

**DIVISION OF WORLD OUTREACH**

- 1) The Division has solicited the services of Kate Monk to speak on the issue of water at the June Presbytery.

**EDUCATION & STUDENTS COMMITTEE**

- 1) Sandy Morris will be completing her DLM work at United Theological College in Montreal.

**DIVISION OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

- 1) Applications for capital grants are in process but the availability of funding is not known.
- 2) The Treasurer advises that about 39% of Assessments are in. Delegates should remind their congregations that they should pay their Assessments on regular quarterly installments. This is one way of keeping the Assessment low.
- 3) The Division will be working on a new policy for the collection and use of offerings taken during Covenanting Services.

**NOTES FROM LONDON CONFERENCE**

- 1) General Council is plotting a new course for the future including: moving Pastoral Relations work from Presbyteries to Conferences beginning with tests in 2012; setting up a fund for new ministry development; cutting The Manual by about 50% and making it more user friendly; cutting about \$3 million per year from GC budget for the 2011 through 2013 budgets; providing more training funding; cutting part or all of funding to specified theological colleges; cutting grants by 10%; freezing GC salaries for 2011; permitting designated and M&S giving for mission work and encouraging more national and international partnering by congregations and presbyteries; continuing to develop clarity as to who we serve i.e. we can no longer be everything to everybody.
- 2) As a result of the forgoing, the 2011 budget will be reduced by \$0.35 per resident Member to reflect the freezing of salaries.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

- 1) The Chair-Elect advised that Presbyters will be asked to think about the possibility of holding February and March Presbytery meetings during the day on a Saturday.
- 2) Further changes to Presbytery will include saying The Lord's Prayer at each meeting but in a variety of forms, and there will no longer be automatic workshops. Instead, there will be educational sessions lasting about ½ hr.
- 3) Presbyters are asked to remember Rev Susan Cameron in their prayers due to illness in the family.
- 4) It was decided that there needs to be a more intentional process for saying farewell to Presbyters, Ordered and Lay, when they resign, move on or die.
- 5) It was also decided that a more intentional process for welcoming new Delegates to Presbytery is needed.
- 6) It was recommended that the Futures Task Group be advised that a major issue for 2010-11 will be Presbytery relationships. It was also noted that this group does not need to be named a "Commission" in order to add members but can add members as it sees fit to do the work it has to do.
- 7) The Secretary advised that a study of Congregational statistics in relation to the number of Delegates to Presbytery that they are allowed revealed that we are 48 Presbyters short. Presbytery Futures Task Group, and indeed existing Divisions and Committees will need to take the lack of members and commitment levels before undertaking any major initiatives.
- 8) In light of our decision at the April Presbytery to count any Member nominated by his/her congregation as a Delegate to Conference, Executive is advised that Brenda and Alan Carr have been so nominated by St John's United, Stratford.
- 9) It was noted that a new Secretary of Presbytery is needed as at July 1, 2010 but that Nominations had not been successful in the past month in finding that person. It was decided that the possibility of splitting the position between a Recording Secretary and a Forms Clerk be explored.

**ADJOURNMENT** declared by the Chair at 11:37am

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Ken Hunking, Chair

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Chris Beaumont, Secretary.